

Town of Oriental Planning Board Meeting
September 29, 2009

The Oriental Planning Board met on Tuesday, September 29, at 7:00 pm at the Oriental Town Hall.

Present were: Board members: Marlowe, Cordes, and Barton
Town Manager Cahoon
Mayor Sage
Commissioner Cox
Long Range Planning member Sage
1 member of the public

MINUTES APPROVAL–

MOTION: Mr. Barton made a motion to approve the August 25, 2009 minutes. Second by Mr. Cordes. Vote3-0.

DRIVEWAY PERMIT REQUEST – Mr. Roy Teixeira requested a curb-cut to create an exit for the Captain’s Quarters B&B (he has been using his neighbor’s driveway on Church St but that property is now up for sale so a new driveway exit is now needed.) Mr. Cahoon sought guidance from the Planning Board on how best to handle this as the B&B will lose parking spaces.

MOTION: Mr. Barton made a motion to approve the permit. Second by Mr. Cordes. Vote 3-0.

LAND USE PERMIT COMPLIANCE - Mr. Barton raised this issue in light of storage boxes appearing on properties without permits. He questioned whether the GMO effectively regulates these boxes. (Mr. Marlowe stated that as long as they follow the setback requirements, they are allowed.) Mr. Barton questioned those instances where the GMO has not been followed – how does it get enforced? Mr. Marlowe answered that violations need to be reported to the town manager who then should then look into the matter.

SIGN INVENTORY - Ms. Wagoner has been working on updating the 2005 sign inventory and will e-mail it to the board members once completed. She requested one volunteer to assist her in making the rounds to verify the current signs in town. This will be taken up at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Commissioner Cox commented on nonconforming situations that are going on in town stating an inventory showing what is grandfathered in would be helpful.

NON AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Cordes presented some information on outdoor lighting. He asked the board to review the material so that they can begin work on creating a Sky Lighting Ordinance that will reduce ‘night light pollution’.

REVIEW OF LAND USE PERMITS;

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| 1. Grace Evans | Storage shed | Church St. |
| 2. Winston Sparks | Storage shed | 414 High St. |
| 3. Sandy Winfrey | Room addition | Freemason St. |
| 4. Regina Dubiel | Small house | North St. |

REVIEW OF SIGN PERMITS ISSUED;

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| 1. Brenna Wilcox | Oriental Healing Arts | 411 Broad St. |
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There being no further business;

MOTION: Mr. Cordes made the motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Barton. Vote 3-0.

The Meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

William Marlowe, Chairman

Lori Wagoner, Recording Secretary