

Town of Oriental
Town Board Special Meeting
May 7, 2013 6:00 PM

The Town Board called a Special Meeting to begin the search for a new Town Manager. The meeting was held Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Mayor Sage; Commissioners Johnson, Styron, Summers, Bessette and Venturi; Deputy Clerk Johnson-Clark; and public

Absent: Town Manager Maxbauer

Mayor Sage determined that a quorum was present. He opened the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Venturi suggesting that the Town advertise locally and among coastal counties. Commissioner Summers suggested looking for someone with a CAMA background. Mayor Sage stated that the candidate that the Town is most likely to attract will be someone either right out of the SOG, or someone who is retiring and at the end of their career. Commissioner Styron suggested looking for someone who has a strong accounting and business background who likes Oriental. Commissioners Bessette and Venturi also feel that a candidate should have strong financial abilities.

The Commissioners discussed their advertising options, suggesting local newspapers and resources, such as the Sun Journal, and the Town Dock internet news source. The Town Dock owner, Melinda Penacava offered free advertising space for the search for the new Town Manager.

Mayor Sage felt that establishing a procedure for acknowledgement and responding to the candidates who apply was needed. He also felt the salary should be included. Commissioner Bessette suggested listing a salary range.

Commissioner Johnson suggested that Commissioner Venturi had experience in writing the types of advertisement needed and asked if she would consider writing a draft copy for the Board to review at the next meeting. Commissioner Venturi and Bessette agreed to meet and provide the Board with a draft advertisement by the next meeting.

MOTION: With no other business to be discussed at that time, Commissioner Summers made a motion to recess until 5:30 PM, Wednesday, May 8, 2013. Commissioner Venturi seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting was recessed at 6:43 PM.

William R. Sage, Mayor

Robert J. Maxbauer, Town Manager