

Town of Oriental  
Town Board Meeting  
May 7, 2013

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

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

**ABSENT:** Town Manager Maxbauer

Mayor Sage determined that a quorum was present. He opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He informed the Commissioners and public that Town Manager Maxbauer would be late but would be at the meeting within a short time.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Summers made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion passed. 5-0

The **CONSENT AGENDA** listing approval of the Agenda Workshop Minutes from May 2, 2013; the Minutes from Town Board meeting April 2, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Evaluation of Town Manager process April 15, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Budget April 17, 2013; the Minutes from the Closed Session – April 17, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Authorize Manager to solicit bids April 19, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Budget April 23, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Budget April 24, 2013; and the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Budget April 29, 2013 was discussed.

The Mayor and Commissioners made the following corrections to the Minutes: the Agenda Workshop Minutes from May 2, 2013, first paragraph should have a lower case “t” instead of upper case for the word “Terminus”; Minutes from Town Board meeting April 2, 2013 under public comment should have the “d” from “Tenhedt” removed; Minutes from Town Board meeting April 2, 2013 page 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Motion should read “Commissioner Venturi made a Motion to ask the Tourism Board to consider authorizing the use of Tourism funds for the funding of the Martin Brossman Seminar. She moved to allow the use of Town Hall for the evening session contingent upon full funding of the Seminars. Commissioner Styron seconded. Motion passed 4-0.”; Minutes from Town Board meeting April 2, 2013 page 2 under South Avenue Update should have the first two sentences stricken from the Minutes, and the word “then” stricken after Attorney Wright’s name.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Summers made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion passed. 5-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Sage instructed the public of the Town Board’s policy of limiting comments to 3 minutes at the Town Board meetings. Several members of the public spoke, with two members of the public reading from letters, Missy Tenhet and Barbara Stockton. Ms. Stockton provided a copy of her letter which is to be made a part of these official Minutes. The members of the public stated the following: the entrance into Whitaker Creek needed double

lines; the Oriental telephone pole Banners should have been in place before the Boat show; wanted to know why the Town had so many staff when years ago only one person (Heidi Artley) did it all; and they requested a question and answer period instead of only a comment period at the Town Board meetings feeling their concerns were not being addressed adequately.

**SOUTH AVENUE UPDATE:** Town Attorney Scott Davis informed the Commissioners that the Town had received a Notice of Appeal from Mr. Cox and another law suit had been filed from Mr. Cox regarding the South Ave. property; Cox v. Town of Oriental and Board of Commissioners. He said both the Appeal and the law suit were being answered.

**The TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT** was postponed until such a time as the Town Manager could join the meeting and give the report.

**POLICE REPORT:** The police report was received and reviewed by the Board, a copy of which to be made a part of these official minutes. Per Captain Moore, the town had a very busy month. He asked citizens to secure their boats and other articles to prevent theft. He was proud of the citizen's participation in helping him at times. Commissioner Summers and Captain Moore informed the Commissioners that the Community Watch program and the Bicycle Registry program would be in place within the next 30-45 days. No action by the Board was taken.

**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.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Venturi made a Motion to accept the Tree Board's nomination of Rob Barefoot as a member of the Tree Board. Commissioner Bessette seconded. Motion passed. 5-0 Mr. Barefoot was appointed to the Tree Board.

Harbor Waterfronts Committee: Commissioner Venturi stated she hoped to schedule a meeting the week of May 6 to the 10, 2013.

Town Hall Facility Usage Committee: Mayor Sage stated that he and the Town Manager had met, and were seeking for Commissioner Johnson to be involved in the decisions. They will have a report soon for the Board.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENT/DISCUSSION PERIOD:** Commissioner Summers mentioned the DAV of Pamlico County meeting was successful with 26-27 people in attendance, with four new claims developed. Commissioner Summers reminded the Town Board of their decision to pledge \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of the Neuse Riverkeeper booms. He further stated that Bill Hines is actively seeking additional funding for the booms.

Commissioner Summers read from the Robert's rule of Order regarding public comment.

Commissioner Johnson stated that the Town siren should be up and running by June 1, 2013.

Commissioner Venturi complemented Deputy Clerk Johnson-Clark regarding the Personnel Budget that the Deputy Clerk put together. Commissioner Venturi stated she would like to have it made a part of the monthly report that is given to the Commissioners.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Summers made a **motion** to go into closed Session pursuant to Statute 143318 11 A-6 to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Styron seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioners moved to Closed Session at 8:05 PM.

Commissioners came out of Closed Session to Open Session at 8:25 PM.

**MOTION:** There being no further business, Commissioner Venturi made a **motion** to continue the meeting until 5:30 PM, Wednesday, May 8, 2013. Commissioner Summers seconded. Motion passed. 5-0. Meeting was recessed at 8:30 PM.

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William R. Sage, Mayor

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Robert J. Maxbauer, Town Manager