



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026
MINUTES**

A **Workshop** of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Shores, Florida was convened at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Commissioner Tom Kapper, Vice Mayor Commissioner Erin Schoos, Commissioner CJ Hoyt, Commissioner Doug Harr, Commissioner Larry Maynard

Members Absent: none

Other Municipal Officials Present: Town Manager Margaret Carey, Deputy Town Clerk/Management Analyst Rafael Soto, Town Clerk Michelle Lowe, Public Works Supervisor Mike Pafumi, Building Official Eve Spencer and Town Attorney Nancy Meyer

1. ROLL CALL BY THE TOWN CLERK

2. APPEARANCES AND PRESENTATIONS - none

3. OLD BUSINESS - none

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Forerunner Program** – Forerunner Representative Cloud Bogart gave a brief overview of the Forerunner program. She noted several features available, including FEMA Flood maps, the Substantial Damage Estimator tool, and the ability to view Elevation Certificates, Substantial Damage inspections, and letters.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding substantial damage inspections and appeals, how the software works, possible insurance discounts, and funding.

Forerunner Representative Bogart explained that the Damage Assessment tool identifies the inspector who conducted the damage assessments and that they provide training to ensure accuracy. Additionally, she added that the software can help the Town obtain CRS credits, although it does not provide insurance discounts directly.

Town Manager Carey stated that the proposal is for one user, but clarified that following a storm, the Town has the flexibility to add more users for up to 6 months with no increase in fees. Additionally, she informed the Commission that the building department's budget would cover the software.

Building Official Spencer said she has heard about the product for years and would like to have it for future storms. She added that neighboring communities also use the software, and highlighted that one of its features allows district information to be added.

Public Comment:

Christy Herig	17609 1 st Street E	How can a resident appeal a substantial damage assessment? How much data do homeowners have access to?
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Forerunner Representatives noted that Tidal Basin would conduct the assessments using the FEMA SDE tool and then enter the results later, so there is a possibility of error. With Forerunner, the information gets uploaded directly. She also noted that all the information is available and that the Town will decide how much of it to make available on the public portal.

Town Attorney Meyer stated there is no need to vote on this item. Town Manager Carey can approve it since it is below the \$25,000 limit.

Action: Unanimous consent to allow the Town Manager to purchase the software.

- b. Replacement Sign for Nature Park** – Parks and Recreation Chair Loretta Fricks explained that the Parks and Recreation Committee had discussed replacing the Nature Park Sign. She provided a proposed sign to include using the current anchor, have two signs, one in the front and back, so it can be seen by both directions of traffic, include the names of the commissioners that supported the park and the funding organizations, and adjacent informational signs. The Parks and Recreation Committee recommended that the Commission direct Town staff to research the pricing and design of signs to bring back at a later date.

Discussion ensued regarding consistency in signs throughout the Town, other signs that may need to be replaced, the previous soldier sign, cohesive beach access signs, and budgeting.

Public Works Supervisor Pafumi recommended that the City Hall, Nature Park, Constitution Park, and Gravel lot signs be updated first. If needed, the beach access signs can be updated in the future. He noted that Extreme Signs already has the template for the new logo and can provide a design and quote for the four signs.

Town Manager Carey informed that once staff researches the costs, they will bring the item back to a future regular meeting or workshop.

- c. Kayak Launch** – Town Manager Carey explained that Commissioner Hoyt was asked by a constituent at the “Coffee with the Commissioners” event about the possibility of installing a kayak launch in District 2. Public Works Supervisor Pafumi and Town Manager Carey visited two possible locations with a vendor to view their options for the Kayak Launch.

Public Works Supervisor Pafumi noted they visited two locations on 175th Avenue. There are two options for the kayak launch: it can be secured with a pile-on or a glider coming off the seawall. It accommodates a single kayak with a hand crank due to the low tide in the area. Approximate cost will be \$5,000. His main concerns were people parking on the grass, breaking sprinklers, the lack of parking due to ongoing construction, increased activity in the community, and other neighborhoods wanting a kayak launch in their area.

Commissioners discussed parking, possible noise complaints, protecting the grass and sprinklers with wood and rope, possible locations, and types of kayak launch.

Town Manager Carey stated she will bring back a video of the kayak launch and quotes.

- d. Dog Park** – Town Manager Carey noted the dog park is another request that came from the “Coffee with Commissioners” event. After some research, she recommended Constitution Park next to the Tranquil Shores housing, with the entrance off Gulf Blvd. She felt this would be the least disruptive to the surrounding neighborhood.

Public Works Supervisor Pafumi recommended artificial turf with drainage, similar to the Indian Rocks dog park, to reduce the smell of dog waste.

Discussion ensued regarding dog park location, the possibility of a small and large dog park, allowing leashed dogs in other green spaces, moving back “no dogs beyond this point” signs by the road to the beach access point, looking at neighboring dog parks, and possible liability.

Public Comment:

Christy Herig	17609 1 st Street E	She would like leashed dogs to be allowed at other parks.
Jennie Blackburn	17717 Gulf Blvd.	Previously, there were referendums and town halls that addressed dog parks. She recommended that the Town focus on what residents want. She informed the Commission that Tranquil Shores is permitted to operate from that location because no treatment is administered on-site. She asked if there would be posted hours for the dog park. She also asked staff to take a look at other parks because people are breaking the rules by walking their dogs in those parks.
Barry Taylor	300 182 nd Ave E	When the dog park was previously addressed, there was opposition from the Towers. He noted that the Indian


		Rocks dog park received no noise complaints from the surrounding residential area.
Loretta Fricks	235 176 th Ave E	Requested staff to replace bike rack at 176th beach access.

Action: There was unanimous consensus to move the “No dogs beyond this point” sign from the road to the access point on the beach and to have staff research possible ideas for a dog park, including materials, layout, and working with neighboring cities.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



 Michelle Lowe, CMC
 Town Clerk

04/08/2026

 Date Approved by Board of Commissioners