



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH
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Board of Commissioners
February 9, 2026
Journal

In attendance: Mayor Chissell, Vice Mayor Fuller, Commissioners Goodloe, Hunter, and Newton, Treasurer Stokes.

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.

Review Agenda – There were no additions to the agenda.

Public Comment – A citizen expressed concern about the Airbnb rental on Chesapeake Avenue in Venice Beach.

The matter of Airbnb rentals will be on the agenda at the March 2026 Commissioners Meeting.

Review Journal - Motion to approve the January 12, 2026, journal was made by Commissioner Hunter and seconded by Vice Mayor Fuller. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Stokes presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2026. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Commissioner Newton and seconded by Commissioner Hunter. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Old Business

Status Updates

Public Works

- Snow plowing after the most recent storm went well.
- A site visit for a consultant to advise on the Town Hall green roof has been rescheduled for March.
- The addition of streetlights on Lake Avenue will be added to the list of 2026 priorities.

Shoreline Project Update

Bayland Consultants & Designers, Inc. has completed the state and federal permit application for the shoreline project.

Mayor Chissell created a web page where all documents for the shoreline project are housed. She will distribute the link to citizens.

Mayor Chissell shared “before” and “after” images created by Bayland.

The “before” image depicts the appearance of the shoreline as of November 2025. The image is taken from the northern end of the beach looking toward the pier.

The “after” image is a rendering of the same view created with Photoshop software and depicts the estimated appearance of the shoreline after the project is complete. The

image features additional sandy beach, view of the Bay, stone sills, and living shoreline grasses. The sea nettle net pilings are removed. Signs informing swimmers of the location of reef balls are not shown in the image.

New Business

Appointments - Planning and Zoning Commission

The terms of three Commissioners on the Planning and Zoning Commission have expired and all wish to continue in this capacity. Another citizen requested appointment to the Commission.

Mayor Chissell made the following appointments: 1) reappoint Shaina Solomon, Bettina Nechay and John McGuire for five-year terms; and 2) appoint Adelle Dantzler for a five-year term. The Commissioners unanimously approved the slate.

According to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, the Planning and Zoning Commission can have five or seven members. One vacancy remains. Interested citizens should contact Mayor Chissell.

Public Comment

Commissioner Newton said that Randall Williams has posted stunning pictures of the Highland Beach shoreline on Facebook.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Goodloe, seconded by Mayor Chissell and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm

Prepared by Jerilyn Pope, Town Clerk.