

## **Town of Oriental Planning Board Meeting July 16, 2013**

The Town of Oriental Planning Board met on Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

With a quorum present, Chairman Overcash called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Chairman Overcash, Board members: White, Creighton and Schmitz and Hardison. Also present were Mayor and Mrs. Sage, Commissioners Summers, Johnson and Venturi, Administrative Assistant Beyer, Rob Will and Lauren Tuttle, Eastern Carolina Council on Government, and public

**MOTION:** Member Schmitz made a motion to approve the June 18, 2013 minutes with the following correction of Schmidt to Schmitz. Second by Member Creighton. Motion passed 4-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Overcash introduced Mr. Rob Will and Ms. Lauren Tuttle from Eastern Carolina Council on Government to present their recommendations on the following three items: Parks and Recreational Land Zoning, Degradation of Streets and Roads, and Travel Trailers and RVs. Members received a supplemental handout of the presentation which outlined existing ordinances in other towns that spoke to these issues. Chairman Overcash also requested that all public comment during the presentation be presented to the Board members after the meeting.

Rob Will then presented his findings concerning Parks and Recreational Land Zoning. He referenced Town of Beaufort's efforts at zoning areas of their Town, referred to as 'Open Spaces.' He also suggested designating some areas as active or passive park areas. Mayor Sage explained that this particular Land Zoning for Parks was created with the acquisition of the South Avenue land. Zoning this parcel of land as a Park provides for side setback so the Town may build right up to the property line of the adjacent property. Mr. Fulcher, owner of this parcel, will waive the side setback requirements so the Town can build up to line. There will be no waiver for Mr. Fulcher, in compliance with the GMO. Chairman Overcash recommended the Board meet on July 24, 2013 concerning this topic and tasked the Board with gathering further information.

Discussion moved on to the subject of Degradation of Streets and Roads, with Lauren Tuttle presenting. It is recommended that streets be inspected on a regular basis and conditions and damages noted. Once construction commences, these inspections should continue, and, if damages do occur, the contractor or contractors can be billed for the damages. It was suggested that this topic be discussed further at the meeting with Chairman Overcash on July 24, 2013.

The topic of RVs and Travel Trailers was then presented by Rob Will.

It was recommended that the language in the GMO that speaks towards the amount of time a permit is issued should be amended. It should also be specific about what is required if these types of recreational vehicles be allowed in town limits, such as water, sewer and electrical hook ups. This topic will be discussed at the meeting on July 24, 2013.

Mr. Ed Bryant, Owner of Village Mini Storage expressed concern over his business being affected by having hookups to accommodate RVs. He stated that these hookups were compliant with the county's inspections, and that he has owned the business since 2002. This business would be considered as a grandfathered business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Dee Sage announced that she was now the Director of Economic Development for Pamlico County.

There being no further business, Member Hardison made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Member Schmitz seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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Charlie Overcash, Chairman

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Jayne Beyer, Recording Secretary