

Town of Oriental
Town Board Agenda Workshop Meeting
November 7, 2013

A Town Board of Oriental Agenda Workshop was held on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 4:00 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Mayor Sage, Commissioners Bessette, Venturi and Summers, Town Manager Cutler, Deputy Town Clerk Beyer, Public

ABSENT: Commissioners Johnson and Styron

Mayor Sage called the meeting to order and offered congratulatory remarks to the newly elected Town Board.

Mayor Sage asked for approval of the Consent Agenda with the Minutes of the September 26, 2013 Agenda Workshop, the October 1, 2013 Town Board Meeting, the October 1, 2013 Closed Session Minutes, and the October 25, 2013 Special Meeting. Corrections were made to the September 26, October 1, and October 25 Minutes to be presented as corrected at the Town Board Meeting.

3. This Public Hearing will contain the proposed changes to the GMO, Article IV Permissible Uses by Districts, Section 66 (storage of vehicles, boats or RVs unrelated to the business), and Article II, Administrative Mechanisms, Part II Section 30 (Board of Adjustment term limits). Further text concerning these items may be obtained at Town Hall.

4. Public Comment period.

5. A proposed addition of Chapter S to the General Ordinances will be introduced. This will be a central location for all Town fees and rates.

6. Town Manager Cutler described many changes concerning the financial report and its accounts. Commissioner Summers inquired about the Tourism websites and whether money had been allocated for these sites. While there is no line item budgeted for the websites, Deputy Town Clerk Beyer is working to get the sites up and running as soon as possible. Commissioner Summers suggested putting the web mastering up for bid. The Town Hall Dedication plaque has not been ordered pending approval of the Board. The estimated cost of the updated plaque would be approximately \$900. It was also suggested to incorporate the word 'rebuilt' into the verbiage of the plaque. Mayor Sage recommended the Board look over the proposed plaque and be prepared to discuss and vote on it at the Town Board Meeting.

7. Captain Moore will present the October police report.

7a. Commissioner Venturi presented the Croatan Bicycle Plan for approval. Mayor Sage requested having it listed as Agenda Item 7a.

Mayor Sage then opened the floor to public comment. Ms. Grace Evans inquired as to Town Dock repairs, and who was responsible for payment; to which Mayor Sage answered that the Town is contracted with Bobby Cahoon to make the necessary construction repairs. Work has slowed down as CAMA permits are pending. If and when the final extension portion of the project is completed, it will be at Chris Fulcher's expense. The contract price is approximately \$12,000. The Town owns the Town Dock property.

Bob Miller then spoke about Tree Board plans to landscape around Town Hall. He described planting trees of the smaller variety, which will be pruned up so the building will be visible. He also announced that the Dorothy Whipple tree is going to be moved back to Town Hall. Once the flag pole is installed in the ground, palm trees will be planted around it. Mulch will be placed at the bottom of all trees planted.

Ms. Grace Evans inquired as to whether or not the Board would be notified by CAMA if a large land clearing were to occur. This in light of a large tract of land that had been clear cut on the outskirts of town. The Board is not aware of any notification process concerning this type of clear cutting.

Bill Hines asked about the dinghy dock and the boats tied up for longer than the preferred 48 hours. Commissioner Venturi stated that the Harbor Waterfronts Committee was addressing this issue, and will be presenting an updated Ordinance change concerning the docks.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Sage requested a Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Venturi made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Bessette seconded. The Motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 PM.

Bill Sage, Mayor

Wyatt Cutler, Town Manager