



NoPort News

A newsletter of the North Carolina International Terminal

All the news that prints to fit.

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*Little strokes
Fell great oaks.*
—Benjamin Franklin

Southport: No Port

On Thursday evening, June 10, the Board of Alderman of the City of Southport, where the North Carolina International Terminal would be located, adopted a resolution of opposition to that terminal by a vote of 4 to 1. The resolution condemned the failure of the North Carolina State Ports Authority to meet with the citizens and Aldermen of the City to answer questions.

On Friday last, June 18, the Village Council of the Village of Bald Head Island, at the mouth of the Cape Fear River where the container ships would pass, voted unanimously to approve a resolution condemning any plans to build a massive container terminal near Southport. This was based on a community poll in which 79% opposed the project; 18% were undecided..

The previous day, the Bald Head Island Conservancy issued a statement of opposition to the proposed terminal on environmental grounds.

On June 17, the St. James Town Council, at a work session, voted to prepare a resolution opposing the proposed new port for formal adoption at the monthly Council meeting on July 6.

On the same date, July 6, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Boiling Spring Lakes has on its agenda a similar resolution of opposition. On November 19, 2009, the City sent to the Wilmington District of the US Corps of Engineers a letter identifying concerns about the serious and complex impacts the port project would have on Boiling Spring Lakes and surrounding communities. On August 8, 2009, the Board of Commissioners had adopted a resolution opposing the development of the port “unless planned port infrastructure does not include Highway 87, Highway 133 or the Sunny Point rail line that runs through the City.” That has been ignored; current infrastructure plans include those roads and that rail line.

Also in November 2009, the Coastal Water Watch, an environmental watchdog group in the lower Cape Fear, sent a letter to the Corps of Engineers expressing opposition to the channel dredging for the port project.

And back on March 13, 2008, the Town of Caswell Beach enacted a resolution opposing development of the proposed container port.

We shall be posting on our Web site these resolutions and the others to follow as the opposition grows.