

Town of Oriental
Town Board Meeting
March 5, 2013

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Oriental Town Board was held at Oriental Town Hall on March 5, 2013, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Sage; Commissioners Johnson, Styron, Summers, and Venturi; Town Attorney Scott Davis; Deputy Clerk Johnson-Clark; Police Captain Moore; and public

Absent: Commissioner Bessette, Town Manager Maxbauer

Mayor Sage determined that a quorum was present. He opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Summers seconded. Motion passed. 4-0

The **Consent Agenda** listing approval of the Agenda Workshop minutes from January 31, 2013; the minutes from Town Board meeting February 5, 2013; Commissioners Retreat minutes from February 22, 23, 2013; Closed Session minutes from February 20, 2013; Agenda Meeting minutes from February 28, 2013; Arbor Day Resolution; and the Neuse Riverkeeper and Town of Oriental Clean Up Proclamation was discussed.

Mayor Sage voiced that the Closed Session minutes from February 20, 2013 would not be available for the Commissioner's approval at this meeting but would be soon. Mayor Sage read the Arbor Day Resolution (a copy of which to be made a part of these official minutes). He further complemented the Town of Oriental's Tree Board for their hard work and diligence in maintaining the TREE CIY USA status for the Town.

Commissioner Summers suggested the Board wait on approval of the Neuse Riverkeeper and Town of Oriental Clean Up Proclamation for Mr. Bill Hines to be present, which would be later in the meeting.

Commissioner Johnson made a correction to the minutes of the Town Board meeting February 5, 2013 correcting the 4th paragraph on page 3 of the Minutes from "Commissioner Warren" to "Commissioner Johnson". Additionally, Commissioner Johnson noted corrections were needed regarding the Commissioners Retreat minutes from February 23, 2013, day 2, page 2, 6th bullet down, to delete the "water plant radio meters" under Commissioner Bessette priority list.

Commissioner Venturi made a correction to the Agenda Workshop minutes from January 31, 2013, regarding page 1, last paragraph. The correction is to replace the word "amend" with "place on the February 5, 2013 Agenda proposed changes to".

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with corrections and with the exceptions of the Closed Session minutes from February 20, 2013 and the Neuse Riverkeeper and Town of Oriental Clean Up Proclamation. Commissioner Styron seconded. Motion passed. 4-0

Public Comment: Missy Tenhet requested the Board provide her with the number of staff the Town has employed, the rate of pay for each employee, whether they are temporary, permanent and how much the Town is paying for Employee health insurance. Another citizen made comments pertaining to the Town website.

Commissioner Venturi read a Resolution to create a special Ad Hoc **Harbor/Waterfront Committee** to develop a Harbor/waterfront plan as part of the Town of Oriental's Comprehensive Plan.

MOTION: Commissioner Venturi made a motion to adopt the Resolution (a copy of which to be made a part of these official minutes) to establish a Waterfront Committee composed of 7 members. Commissioner Summers seconded. Motion passed, 4-0. Resolution adopted. Committee formed.

MOTION: Upon further discussion, Commissioner Venturi made a **motion** to include appointment of 2 Commissioner members to be part of the 7 members for the Committee. Commissioner Venturi volunteered to be Chairman with Commissioner Summers volunteering as a voting member of the Committee. Commissioners Summers seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

Commissioner Summers read a Resolution to create a special Ad Hoc **Committee on the utilization of the Oriental Town Hall Facilities**. Samples of other municipal facility policies were submitted to the Board by staff for their consideration.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a **motion** to adopt the Resolution (a copy of which to be made a part of these official minutes) to establish a Committee on the utilization of the Oriental Town Hall Facilities. Commissioner Venturi seconded. Discussion followed with Commissioner Johnson stating the Town does have a policy on facility use already and he requests that the staff be very involved. Motion passed, 4-0. Resolution adopted. Committee formed.

MOTION: Commissioner Venturi made a **motion** to appoint Commissioner Summers to the Oriental Town Hall Facility Use Committee. Commissioner Summers seconded. Motion passed. 4-0

South Avenue Update: Attorney Scott Davis gave an update concerning the South Avenue litigation stating that the Judge will have a decision via email to Attorney Davis by Friday, March 8, 2013. Attorney Davis will then forward the decision to Mayor Sage who will forward it out to the Town's Commissioners. Three of the Town of Oriental Commissioners were in attendance at the Hearing.

Neuse River Clean Up: Bill Hines, spokesman for the Lower Neuse RiverKeeper Foundation, spoke about the Town acquiring at least two reusable floating booms. The Fire Department has volunteered to house the booms. The two 100 foot booms would cost approximately \$3600. Mr. Hines further went on to voice his appreciation for the Town of Oriental's support and partnership concerning the April 6, 2013 Neuse River Clean-up Day. Boy Scouts and other volunteers will join in the Clean Up.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a **motion** for the Town of Oriental to pledge \$1,000. towards the approximate \$3600. cost for the two booms. Commissioner Venturi seconded. Discussion held by Commissioner Johnson and Summers regarding the \$1,000. being given until the \$2600 additional monies could be raised by Mr. Hines and the Neuse Riverkeeper Foundation. Further discussion regarding the pledge coming from the Town of Oriental Tourism/Waterfront restricted Cash Fund Balance line item # 10210. Motion passed, 4-0. Pledge adopted.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a **motion** to proclaim April 6, 2013 as the official Neuse River Clean Up Day. Commissioner Venturi seconded. Mayor Sage read the Proclamation (a copy of which to be made a part of these official minutes). Motion adopted, 4-0.

Manager's Report: Deputy Clerk Clark spoke for Town Manager Maxbauer as he was unable to attend due to illness. A manager's monthly report was received and reviewed by the Board (a copy of which to be made a part of these official minutes).

Deputy Clerk Clark asked the Board to review the list of projects that was discussed at the Commissioners retreat that was held February 22, 23, 2013 at River Dunes Harbor Club. She asked the Commissioners to develop their list of priorities to help give the Town Manager direction for the upcoming Budget and new fiscal year.

Police Report: Captain Moore of the Town of Oriental Police discussed the newly acquired Ford Charger Police vehicle and the need to remove equipment from the Durango to the Charger so it can become the primary vehicle for police use. Discussion was held requesting Captain Moore to meet with the Town Manager to develop a proposal and submit it to the Board regarding the costs and equipment needed.

The police report was received and reviewed by the Board, a copy of which to be made a part of these official minutes. Per Officer Moore, the town had a very good month. No action by the Board was taken.

Deputy Clerk Clark reminded the Board that the Town Manager had requested that the Commissioners come to a consensus for a first meeting date for Budget planning purposes. April 3, 2013 at 8:AM at the Town Hall was decided upon with confirmation of said date needed by the Town Manager.

Committee/Board Reports: The minutes for the various Committees/Boards were reviewed, a copy of which to be made a part of these official minutes. No action was taken.

Non-agenda items: Commissioner Venturi was pleased that the Tree Board had received an \$80 donation. She would like to establish a separate line item (#34300) to separate and account for donations designated towards the Tree Board, and a separate line item for the Parks and Recreation Committee (34000).

MOTION: Commissioner Venturi made a **motion** to designate line item (34300) for the Tree Board and line item (34000) for Parks and Recreation Committee. Commissioners Summers seconded. Discussion followed. Commissioner Venturi **amended the motion** to request that

Town staff assign line items, one for the Tree Board and one for the Parks and Recreation Committee, for contributions given to them. Motion passed as amended, 4-0.

Commissioners' Comment/Discussion Period: Discussion was held regarding the Town's Small Boat Dock needing new decking, handrail and possibly adding a removable Kayak launch.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a **motion** to have the Small Boat launch repaired using money from line item #10210 in the amount of \$4797. Commissioner Styron seconded. Further discussion was held as to the need for the Town to obtain additional bids and that the amount for repair seemed to be steep. Vote held. Opposed Styron, Johnson, Venturi; Summers in favor. Motion did not pass.

Commissioner Summers brought up the topic of the Ferry Tax. He then requested Commissioners and citizens of Oriental join in going to Raleigh to the first meeting of the Department of Transportation Board on July 1st, 2013 to oppose the Ferry Tax.

Motion: There being no further business, Commissioner Styron made a **motion** to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion passed. 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

William R. Sage, Mayor

Robert J. Maxbauer, Town Manager