

Town of Oriental
Town Board Agenda Workshop
August 28, 2014

The Town of Oriental Town Board of Commissioners held their Agenda Workshop on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 4:00 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Venturi determined a quorum to be present, and called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Venturi, Commissioners Overcash, White, Summers and Winfrey, Town Manager Miller, Deputy Town Clerk Beyer, and public.

ABSENT: Mayor Sage

The meeting opened with public comment, and Mr. Sherrill Styron speaking against the banning of commercial vessels on the Town Docks. He stated that the crew on board these boats spend money in town, and are good for the economy. He also pointed out that these trawlers came in annually. Mr. Styron also stated that the trawler who was repairing its outriggers on Town Dock 2 was a rare incident, and one that would not be repeated for some time to come. He went on to say that after observing the free Town Docks for a week, he found very little recreational boaters utilizing these docks. He also was against changing rules based on an isolated incident.

Mayor Pro Tem Venturi expressed her desire to see a compromise between the commercial and recreational boaters concerning these docks.

Commissioner White indicated that the newly formed Harbor Water/Fronts Advisory Committee (HWAC) would be looking at this issue. The reason for the banning of commercial vessels was due to them overstaying the stipulated 48 hours. He questioned how the Town would enforce limits on these commercial vessels, and who would be enforcing these limits.

Mr. Eric Dammeyer, Chairman of the Planning Board discussed the Planning Board's recommendation of a Park Zoning General Ordinance amendment. The Planning Board would not be recommending any waiver of setbacks.

There being no further Public Comment, Mayor Pro Tem Venturi closed the floor to public comment and continued through the agenda.

There will be a Budget Amendment to the Water Fund to cover some large equipment repairs, the money will be taken from the depreciation fund.

Regarding Chapter K, General Ordinance, there are some inconsistencies that require correcting and updating; also an amendment was not included from January, 2014.

It was discussed that a plan was needed for the restrooms and net house at the South Avenue property, Town Dock #2. Other ancillary boards, such as the HWAC and Tree Boards should be involved in the process.

A Special Meeting will most likely be scheduled concerning the design and layout of the restrooms. Commissioner White suggested Commissioner Winfrey be the liaison for this project.

Town Manager Miller will present her Manager's Report and will discuss the Debris Removal Contract, a new public works employee, and other items.

The Boards and Committees will provide their Minutes and reports. The Planning Board will be submitting their recommendation to the Town Board concerning an amendment to the GMO. This amendment will be regarding RV Park regulations in Town limits.

Commissioner Summers requested reservation of Town Docks 1 and 2 for the Oriental Cup Regatta September 19-21, 2014 and to also allow rafting.

The Town Board will conduct the Town Manager's 6 month Evaluation at the end of September.

At the end of the Town Board meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, the Board will go into Closed Session per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION: Commissioner Winfrey made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Barb Venturi, Mayor Pro Tem

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager