



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS
Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

November 8, 2021

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners
FROM: Ben Sproul, Mayor
REF: Mayor's Agenda

1. Resolutions (Attached MA-1A and MA-1B)

A. Resolution in Support of Lindsey C. Warren Bridge Replacement

Long a vital link to Dare County, the Lindsey C. Warren Bridge was constructed in 1960. Since that time, the drawbridge has served an ever-growing volume of vehicles to and from Kill Devil Hills and all of the Outer Banks, while also serving nautical traffic on the Intercoastal Waterway. The bridge is a vital evacuation route for citizens and visitors in the event of a hurricane or other weather-related situation.

As a result of its age, the bridge has required multiple closures for repairs, creating multiple delays and/or lengthy detours in recent years and needs replaced.

B. Resolution Reaffirming the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills Continued Opposition to Offshore Drilling, Seismic Testing, and Leasing

Following a massive spill from an underwater offshore oil pipeline off the coast of California, the City of Huntington Beach temporarily closed its beaches, in an attempt to protect the public. Being that the North Carolina coast has been the subject of repeated attempts to permit offshore oil exploration, seismic testing, and drilling in federal waters; the Board of Commissioners has continued to oppose such actions, which can negatively impact our environment, our tourism and fishing industries, and our citizens. Given recent occurrences, reaffirming our opposition to offshore drilling along our coastline will be a good reminder to all agencies, organizations, other Dare County governments, and our citizens and visitors of KDH's position.

I recommend the Board of Commissioners adopt these resolutions as presented.

2. Proposed Zoning Map amendment (attached MA-2)

Town staff have received a request from the Dare County Board of Education to expand its teacher housing. Since the original facilities were constructed, Town regulations have changed and multifamily is no longer a use permitted in the Light Industrial Two Zone. Planning Director Meredith Gun's attached memorandum and maps highlight the zoning changes needed for the facility's expansion, while also addressing some longtime zoning irregularities, making the Town's zoning lines more consistent with uses.

Under N.C.G.S. Chapter 160D, the zoning amendment process requires Planning Board review for consistency with officially adopted plans, including the Town's Land Use Plan. Following Planning Board review, the BOC schedules and conducts a public hearing before making a determination on the amendment, with a corresponding consistency statement.

Board consensus to direct staff to move forward with a zoning map amendment as requested.