

Town of Oriental Planning Board Meeting  
February 22, 2011

The Oriental Planning Board met on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the Oriental Town Hall.

Present were: Board members: Marlowe, Hardison, Creighton and Sage. One position vacant.  
Interim Town manager Maxbauer and Recording Secretary Wagoner  
Mayor Bill Sage and Commissioner Bohmert  
Six members of the public

Chairman Marlowe opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**MINUTES APPROVAL–**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Sage moved to approve the January 25, 2011, minutes as distributed. Second by Mr. Creighton. Vote 4-0.

**REVIEW ARTICLE XV PER TOWN BOARD'S REQUEST** - After reviewing the proposed changes to Article XV of the GMO and making certain changes;

**MOTION:** Mrs. Sage moved to recommend the proposed changes to Article XV - Amendments to the Town Board of Commissioners. Second by Mr. Hardison. Vote 4-0.

The recommended changes are attached to the minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** - Members of the audience made comments about the proposed changes to Article XV. Comments were generally negative. Mr. Marlowe and Mrs. Sage reminded the audience that the Planning Board was asked to research and make recommendations. The Planning Board does not hold public hearings. They were encouraged to direct their sentiments to the Town Board which is required to hold a public hearing on the matter and which is the Board that will ultimately decide if any changes are to be made.

**REVIEW SIGN ORDINANCE** - After reviewing the proposed changes to the Sign Ordinance;

**MOTION:** Mr. Creighton moved to have Mrs. Sage evaluate off premise business signage and return to the next meeting with suggestions. Ms. Wagoner was asked to determine the size of advertising flags on Broad Street, and also signs with changeable copy at the hardware store and the Broad Street Grill. Second by Mr. Hardison. Vote 4-0.

Other items will be reviewed for accuracy and edited to provide uniformity throughout the ordinance. Proposed changes will be available to the public for review prior to the next Planning Board meeting.

**REVIEW OTHER CHANGES TO THE GMO** - Mrs. Sage asked that the list of definitions previously approved for recommendation be added to the Town Commissioners' agenda packet. She then presented proposed changes to Section 60; Section 66 and, Article VI. These changes will be edited and brought back to the table at the next meeting.

**REVIEW CHANGE OF USE FORM** - The board reviewed the form and recommended a few additions. Ms. Wagoner will update the form.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REPORT** - Mrs. Sage requested that the entire town staff meet to compile data for the long range planning matrix and that it be done before the next LRPCII meeting on March 8. She will meet with the town manager to explain the procedure.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - None

**REVIEW OF LAND USE PERMITS ISSUED -**

Ms. Cheryl Thompson

209 Neuse St.

Addition and renovation\*

\*Applicant submitted plans for a 6' front porch but would actually prefer an 8' porch. This would require a reduction to the front setback. This is permitted according to Article V - Development Standards in General, Section 72 - Building Setback Requirements, 8). Mr. Maxbauer will notify the applicant and put this on the Town Commissioner's meeting agenda.

**REVIEW OF SIGN PERMITS ISSUED** - Mr. Maxbauer received a letter explaining the "history" of the farmers' market's signage. Now that the market has been in existence for several years, the Planning Board felt that "yard sale" was a better fit than the "special event" category that was originally designated. Planning Board members agreed that the farmers' market signage will be considered yard sale signage.

There being no further business to discuss;

**MOTION:** Mrs. Sage moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Hardison. Vote 4-0. Meeting ended at 9:50

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William Marlowe, Chairman

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Lori Wagoner, Recording Secretary