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**SCOTT THOMAS**  
For Bald Head Island Village Council

- Reduce local taxes
- Protect our beaches, marshes and maritime forest
- Invest in critical island infrastructure
- Focus on health, security and public safety
- Honest, straight-forward communication

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Vote for a NEW VOICE on BHI Village Council on **November 7th**

## Scott Thomas J.D./M.B.A.

Vice President Corporate Services  
**Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation**

UNC Chapel Hill (B.S. 1995)  
UT Haslam Business School (M.B.A. 1999)  
UT College of Law (J.D. 2000)  
Dartmouth Tuck School of Business (Cert. 2016)

**Family:** Beth (Wife) Caroline, Bizzy, Sarah & Robert (Kids) Twinkie, Figgy and Jingle (Pets)

**Community:** BHI Public Safety Volunteers, BHA Long-Range Planning Committee, Board Member Cape Fear Workforce Development

### ***What principles do you adhere to?***

I believe very strongly in financial discipline, managing risk, accountability for results, transparency and ethical behavior. I will work tirelessly to restore some of the credibility and confidence in our local government that has been tarnished in recent years.

### ***How do you envision balancing the wants and needs of full-time residents, part-time residents, renters and day-trippers?***

I think the best way for the Village to balance the needs of all “occupants” of BHI - regardless of their residency status - is to recognize every person that comes to Bald Head has made a choice to come here to work, live or play in harmony with nature and we should make it a welcoming experience for all. Every person that comes to BHI deserves, at a minimum, a functioning transportation and parking system, well-preserved natural environments, and cleanliness, safety and security throughout their stay on the island regardless of duration.

### ***What’s your philosophy on prioritizing infrastructure needs for growth vs. increased costs borne by BHI property owners?***

I proudly serve as senior leader with Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, one of the fastest growing utilities in the nation, where I deal with this issue on a daily basis. With disciplined planning and conscientious rate setting, we have demonstrated it is easily achievable to collect adequate capital reserves for infrastructure improvements and, at the same time, allocate the costs associated for growth fairly to our members. We enjoy higher member satisfaction scores than Chick-Filet, we haven’t increased our member’s rates in years, and we haven’t increased borrowing to fund exponential growth.

### ***What does your background and experience tell you will be important on BHI within the next 10 years? 20 years?***

BHI will hit several inflection points in the next two decades as a result of the continued commercial and residential build-out of the island. Within that time horizon, transportation upgrades (ferry replacements, on and off-island parking, and road repaving), utility upgrades (water treatment, lift stations, communications), natural conservation (beach access, tree canopy preservation), historical preservation, and a large planned off-shore wind turbine facility will all be important issues for the Village. Now is the time to ensure we have the leadership on our council to be ready for those challenges.