

The Oriental Town Board of Commissioners met on Friday, February 22, 2013, at 8:00 AM at the Harbor Club at River Dunes.

Present were: Mayor Sage, Commissioners: Bessette, Johnson, Styron, Summers and Venturi, Town Manager Maxbauer, Deputy Clerk Johnson-Clark, Administrative Assistant Artley, Police Dept. Captain Moore, Officer and PW Director Collett, Parks and Recreation Board Member: Magnuson, Tree Board member: Andrews Tourism Board Member: Wall Planning Board Member: White, Three members of the public

Town Manager Maxbauer welcomed everyone to the retreat. He stated its purpose was to identify, prioritize, and provide direction to the Manager regarding the issues, challenges, and opportunities facing Oriental.

Mr. Maxbauer then began his power point presentation (a copy of it and handouts: Eight Expectations for Effective City Councils, Tree Board 2012 Activities are hereby made a part of these minutes). Some of the topics covered were:

- Organizational roles, Statutory Roles for Municipal elected officials, appointed Boards, and town staff;
- Communications: Manager/Council, Board and Staff, Press Releases and relations tasked to Mayor;
- Financial Position concerning new Town Hall: zero debt, possibility of obtaining a loan or credit line discussed if needed for leverage for other projects although currently pending: FEMA \$76,000 and NC Emergency Management flood mitigation funding of \$63,000;
- Police Department: need for "Viper" Radio, Staffing needs including the addition of Officer Collett, Community Watch Program, Bicycle Safety for Children program;
- The 'Pride in Oriental' initiative including offering town wide yard debris pickup with specially made bags;
- Codification of the town ordinances;
- Four year staggered terms;
- Economic Development & Marketing;
- Various Projects: Town Hall Renovations completed, Town Website and Social Media upgrade, S. Ave. Dock, Whittaker Creek Path, Raccoon Creek Shore Clean Up, Street right of way improvement, Broad St Sidewalk project, and Water System improvement project: loop, Water Tank circulator

The retreat ended for the day at 5:00 PM.

William R. Sage, Mayor

Robert J. Maxbauer, Town Manager