

Town of Oriental – Board of Commissioners Meeting
September 7, 2010

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

Present were: Mayor Sage and Commissioners Roe, Venturi, Styron, Johnson and Bohmert
Interim Town Manager Artley and Recording Secretary Wagoner
Chief Casassa
Planning Board members Marlowe and Sage
17 members of the public

Mayor Sage established quorum, opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the June 1, 2010 minutes and, the July 29, 2010 minutes with corrections. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the August 3, 2010 minutes with corrections. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the August 17, 2010, minutes. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to postpone approval of the August 26, 2010 minutes until the Agenda Workshop meeting on September 30, 2010. Second by Commissioner Roe. Vote 5-0.

The minutes for the August 26, 2010 Special Meeting, Closed Session were not available for review and will be put on the next agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REZONING OF MR. FRIEDMAN'S PROPERTY AT THE REAR OF 807 BROAD ST.

As he was unable to attend, Mr. Friedman requested that the Public Hearing be postponed.

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to continue the Public Hearing until the October 5, 2010 meeting. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 5-0.

ORIENTAL CUP REGATTA REQUEST FOR USE OF TOWN DOCK - Mr. Larry Summers, organizer of this year's Oriental Cup Regatta, requested use of the Town Dock and to allow rafting during this year's event on September 18-19, 2010.

MOTION: Commissioner Venturi made a motion to allow the Oriental Cup Regatta exclusive use of the Town Dock and to suspend the No Rafting rule during the event on September 18 & 19, 2010. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

As this is an annual request, Commissioner Bohmert requested that this event be added to the "Oriental Police Department - Procedures for Closing Roads during Special Events".

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL -

MOTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss a

personnel matter under NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6). Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 5-0.

--- CLOSED SESSION ---

SOUTH WATER STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY UPDATE - After reviewing and discussing the survey performed by Edward B. Latham, P.E.P.L.S.;

MOTION: Commissioner Roe made a motion to acknowledge the right-of-way on South Water Street (between Hodges Street and Main Street) at 36'. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 5-0.

INTERIM TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - Mrs. Artley reported that bids were received for the completion of the break room at the water plant; she was instructed to choose one and to proceed with the project. After discussing the recycling rates with Joe Valinoti, Recycling Coordinator, they proposed an amendment to the ordinance;

MOTION: Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve the amendment to Chapter G Health & Disease Protection, Article 1 - General Regulations, Section 3 - Garbage and Recycling Cans. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 5-0.

US CONSTITUTION DAY EVENT PROCLAMATION -

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to adopt the proclamation. Second by Commissioner Roe. Vote 5-0.

CODE OF ETHICS RESOLUTION -

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made to motion to approve the Code of Ethics Resolution. Second by Commissioner Roe. Vote 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - Mrs. Pat Herlands suggested that, as official business is being conducted at the Agenda Workshop Meetings, the Board consider calling it a second Town Board Meeting. Mr. David Cox concurred with Mrs. Herlands and added his thanks for the removal of the fence on South Ave. Mrs. Jeanne Robertson talked about the center of the right-of-way on South Water St.

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

LRPCII REPORT - As quorum was not established they were unable to conduct business at their last meeting. Mrs. Sage reported that she had received all but one of the committee/board 20-year plans.

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

TOURISM BOARD REPORTS - Commissioner Bohmert reported that the minutes were not yet available. Mr. Rich Wertin resigned from the board and they now need two more people. They will be coordinating the NC Cycle group (approximately 1,100 people) coming next April 7-10, 2011 and will be seeking beds in homes to help house the cyclists once the hotels and inns are booked.

BAY RIVER REPORT - A copy of the report is in the minutes book.

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

FINANCIALS - A copy of the statements is in the minutes book.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT PERIOD -

MOTION: Commissioner Roe made a motion to amend the June 1, 2010 minutes, (ref Health Care Shared Cost) page 2, line 8 by striking the 4½% and replace it with 3½%. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Bohmert raised concern over the letter sent to the LGC; she stated that the letter sent was not the same letter presented in the meeting books. She will find the letter and report back.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS -

MOTION: Commissioner Roe made a motion to amend the Personnel Policy, Article X, Section 2. Medical and Dental Insurance as follows:

Effective September 1, 2010, medical insurance is ~~paid for by the Town~~ provided at a shared cost of 80/20 (Town/employee) for all regular employees working more than thirty (30) hours per week. Medical insurance is available 90 days from the hire date.

Dental insurance is provided to all regular employees working more than thirty-two (32) hours per week and is available 90 days from the hire date. ~~The Town pays for this coverage. The Town offers this insurance at a shared cost of 80/20 (Town/employee).~~"

Employees hired prior to September 1, 2010 will have a shared cost of 80/20 over five years. Starting at 6% the first year and 3½ % each year thereafter for four years. Chart as shown:

Year 1	July 2010	6% actual (September 1)
Year 2	July 2011	9½ %
Year 3	July 2012	13%
Year 4	July 2013	16½%
Year 5	July 2014	20%"

Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Roe reported that she and Commissioner Venturi worked out a procedure for processing unsolicited applications for the town manager position.

Commissioner Styron requested that the work to find an interim town manager begin as soon as possible. The board agreed to meet in a special meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at 5:00 pm.

There being no further business to discuss;

MOTION: Commissioner Styron made the motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 5-0. Meeting ended at 9:45 pm.

William R. Sage, Mayor

Heidi Artley, Interim Town Manager