

Town of Oriental
Town Board of Commissioners Agenda Workshop
August 29, 2013

The Town of Oriental Town Board met at the Town Hall at 5:30 pm on Thursday, August 29, 2013 to discuss the Agenda for the Tuesday, September 3, 2013 meeting.

Present: Mayor Sage; Commissioners Bessette, Johnson, Styron, Summers, Town Manager Cutler, Administrative Assistant Beyer and public

Absent: Commissioner Venturi

Mayor Sage determined that a quorum was present and opened the meeting.

Under the Consent Agenda the following change was made to include adding the item Annual Constitution Week September 17-22, 2013 Proclamation.

Mayor Sage recommended going through the Agenda items first, and placing Public Comment after, due to the number of townspeople wishing to speak.

Item 4 will be the Public Hearing concerning the GMO change to RVs and Travel Trailers used as permanent residences.

Item 4a will be a presentation by Mr. Preston Royster, NC Wildlife Resource Commission regarding the paving of the Wildlife Ramp.

Item 5, Board of Adjustment discussion, Mayor had advised that Town Attorney Scott Davis will be attending the meeting on Tuesday to further discuss this item.

The Water Advisory Committee Report will be moved from Item 10 to Item 6a.

Item 6b is a proposed bill presented by Commissioner Summers regarding the Oriental Harbor.

Commissioner Johnson left the meeting at 5:40.

The Mayor then moved on to Item 3, Public Comment. The main topic of discussion was concerning the tentative location of a WalMart Express store. Mayor Sage stated that the Board was trying to gather information and facts to determine what WalMart's plans were. The Mayor went onto state that the Town Board was aware of the mounting opposition to the location of the WalMart, and welcomed copies of correspondence or emails concerning the townspeople's opinions.

Many townspeople were given the opportunity to speak and read letters against WalMart, and many citizens called upon the Town Board to create a Resolution concerning the Townpeople's feelings against WalMart.

Commissioner Summers expressed concern over an easement to the WalMart property that is located off Gilgo Road. The concern is the large semi trucks might be utilizing this easement to access the rear of the store, threatening the residential area of Gilgo Road.

There were also questions regarding Bay River and WalMart's impact on the sewer system. Mayor Sage stated that, according to Chris Venters, of Bay River Municipal Sewer District, the store's impact would be equivalent to three homes being added to the sewer system.

Grace Evans then spoke regarding the Agenda Item 4a, paving the Wildlife Ramp on Midyette Street. She referenced a letter, sent to Mr. Royster, against the paving. A copy of this letter will be furnished to the Board for the Tuesday meeting. There is concern that paving the right of way adjacent to the boat ramp will affect parking. The issue of excessive heat from a paved parking lot was also discussed as was the subject of handicapped access.

The matter of Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) was then discussed, reasoning that this may help in keeping the WalMart from building so close to Town limits. Mayor Sage indicated that this would require involvement of the General Assembly,

MOTION: There being no further business, Commissioner Johnson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Venturi. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

William R. Sage, Mayor

Wyatt Cutler, Town Manager