

Town of Oriental – Board of Commissioners Meeting  
July 6, 2010

The Oriental Town Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, at 7:00 pm the Oriental Town Hall.

Present were: Mayor Sage and Commissioners Roe, Venturi, Styron and Bohmert  
Town Clerk Artley and Recording Secretary Wagoner  
Town Attorney Davis  
Chief Casassa  
Planning Board members Hardison and Sage  
Sixteen members of the public

Mayor Sage opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the May 4, 2010, minutes with corrections. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 4-0.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the May 26, 2010, minutes. Second by Commissioner Roe. Vote 4-0.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the May 27, 2010, minutes. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 4-0.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to table the approval of the June 1, 2010, minutes. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 4-0.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Styron made a motion to approve the May 18, 2010, minutes. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 3-1 with Commissioner Venturi voting no.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the June 8, 2010, minutes. Second by Commissioner Roe. Vote 4-0.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the June 24, 2010, minutes. Second by Commissioner Roe. Vote 4-0.

**TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT** - Regarding the South Avenue right-of-way, Mr. Davis reported that Mr. Lacy Henry will remove the fence himself and wants the Town to flag the area that needs to be removed. The mayor will meet with Robert Fears and a member of the Cox family to locate the iron pins and to flag the property lines. Mr. Davis will then be notified so that he may notify Mr. Henry's lawyer that the fence needs to be removed within a reasonable amount of time. Once the area has been cleared of dangerous objects, after signing a waiver, supervised volunteers may proceed with helping to clean up the area.

**HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN** - Mr. Chuck Halsall, with the N.C. Div. Of Community Assistance, presented the Pamlico County Hazard Mitigation Plan in which Oriental is represented.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the P.C. Hazard Mitigation Plan. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 4-0.

**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING OF SYLVAN FRIEDMAN'S PROPERTY -**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Second by Commissioner Venturi Vote. 4-0.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT -** Mrs. Artley presented the Verification From Municipality Resolution on behalf of the Southeast Pamlico Volunteer Fire Dept.

**MOTION -** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD -**

Mrs. Kathy Kellam asked for an update on the SBI investigation (there was no update) and about the hiring of a new town manager (the Board will work on an action plan once Commissioner Johnson returns).

Mrs. Pat Herlands asked to be able to make comments on Agenda item #15 - Employee Insurance.

Mrs. Jeanne Robertson presented a survey of South Water Street and a petition asking the Board to enforce the town right-of-way rules to a certain property. After more discussion;

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to have South Water Street, between Hodges Street and Main Street, surveyed. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 4-0.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamm voiced their opinions on certain issues presently going on in town.

**PLANNING BOARD REPORT -** A copy of the report is in the minutes book. Regarding the issue of the Inn at Oriental converting from an inn into townhouses;

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion that the town board recognizes that under the existing SUP issued to Mr. Grady in 2006, he may, subject to its conditions, create either unit ownerships in the form of condominiums or in the form of townhomes. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 4-0.

**EMPLOYEE INSURANCE -** At the last meeting a motion was passed to have the employees pay 6% of their health care premiums. After discussion,

**MOTION:** Commissioner Venturi made a motion to recognize that the Personnel Policy currently allows for 100% health care coverage and that within 60 days that issue will be addressed. Second by Commissioner Roe. Vote 4-0.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE II -** Mrs. Sage reported that the committee is continuing to make progress.

**PARKS & REC ADVISORY COMMITTEE -** A copy of the report is in the minutes book.

**TOURISM BOARD REPORT -** Commissioner Bohmert presented a revised Tourism Board Ordinance.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the revision to the Tourism Board

Ordinance with a few additions. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 4-0.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the Tourism 2010-2011 Fiscal Budget. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 4-0.

**TREE BOARD REPORT** - A copy of report is in the minutes book.

**BAY RIVER REPORT** - Mrs. Debra Khouri has expressed an interest in serving on the Bay River Board.

**POLICE REPORT** - A copy of the report is in the minutes book.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS** - Mrs. Artley stated that the June Statements will change as more June invoices are paid and more monies are received for fiscal 2009-2010. Commissioner Roe asked that the percentage column be added back in the statements.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENT PERIOD** - None

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - Mrs. Flora Moorman gave a report on the Dragon Boat Races that will take place August 20-21, 2010, right here in Oriental (a copy of her report is in the minutes book). She will apply for the parade insurance coverage the Town offers.

The Town has been asked to allow fireworks to be launched from the pier at Lou Mac Park for a wedding taking place at the Stallings House that same weekend. Mrs. Artley contacted all of the surrounding property owners to get their opinion on the matter and all of them were agreeable.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to allow the fireworks at Lou Mac Park with the condition that there is \$1,000,000 insurance coverage and that the Town and the Board is listed on the policy. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 4-0.

There being no further business to discuss;

**MOTION:** Commissioner Venturi made the motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 4-0. Meeting ended at 9:55 pm.

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William R. Sage, Mayor

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Heidi Artley, Interim Town Clerk