

Town of Oriental – Board of Commissioners Continued Meeting  
June 6, 2007

The Oriental Town Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 2:00 pm at the Oriental Town Hall to continue the meeting from June 5<sup>th</sup>. Present were Mayor Styron and Commissioners Bohmert, Inger, Herlands, Johnson, and Venturi. Also present was Planning Board member Sage as well as 7 members of the public.

Mayor Styron reopened the meeting.

**PLANNING BOARD REPORT** - This report was given by Chairman Dee Sage (copy of report is in the minutes book). The Board discussed the zoning of the Catholic Church on White Farm Road and requested that the Planning Board revisit this topic. Ms. Sage requested that more information be supplied when zoning recommendations are requested. The Board officially thanked Ms. Sage for all the hard work she has contributed to the Planning Board.

**TOWN ATTORNEY’S REPORT** – Regarding the South Avenue litigation, Mr. Cutler informed the Board that a new proposal will be forthcoming from a group of engineers that they claim will be a “win-win solution”.

**TOURISM REPORT** – Was given by Commissioner Bohmert (copy of report is in the minutes book).

**MOTION:** Commissioner Johnson made a motion to appoint Judy Wayland to the Tourism Board. Commissioner Venturi amended the motion to include Katy Pugh. Second by Commissioner Herlands. Vote 5-0.

**PARKS & REC REPORT** – Copy of report is in the minutes book. Commissioner Inger requested that the word “sewer” be removed in the report concerning pipes found at the Town Beach.

**BAY RIVER REPORT** - Commissioner Inger reported that the post-Kraus transition is going smoothly. A new person has been hired to replace Mr. Kraus. Customer service should improve with the changes being implemented. They will be doing the billing in-house. The new Oriental/River Dunes treatment plant will go on line in July.

**POLICE REPORT** – Copy of the police activity report is in the minutes book. Commissioner Venturi reported that Chief Casassa had applied for a guns and tasers grant. Considering the tight budget they considered withdrawing the application however they were able to cover the matching grant with funds obtained after a substantial drug bust.

**MANAGER’S REPORT** - Mr. Cutler reported that the back up generator at the water plant is now fixed and ready for use. Expenditures from the Rural Center monies are

under budget and a request has been submitted to redirect the funds towards the discharge permit. Applicants for Mary Holadia's replacement are being interviewed. The stencils

for painting the speed limit on Hodges Street have arrived. The comment period for the DWQ discharge permit expires June 15. At this point it is still unclear what DWQ will require the Town to do. We might be required to put in a diffuser at the end of the line along with a dechlorinator.

MOTION: Commissioner Herlands made a motion to designate the Town Manager as the Sign Administrator. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT – Copy of report is in the minutes book. The budget amendment will be addressed at the Agenda Workshop on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The Town Board meeting will be postponed until July 10.

MOTION: Commissioner Herlands made a motion to amend the General Ordinance – Chapter K Water Service, Article 1 – Application for Service, Section 2 – Service Supplied to read;

Service will be supplied only to those who are within the Town limits and have paid all applicable fees or to those outside the Town limits who have been granted permission by the Town Board and have paid all applicable fees.

And, to delete in its entirety, Chapter K – Water Service Article XIV – Users Outside of Town Limits, Section 3 – No New Users. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

WHITTAKER HARBOR/ALAN PROPST - Mr. Propst was given permission by Mr. Cutler to use water out at his development on White Farm Road prior to being annexed as per the agreement.

MOTION: Commissioner Herlands made a motion to approve Mr. Propst's request for limited water service for watering the new landscaping on his out-of-town development on White Farm Road pending the annexation. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

BUDGET APPROVAL – MOTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the budget with a 19 cent tax rate. Second by Commissioner Herlands. Vote 2-3 with Commissioners Bohmert, Inger and Venturi voting against. Motion did not carry.

MOTION: Commissioner Inger, stating the need to renovate the Town Hall, made a motion to adopt the budget with a 20 cent tax rate and to put that money in contingency and withdraw the transfer from the capital reserve fund. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 4-1 with Commissioner Johnson voting against.

PUBLIC COMMENT – A gentleman, recently moved here, voiced his opinion that some of the renovations going on in town are moving too slowly. He and his wife both feel that these projects make the town look shabby and they would like this matter addressed. The Board explained the building time-frame requirements within the GMO. They also stated

that everyone is probably doing the best they can given the economy and the scarcity of builders due to the construction boom we are presently experiencing. Mrs. Pat Herlands raised her concerns with derelict buildings and feels that should also be addressed. Mrs.

Rosamund Boyles asked the Board to consider an ordinance requiring home owners who are renovating their homes to keep the property cleaned up.

**BUDGET/ MOTION:** Commissioner Inger made a motion to adopt the Water Rate Ordinance as presented in the books on Chapter K - Schedule V. Second by Commissioner Herlands. Vote 5-0.

**GARBAGE/ MOTION:** Commissioner Johnson made a motion to adopt the Garbage & Recycling Rate Ordinance. Second by Commissioner Inger. Vote 5-0.

**ROTARY PROCLAMATION/ MOTION:** Commissioner Venturi made a motion to adopt the Rotary Proclamation. Second by Commissioner Inger. Vote 5-0.

**COASTAL REGIONAL SOLD WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT/MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to accept the agreement. Second by Commissioner Inger. Vote 5-0.

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS/ MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to accept the Agreement on Reimbursement. Second by Commissioner Herlands. Vote 5-0.

**VILLAGE PROJECT PARTNERS SUP EXTENSION REQUEST/ MOTION:** Commissioner Herlands made a motion to grant the six-month SUP extension. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 5-0.

Regarding permit expiration dates, Mr. Cutler requested clarification on the proper procedure: Is it up to the Town to notify developers when the permit is about to expire or is that left to the developer to keep up with? Mrs. Sage requested that the Planning Board receive the spreadsheet that keeps track of all the permits and stated that the PB could help with this matter.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING/ MOTION:** Commissioner Venturi made a motion to appoint Ms. Selva Staub to the LRP Committee. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

**ETJ PUBLIC HEARING –** Discussed the procedure for this public hearing. State Senator Preston and Representative Underhill requested this meeting to receive input from the public. Lee Padrick will give a presentation prior to the comment period. The public will have to sign up if they wish to speak and will be limited to 3 minutes.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENT – Commissioner Bohmert stated her opinion that regarding Article XI, the eave height should have been changed to 27 ft. It was debated whether this would be a minor or major change.

STEVE WILLIAMS/ CROAKER FESTIVAL – Mr. Williams is requesting that a portion of the road on South Water Street be closed at 6:00 pm on July 7. And he is requesting additional trash cans. The Board approved Chief Casassa's request to open New Street up to parking once South Water St. is closed.

MOTION: Commissioner Herlands made a motion to accommodate the requests of the Oriental Harbor Marina to the extent that the Town will close a portion of South Water Street, supply additional garbage cans and have increased police coverage should it be necessary. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

NON AGENDA – Commissioner Herlands advised the Board that a plan submitted by some residents of Styron Drive for a Fall Arts Festival. At the July meeting the committee will be requesting to close the road to vehicle traffic. Commissioner Johnson reported that he spoke with Mr. Camden, president of the home owners association of the condos at the foot of the bridge. As gravel has now been put down from the condos to the Oriental Harbor Marina, they are no longer interested in pursuing a boardwalk.

KNUTE BYSHIEM'S PLANS - Mr. Cutler stated that Mr Byshiem submitted his new plans at 4:50 pm and were not looked at prior to the public hearing on Article XI that same evening. The Board needs to determine if the plans must follow the new rules of the GMO. Commissioner Herlands stated that a similar issue was addressed last November when the Board approved a portion of the Ordinance which says that new rules adopted will not apply to any applications that had received the Planning Board's recommended approval as of a certain date. As Mr. Byshiem's plans had not yet been approved, he must follow the new rules of the GMO.

FIRE DEPT. RESOLUTION/ MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the resolution. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Inger. Vote 5-0.

Meeting ended at 4:50 pm.

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Mayor

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Town Manager