



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7pm

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

6 The Town Board of Oriental Town Board Meeting on March 6, 2018 was called to order at 7pm. The Mayor Sally
7 Belangia determined a quorum to be present. She said we have a Public Comment period, if you wish to speak
8 please make sure you are signed up on the correct sheet.
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10 Present: Mayor Sally Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Simmons,
11 Commissioner Dammeyer, Commissioner Price, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy
12 Cox, Administrative Assistant Jeannine Russo, Officer Nic Blayney and Members of the Public.
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14 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

15 (a) **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda. Seconded by **Mayor Pro Tempore**
16 **White**. Motion passed 5-0.
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18 1. Consent Agenda

- 19 a. Minutes from January 25, 2018
 - 20 b. Minutes from February 6, 2018
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22 **Commissioner Simmons** made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by **Commissioner**
23 **Dammeyer**. Motion passed 5-0.
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25 2. Public Comment Period

26 Jim Edwards – Manager Miller spoke about the road closure request that was approved at our last meeting for Water
27 Street for the Pamlico Arts Festival. Mr. Edwards brought it to Manager Miller’s attention that they own those
28 parking spaces at the Oriental Harbor Village Marina Association. It is public parking, but it cannot be designated
29 for another purpose. However, the Board can close the street. Pamlico Arts Council asked for the parking spaces and
30 the land on the other side by the water, which is their land as well. Mr. Edwards has gone to the association and they
31 are okay with that for this year. Manager Miller and Mr. Edwards believe there should be more communication in
32 the future where it concerns that space as it is not the Town’s to give away. The Arts Council was looking to close it
33 from OYC to the old Red Rickshaw which closes off all access to their parking. While their Board is open to events,
34 their main concerns are insurance, where are the owners going to park, trash removal and restrooms. They had
35 spoken to the owner of O’Town but not the owner of the building. Their main concern is that approval was given
36 with the owners’ knowledge. Mr. Edwards made reference to the boat show, who uses the same area, but there is
37 prior conversation. Manager Miller stated that the diagram she was show for the closure went from the edge of the
38 old train station to the Yacht Club, did not include the parking in front of O’Town. In the future, if someone asks for
39 that area, there is an ownership issue where we cannot allow the parking spaces or grass to be used. Commissioner
40 Overcash asked if the Arts Council should coordinate with the Marina versus the Town? Manager Miller said they
41 should. Mr. Edwards said they are now talking with them but the Arts Council is under the impression that since it
42 was approved by the Board, that was access to everything. Manager Miller said she will speak with them again. Mr.
43 Edwards requests that there be more communication next year to discuss what happened this year before making this
44 decision again. Mayor Pro Tempore White addressed Mr. Edwards and stated that if they feel the Arts Council is not
45 doing what they want them to do, he can come back to the Town and the Board will take it up as a motion to rescind.
46 Commissioner Overcash suggested to Mr. Edwards that he can arrange with the Arts Council that they could
47 possibly provide a golf cart for the boaters at the marina. Mr. Edwards reiterated that they are not against the use of
48 the property as long as insurance and sanitation are in place.
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50 3. Boat Show presentation

51 Sam Myers presented a map of the area where the Rotary 10th Annual In-Water Boat Show is to be held April 13-15.
52 They are asking for the essentially the same closures with the exception of moving the entry gate next to the former
53 Coldwell Banker building but 50-100 feet back from the intersection. Mayor Pro Tempore White asked how they
54 would accommodate people going to M & Ms. Mr. Myers stated there will be a staff available on both ends for

55 ingress and egress to M & Ms. Commissioner Overcash and Mayor Pro Tempore White asked Mr. Myers if he has
56 been in contact with Dave Sargent and he replied he had and that he is still after Mr. Sargent to give up his parking
57 as Chris Daniels does (O'Town) and stated O'Town "still has the best weekend of the year without any parking
58 places" and that Mr. Sargent is not comfortable doing that yet. Commissioner Overcash stated there needs to be
59 signage. Mr. Myers stated there are. Commissioner Price had questions about parking – vendor and restaurant.
60 Rotary is requesting closure of New Street. Manager Miller approached the map to clarify that vehicles and
61 pedestrians will be allowed on the same road. Mr. Myers stated "escorted" vehicles, someone from Rotary walking
62 in front of the vehicle. Manager Miller stated that the Town attorney recommends that we do not put vehicles and
63 pedestrians on the same street and is concerned about this liability. Mr. Myers stated that for Rotary to be able to put
64 vendors on the undeveloped lots along New Street, the entry gate cannot be at its usual location. They are currently
65 training staff for access purposes. Commissioner Overcash asked about using golf carts. Manager Miller stated if
66 Mr. Sargent does not want access to his parking lot stopped, he has to have access. Mr. Myers stated Mr. Sargent it
67 still adamant about that. Mr. Myers asked if they offer ancillary parking and a golf cart ride to M & Ms, would that
68 be acceptable. Commissioner Overcash suggested tabling the issue for now and Rotary will contact Dave Sargent.
69 The issue will be tabled until the next meeting on April 3. There will be auxiliary parking at the corner of Midyette
70 and Hodges. They will also speak with Chris Fulcher about using his lot next to Marsha's Cottage if the Town will
71 allow. Manager Miller stated that lot is permitted but not been reconfigured as a parking lot, but neither are the other
72 lots that are used. If it is a one-time use and the curb stops are replaced, Manager Miller would recommend the
73 Town allow it. Mayor Pro Tempore White asked how long there will be someone stationed at the lot – 5pm – so
74 there is a risk of people driving in if there are cars left on the lot.
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76 **4. Manager's Report**

- 77 • Financials are attached
- 78 • Manager Miller will be in Chapel Hill at SOG from March 13-16
- 79 • Budget sessions are scheduled for April 9 and 23 from 8-10am starting with revenues
- 80 • March 30 is a floating holiday and we will be open with minimal staffing
- 81 • March 20 three of the public works staff are attending pesticide school
- 82 • NCRWA – Mike Hill – will be here to create our Consumer Confidence Report for our water system
- 83 • Manager Miller thanked everyone who attended the Flood Resilience meeting, good feedback but
- 84 disappointing attendance
- 85 • Playground installation moving along
- 86 • Dog Park – making progress, tags are ordered and hoping for soft opening as soon as we have signage

88 **5. Police Report**

89 Month was quiet, still extremely cold. Two business alarms. One animal control call. Nothing violence related. One
90 domestic disturbance, a verbal altercation. Officer Blayney is working one larceny/theft which was an online scam.
91 Two events that went very well. There was one arrest in reference to a larceny related to an Ebay fraud.
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93 **6. Appointments**

- 94 • Tourism – reappointing Suzanne Gwaltney and Marsha Papham
- 95 • Planning – appointing Martin Barrow
- 96 • Water Advisory Board – reappointing Steve Sarjeant
- 97 • HWAC – reappointing Lisa Thompson, Pat Stockwell, Jim Blackerby
- 98 • Board of Adjustment – reappointing Ken Small

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100 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to accept these appointments. Seconded by **Commissioner Simmons**.
101 Motion passed 5-0.
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103 **7. Arbor Day**

104 Arbor Day will be observed on March 24 at 11am. During the Farmer's Market, right across, the Tree Board is
105 doing a pruning demonstration on the crape myrtles and will hand out pruning instructions. Oriental is celebrating its
106 23rd year as a Tree City and Dr. Miller has asked that we designate March 24 as Arbor Day in Oriental.
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108 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to designate March 24 at Arbor Day in Oriental. Seconded by **Mayor**
109 **Pro Tempore White**. Motion passed 5-0.

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111 **8. Commissioners Comments**

112 Mayor Belangia mentioned that the Oriental Woman’s Club Chowder Cook-Off will be held from 11:30-1:30 at the
113 Oriental Marina Courtyard with music provided by Harbor Sounds, \$10 to get in to taste and vote.

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115 **9. Auxiliary Boards**

- 116 • BRMSD - February and March minutes coming in April
- 117 • HWAC - February 15, 2018
- 118 • Tourism- January 16, 2018
- 119 • Parks and Recreation – did not meet
- 120 • Planning - January 17, 2018
- 121 • Tree Board – January 30 and February 27, 2018

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123 Mayor Belangia commented that Annual Retreat on March 2 went well. Mayor Pro Tempore White stated that the
124 Board needs to finalize the Watercraft Ordinance.

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126 **10. Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION The Board will go into Closed Session for personnel matters**
127 **according to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) for the Manager’s annual evaluation.**at 7:35pm. Seconded by
128 **Commissioner Dammeyer**. Motion passed 5-0.

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131 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** announced we are back in open session after coming out of Manager Miller’s Annual
132 Review and it was an excellent review stating that “we are very lucky to have Diane as our Town Manager.” Much
133 of the input was a vote of confidence expressed by the public to individual Board members.

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135 As a result, **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** that Manager Miller receive a 10% raise of \$6,600
136 effective 4/1/18. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 5-0.

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138 Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2018. April 9 is the first Budget Session and April 23 is the
139 second Budget Session.

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141 **11. Adjourn**

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143 **Commissioner Dammeyer** made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Seconded by **Seconded by Commissioner Simmons**.

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145 Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

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Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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