



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7pm

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

6 The Town Board of Oriental Town Board Meeting on February 11, 2020 was called to order at 7pm. Mayor
7 Belangia determined a quorum to be present and called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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9 PRESENT: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Simmons,
10 Commissioner Price, Commissioner Barrow, Town Manager Diane Miller, Director of Administrative Service
11 Tammy Cox, Administrative Assistant Mary Barnes, Administrative Assistant Heather Hall, and Members of the
12 Public.

13 14 **1. Approval of Agenda:**

15 Commissioner Overcash made a **MOTION** to accept the Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Simmons. Motion
16 passed 5-0.

17 18 **2. Consent Agenda (Tab 1)**

- 19 a. Consider Approval of Minutes from Town Board Meeting January 7, 2020.
20 b. Consider Approval of Closed Session Minutes from January 7, 2020.
21 c. Release Closed Session Minutes from January 7, 2020.

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23 Mayor Pro Tempore White made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner
24 Overcash. Motion passed 5-0.

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26 Manager Miller unveiled the Honorarium discussed at the Closed Session for Grace Evans' birthday.

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28 **3. Public Comment Period :** Keith Smith on behalf of Sailors from Florida "Water Tribe" who would like to run a
29 small boat (kayaks, canoes, small nonpowered boats) that traverse the intracoastal with 2 events from Cedar Island
30 ending in Oriental – one route is 96 miles, one 300 miles- finish times are approximate as all movement is non-
31 powered. Putting in at Wildlife Ramp. The one thing they need is parking. Significant others stay in town waiting.
32 Potential shuttling of sailors to/from Rec Park parking lot. Commissioner Overcash notes that he and Commissioner
33 Barrow and the Manager met about this earlier in the day. Commissioner Overcash makes a **MOTION** to approve
34 parking. Mayor Pro Tempore White seconds. Discussion: Manager's only concern is leaving dollies or trailers near
35 water. Mr. Smith confirms they are aware that this would not be acceptable. 5-0.

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37 **4. Public Hearing:** Mayor Belangia asks for a **MOTION** to open the Public Hearing for the New Village Brewery
38 request to raise in place a nonconforming structure on their property. Mayor Pro Tempore White makes a **MOTION**
39 to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Simmons seconds. 5-0.

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41 Manager notes that this is different than Special Use Permit requests in the past in that the normal seven (7) items to
42 be addressed are not what we are looking at tonight. According to Section 194.2, this is required to address a
43 structure that is nonconforming, and likely should have been a special kind of permit, but not called a Special Use
44 Permit, as that is specifically defined by General Statute and requires a very specific process and questions. Town
45 Attorney advises that this was missed during review of the Growth Management Ordinance (GMO).

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47 Section 194.2 allows you to replace or rebuild a structure that comes down, needs to come down, or otherwise
48 addressed due to flooding issues like other exceptions made for hurricane damage. It allows you to rebuild a
49 nonconforming structure. To make that garage conforming, it would have to be moved from the main structure,
50 which would then make it nonconforming to the street right of way setbacks. It is also nonconforming in its
51 proximity to the neighboring structure. To make it conforming in that direction, it would remove much of the current
52 parking onsite, making it nonconforming in that way. There is no way to make that building conforming on that lot,
53 and it is an integral part of their business. This exception allows them to rebuild the failing structure, lit it out of the

54 floodplain, making it compliant with the floodplain ordinance, and make another adjustment to the roof pitch to
55 make that part conforming also. According to 194.5, there is also the ability for the Town Board to add other
56 requirements (reasonable) to the rebuild. One that has been suggested is that rain guttering be required to direct
57 runoff from the roof away from the neighboring property, thus removing standing water between the two properties.
58 You have the applicants here to answer any other questions.

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60 Mayor Belangia asks if anyone is signed up or would like to sign up to address this Permit application. Hearing
61 none, she starts the required questions leading to approval/disapproval of the permit.

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63 According to Section 194, these questions have to be asked.

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65 194.4 The Town Board Commissioners should issue a Special Use Permit as authorized by this section if they find
66 that completing the renovation, repair, or replacement work:

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68 194.4.1: Mayor Belangia: Manager Miller, There is no increase in the total area devoted to the nonconforming use.
69 Manager Miller: There is not.

70 Mayor Belangia: Does the Board or the Public have anything to say concerning the area covered by the
71 nonconforming use?

72 Mayor Pro Tempore White notes that the Planning Board heard this at their December meeting and gave their
73 concurrence on issuing the permit. They also found there was no increase in the nonconformity.

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75 194.4.2: Mayor Belangia: There is no greater nonconformity with respect to dimensional restrictions, such as setback
76 requirements, height limitations, density requirements, or other requirements such as parking, loading, landscaping
77 requirements.

78 Manager Miller: There is not a greater nonconformity by the proposed action on the structure. It will actually
79 become more conforming with the adjustment to the roof pitch.

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81 194.4.3: Mayor Belangia: There is no significant adverse impact on surrounding properties or the public health or
82 safety.

83 Manager Miller: All of the surrounding neighbors were properly noticed and I have received no evidence that the
84 proposed action is adversely impacting surrounding properties or a danger to public health or safety.

85 Mayor Pro Tempore White: I will also say that at the Planning Board meeting on the 15th of January, nobody
86 presented there either that it would be an issue of public safety or health.

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88 194.5: Mayor Belangia: In issuing a Special Use Permit, the Town Commissioners may affix other reasonable and
89 appropriate conditions such as, but not limited to, landscaping and buffering to separate dissimilar uses or to screen
90 parking and loading areas.

91 Manager Miller: At the Planning Board meeting, there were none offered, however, following the meeting,
92 discussion proposed channeling rainwater by guttering from between the structure in question and the neighboring
93 property. As the roof is changed to pitch properly, even more water will fall faster into that small space.

94 Commissioner Price: That would be just down the back side.

95 Manager Miller: It would need to bring it to the front side.

96 Commissioner Price: I mean it would only have to be guttered down the one side.

97 Manager Miller: Yes- it needs to come to the front and be channeled off into the curb and gutter at the street.

98 Mayor Pro Tempore White: So we can state that gutters would have to be installed and proper downspouts and pipes
99 to drain rainwater toward the street.

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101 Mayor Belangia: Is there any additional evidence presented by the Board of Commissioners or the Public?
102 (having heard none) Mayor Pro Tempore White makes a MOTION (he notes that normally you would have to make
103 one motion for each of the questions, but he's going to do all in one motion.) I make a MOTION that we approve the
104 SUP with the following conditions: that (1) no increase in the nonconforming area, (2) no greater nonconformity
105 with respect to dimensional requirements (3) no evidence was presented that the permitted action would impact
106 public health or safety, (4) additional condition that gutters, downspouts, and piping would be installed to direct
107 stormwater away from the space between the structure in question and neighboring property. Commissioner
108 Overcash seconds the MOTION.

109 Mayor Belangia takes the vote: All those who approve of granting the SUP? All opposed? None. It passes.
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111 Commissioner Overcash makes a MOTION to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Simmons seconds. 5-0.
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113 **5. Public Hearing: Addition to the GMO: Solar Energy Systems (SEs):** Manager Miller opens the discussion
114 with an overview of the addition. This does NOT address individual solar lights, those panels which are attached to
115 mobile (vehicles or boats) for solar power, and are movable). It only addresses those uses for residential and
116 commercial solar power. The need to have something in place prior to one of the larger tracts being purchased and
117 asked to be annexed in is the impetus for this, as well as consistency and safety of allowable residential uses. The
118 presented Ordinance is constructed on the NC template, and, as such, looks suspiciously familiar to every other solar
119 Ordinance in the State, as well as borrowing the language for solar farms (Level II SEs) from the County's
120 approved Ordinance. It has additional definitions to be added to 251 where all our definitions are, as well as
121 additions to the Table of Permissible Uses. The Planning Board took great pains to go through this line by line and
122 eliminated the things that could not possibly happen in this small community. Level 1 is residential use, and Level 2
123 is the primary use of the property- solar energy generation for commercial use. She did an overview of the sections
124 of the Ordinance. Does require permit if you are adding solar after new construction- will be part of the permit
125 process if including in new construction. Will require a permit if adding ground mounted after construction. Ground
126 mounted residential systems do have additional safety issues including setbacks, strength of withstanding wind, etc.
127 Aviation system input required for reflectivity and glare issues. The very northernmost sections of potentially
128 annexed areas may have to deal with this. Abandonment and Decommissioning section requires a procedure and
129 funding available to properly remove and dispose of the material. Compliance and Consistency statements from the
130 Planning Board are included as required by N.C.G.S.
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132 Commissioner Overcash makes a MOTION to open the Public Hearing on the addition of Section 137 to the GMO.
133 Commissioner Simmons seconds. 5-0.
134 Mayor Belangia: Opened and we have someone signed up- Grace?
135 Grace Evans: thank you. I only got to I think the first meeting, so I'm not- I think they did a wonderful job, but I just
136 have quite a few questions. One is throughout the document it refers to SES, but it doesn't say which one- I think it
137 gets confused whether we're talking about residential or commercial. I would rather have the definitions listed
138 earlier because I didn't understand which system was which.
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140 Manager Miller: All of the definitions in the GMO are contained in Section 251- we can't put them all over the
141 GMO because the same definitions are used in various sections, so that process would require us to define the same
142 things repeatedly. If it does not differentiate between the two, it applies to both.
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144 Grace Evans: I think that it really- with all of the new- all of these military requests. I know I was here when we
145 brought it up before- did we vote on the new?
146 Manager Miller: We do not have a draft resolution for the new JLUS document as yet. Meetings are still ongoing.
147 Apart from Cherry Point this is the established process for ANY aeronautical establishment within 5 nautical miles
148 of any proposed system. Contact information in here is the only contact for Cherry Point
149 Grace Evans: There was a very good article the other day on Town Dock by John Rahm about 306 and what it has
150 meant and it did mention that that's connected to the Corps and the Cherry operating areas and it mentioned all the
151 others. And so, when we have doubts about working with the air corps- because at that time we had doubts about
152 legal airspace and the institute of government said we own up to heaven and we own down to hell if we own a piece
153 of property. There's been enough litigation so it probably stays 500ft. During that period we were able- because
154 some of this looks like more of the taking- it looks like what they did across the river on the ferry landing road,
155 about who could go where and what could be according to land use because of the landing strip. And this looks like-
156 I don't know if Pamlico County got anything in return, or Beaufort County or Carteret County have decided to do
157 this- they have plenty of solar.
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159 Manager Miller: This is not the JLUS. This is a totally different agreement.
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161 Grace Evans: OK- I'd like to get close to that because it is on it. All the things that you have to do- I know you
162 explained why they don't want anything shining up in their eyes when they're flying, but...
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164 Manager Miller: This Ordinance requires you to contact them. It does not require you to get their permission. It
165 requires you to build within standards, that if panels are at a certain angle for a certain period of time that they are
166 notified.
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168 Grace Evans: All of these in 137.8.2 considerations for potential impacts for military low altitude flights- there are-
169 location, solar address- there's a lot of stuff to present to get solar- this is pretty much all added in- I just take
170 exception to-
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172 Manager Miller: This is the same Ordinance enacted by the County, but cut down- this is less.
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174 Grace Evans: But if we haven't adopted it, as such, I hate for this to be the place to adopt it.
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176 Manager Miller: I guess I just don't understand exactly which part you're objecting to.
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178 Grace Evans: Well 137.8.2, .3 I'm not sure who gets information on there. 187.8.2.2 on the AICUZ I'd like to see
179 that on the airplane operations on the National plan. We used to have an airport in Bayboro. So that is a concern to
180 me. One about the slopes- if you have to put the stand up solar in your back yard facing the street, you have to have
181 it where nobody could see it and you have to have it 100' from this and you have to have it 100' from there...
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183 Manager Miller: The 100' setbacks are for Level 2 systems only.
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185 Grace Evans: OK, but it also, it can't be, it has to be the same height as your front of your lot, on a lot that would
186 slope back..
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188 Manager Miller: It means that the grade from which you measure the height is the grade at the front of your lot. If
189 you terraformed your lot and raised the foundation of your house and used retention walls, that's not the grade to be
190 used for measuring height, the 16 feet is not measured from the new adjusted grade, but from the grade of the front
191 of your property.
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193 Grace Evans: Right, but if you have a slope that goes down three or four feet, then you have to add that to the 16
194 feet.
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196 Manager Miller: It's still measured against the front of the property.
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198 Grace Evans: I got confused by that but I don't want to take up all of your time, but the slope confused me. Then the
199 one I really like is 139.2.3 Lighting should be shielded and downcast so that the light is not spilled onto adjacent
200 property or affecting the night sky. Downward shielding is preferred. I'd like to see that everywhere.
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202 Manager Miller: I'd like to see that too. We are working on the Duke lighting solution and a Dark Skies option. You
203 have to start somewhere!
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205 Mayor Belangia: Well, thank you, Grace. Are there any more comments? Manager Miller?
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207 Manager Miller: Ma'am, I think Miss Grace's concerns are about mostly the level 2 things that require notification
208 of aviation assets. Nothing that is existing in town is within that zone. There are potentially some large tracts that are
209 close to that zone and may be requested to be annexed in at some point in the future, and anything used for an
210 industrial type facility would have to jump through those extra hoops with aviation and because it does require a
211 Special Use Permit hearing, it gives those entities an opportunity to present evidence that it is against public health
212 and safety. I don't know that they actually would, but if a newly annexed parcel was planned to hold that use, it
213 would require that hearing. I did look up some of the acceptable types of evidence that may be presented and as far
214 as housing value goes, all the juried literature indicates that there is a perceived added value to being proximate
215 (within 2 and a half miles) to a solar farm, whether or not it actually is supported by green infrastructure, the
216 perception is that nearby homes are participating. So using the "this devalues my property" is not currently
217 supported by the available evidence.
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219 Mayor Pro Tempore White: If I remember correctly, the Planning Board- if I go back to they first gave it to us in
220 September- so they met in September, October, November and December and January and at a workshop.
221 Specifically, their whole goal was not to restrict residential use of solar, in fact, if you look at the recent installations
222 in town- one at Bob Maxbauer's and one on Starboard- everything is within these, but now it's so that it all fits
223 within the building process.

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225 Manager Miller: We need restrictions because of the potential issues with storms-making it safe for those who have
226 it and those around them.

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228 Commissioner Overcash: I'd like to reiterate too that we followed closely the State and the County and a pile of
229 research over this and it complies with everything that they ask for, so it's been well-looked at.

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231 Grace Evans: Can we just please go back to about what I was saying, though- these are onerous restrictions, whether
232 in town or not- whether it gets annexed or not, but I know in times past that in dealing with the military they
233 sometimes take the (inaudible) out of the milk...

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235 Manager Miller: I think we need to have this conversation when we get to review of the JLUS draft in a month or so
236 because this is not the JLUS.

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238 Grace Evans: OK< but on this, on the abandonment section- it doesn't make it clear that that would be only for
239 Level 2 systems only. And also that you would have to put up the 145% of the cost for removal in the future-
240 whether I'd have to put that up to install solar on my house- to get rid of that if I chose to. I just have trouble with
241 the SES covering everything.

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243 Mayor Pro Tempore White makes a MOTION that we adopt the Solar Ordinance as presented as consistent with the
244 Town's Land Use Plan, consistent with the GMO, and is in the public interest that we adopt, so I would ask that we
245 adopt this Ordinance and we're going to name it 2020-266- Ordinance to amend the GMO?

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247 Manager Miller: It's going to be Section 137- the Ordinance that you pass to add this is Ordinance 2020-266.

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249 Mayor Belangia: Alright I have a motion, do I have a second?

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251 Commissioner Simmons: I'll second it.

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253 Mayor Belangia: Discussion: Commissioner Overcash: I think we've discussed it. Commissioner Simmons: the
254 question I'd like to ask is that Miss Grace would like the addition at 137.10- she would simply like the addition that
255 this section only deals with Level 2 systems.

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257 Grace Evans: That would be nice.

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259 Commissioner Barrow: Everything to do with decommissioning was for Level 2 systems.

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261 Manager Miller: She's saying that it just doesn't say that. So we can add those words to that section. 137.10 We can
262 add for Level 2 Systems only. We had this discussion in Planning- we do not require someone who takes out their
263 HVAC system to properly dispose of the old system, though generally, the contractor that takes out the old, carries it
264 away and properly disposes of it- we would expect the same if a solar residential system is replaced. Because we
265 consider this a utility.

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267 Mayor Pro Tempore White: I think the example we used was propane tanks- you would not leave them lay if no
268 longer being used.

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270 Manager Miller: SO we can add "Level 2 systems" to that section.

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272 Mayor Pro Tempore White amends his motion to add "Level 2 systems only" to the 137.10 Abandonment and
273 Decommissioning subsection.

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275 Commissioner Overcash seconds the amended motion.

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277 Mayor Belangia: Any more discussion? Calls the vote 5-0.

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280 **6. Special Use Permit Public Hearing Requests:** You have a request for an SUP for building a hardware store on
281 the lot adjacent to the existing hardware store because they do not own that building and a high traffic business in an
282 MU requires a Special Use Permit. Notices will be sent according to General Statutes if you set this for March. The
283 second is similar to the one is similar to the one you heard this evening from New Village Brewery to lift a
284 commercial structure in an MU-1 2 blocks out of the floodplain on its existing nonconforming footprint. Mayor Pro
285 Tempore White makes a MOTION to schedule two Public Hearings for March 3, 2020. Commissioner Simmons
286 seconds. No discussion. 5-0.

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288 **7. Pamlico County Flood Prevention Ordinance:** On the 28th, the Manager attended the County Planning Board
289 meeting where they were considering potential updates to the Flood Ordinance that we are signed onto. As part of
290 the Community Rating System (CRS) participation, and the movement toward accepting the new Digital Flood
291 Information Risk Maps (DFIRMs) (near June), there are suggested optional things in the draft in your package-
292 you'll see it color-coded-from the State. Some of those things, with your permission, I have asked the County to
293 consider including, for example- there is a new section concerning the securing of propane tanks, and there is a
294 section preventing people from filling in normal drain paths. This would also give us additional points to the CRS
295 rating. Also, the new flood maps, which we all know are not accurate as they do not include data from Irene nor
296 Florence, lift 300+ structures in Oriental out of the floodplain. However, if we do not approve the DFIRM maps,
297 none of us are eligible to participate in CRS (the participation reduces our flood insurance premiums), or allows us
298 to even secure flood insurance. So- we HAVE to accept the maps. Pulling up the FRIS maps online, you'll currently
299 see preliminary and effective maps. Once the preliminary maps are approved, the current maps will not be available.
300 The County is looking into preserving the former maps for reference. In addition, the new maps will adjust the Base
301 Flood Elevation downward. County is discussing going from 9+2 to 7+4, which will keep us building in the same
302 elevation as currently required. Manager showed the insurance rates with respect to raised BFE+ 1',2'3',4'. We also
303 want to make it abundantly clear to our residents that just because the new maps may take you out of the floodplain-
304 if you had insurance before, and certainly if you were affected by Florence, to continue to carry flood insurance-
305 these maps will make it much more affordable, but still necessary. We will go through this again when we have a
306 draft from the County to approve the Ordinance and we will have to accept the flood maps as well.

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308 **8. Duke Energy lighting:** We're all aware that none of our Christmas decorations on Broad St lit this year. The old
309 wires failed, Duke did not allow a private contractor to string new wires on their poles and we could not make that
310 happen between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Had the Duke engineer in to look at all of it and we graphed what we
311 had and what we wanted. New Duke policy is that anywhere we contract with them to install a lighting (Christmas)
312 outlet, there has to be an overhead street light. That's only 3 additional poles on Broad Street, unless we install
313 additional street lights. There are 26 poles that previously had a Christmas light but no street lights. The Board has
314 no issue asking for outlets added to the poles already with street lights. The Board unanimously did not want
315 additional fixtures added to Broad St. They asked about solar powered fixtures. We asked- Duke will not allow solar
316 fixtures on their poles. We could get banners instead of lit fixtures for the poles that do not have light outlets on
317 them. Manager to confirm that solar is not an option and look into lighting poles with street lights already affixed.

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319 **9. Grant Opportunity:** The North Carolina Office of Resilience and Recovery has put out an opportunity by which
320 we could acquire additional equipment to be used for recovery and mitigation of the effects of our storms, by
321 allowing us to maintain by equipment the ditches that we currently maintain by hand. We are submitting, with your
322 permission an application for a larger, more capable tractor that would accommodate a long arm brush cutter to
323 allow us to clear ditches more often and more efficiently. It is a rolling application- awards made until the funding
324 runs out. This would save us the cost we have been saving for- and allow us to fix other infrastructure with what is
325 left over. Board unanimously in favor of the Manager applying for the grant.

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327 **10. Contribution to Ocracoke:** The Manager displayed the letter that went with the contributions to the Tree of
328 Lights this year, collected by Miss Grace Evans, which amounted to \$675 along with our thanks for their sending aid
329 our way following Florence. This organization has no administrative cost- money goes straight to the people in need.
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331 **11. Appointment:** The Manager requests that the Board appoint Mr. Don Mau to the Parks and Recreation Advisory
332 Committee to join Ms. Bonnie Crosser as the committee is rebuilt moving forward. Commissioner Overcash makes
333 a MOTION that the Board appoint Mr. Don Mau to the Parks and Recreation Board. Commissioner Simmons
334 seconds. 5-0.
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336 **12. New Communication:** Requested by Commissioner Barrow- new form of communication- there is a “How are
337 we doing?” button on our website that sends email to the Manager and the Board directly from citizens wishing to
338 communicate with us. Manager urges the Board to not REPLY TO ALL in their response, but requests that she be
339 copied. In turn, she will copy the Board on her responses to those. It’s been up a week and the only communication
340 was a Happy Birthday message from Commissioner Price.
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342 **13. Whittaker Creek Dredge Update:** The Manager displayed the original plan accompanying the original dredge
343 permit request in 1995 that has no GPS points or other geographic reference points on it. When we overlayed the
344 actual channel and requested new dredge permit, there was a significant discrepancy between the two. More digging
345 uncovered a channel to be dredged that was suspiciously similar to the proposed dredge and our engineer put the
346 GPS points and current depth readings taken this week and submitted with the application to amend Major Permit
347 #97-19 for Whittaker Pointe. It is going through its hoops now and is out for comment as of February 9. After a 30
348 day comment period, we should get the permit around March 10 and be able to have dredgers staged and ready to go
349 the day it shows up. RFP is out there, hoping to open Friday.
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351 **14. Whittaker Pointe Restoration Project:** Manager shows the evolution of the engineering design for the Pointe.
352 Notes that there was a mandatory pre-bid conference that provided several questions. Noting the staging areas and
353 the preference of the contractors, there may be additional work to be done, specifically to White Farm Rd and
354 Maritime Drive. Manager notes the cost increases by road vs by barge and then cost to repair those roads following
355 bringing heavy equipment and rock overland. None of that additional cost for road repair will be covered by any of
356 the granting agencies. This would be on us. Currently have Powell funds in reserve (\$143,000) plus annual
357 allotments (We are applying for an exemption to keep the overage as a smaller community) plus we will have an
358 overage from FEMA due to using force labor and equipment use for a lot of the repair. This should give us a
359 significant overage that could be used to repair infrastructure- (Total \$263,000 [Powell plus FEMA overage] will be
360 available to do that if we must.) The plantings and oyster placement will be moved out some. We can require that it
361 all be brought in by barge only OR we will commit to fixing the road. Commissioners express concern on that road
362 and others in Town. Questions about repairing property following staging- that’s part of the bid. We still prefer to go
363 by barge, but we’ll do what we have to to make it happen as quickly as possible. Commissioner Simmons thinks it’s
364 a bonus to get roads done in connection with. The whole point is to be able to retain what washes in. Once the
365 contract is signed, there is a 150 day project- which may get extended. One exception to the schedule is weather and
366 the other is availability of granite. Manager notes we do not need a definite answer, but wanted the Board to be
367 prepared for the possibility that bidders would only bid if able to bring in by road. Several bidders may not
368 participate. Board is in agreement that timeline is the priority. Also- one of the things we spoke about at Parks and
369 Rec is that if you’re going to resurface, that is the time to pursue widening to make it more pedestrian/bicycle
370 friendly. Clarification on the easement is that it is for US to get to the pointe, not a public easement.
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372 **15. Police Report** Officers are otherwise detained this evening. Manager goes through the report- several events in
373 Town- report looks pretty normal.
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375 **16. Manager’s Report :**

- 376 • Financials attached.
- 377 • January 29th in Beaufort- bioretention at the bottom of the bridge- forwarded to Commissioner Barrow
378 working with NCDOT- an above ground solution is always easier to maintain and keep water flowing
379 above ground.
- 380 • NCCCMA- we’re doing well- we are going down the right paths and exploring the right options and
381 perhaps more options than most are looking at.

- 382 • FEMA for Dorian coming here to clean that up. It should give us an additional \$17,000 over and above
383 actual cash costs.
- 384 • Finally- it is LEAP YEAR- we budgeted for 2080 personnel hours and we will be paying out 2088 hours-
385 we expect to be one day short in funds. We'll be able to cover those.
- 386 • USDA/NCAG paperwork came through with an additional \$2M award.
- 387 • We will be open Feb 17th- not a holiday for us.
- 388 • Several options on fishing pier for access for the Collegiate regatta.
- 389 • Retreat items- March 6- please get items to Manager ASAP- especially if you want data pulled for
390 reference.
- 391 • Manager's evaluation at March 3 meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore White has handed out evaluation forms and
392 asks Commissioners to have it back to him so he can compile the results and spend time with
393 Commissioner Barrow to get him up to speed with the process.
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395 **17. Committee Reports:** none reported

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397 **18. Commissioner Comments:** Commissioner Barrow did get back up with NCDOT with drawings of the bridge
398 and drainage- looks like when the new bridge was constructed the old outflow was blocked or otherwise made it
399 unusable. The other is appreciate the tab on the website- another good opportunity for communication and that we're
400 still looking for additional P&R members. Also- the ALERT list- if you want on the list, to email the Town and have
401 your email included. Manager Miller notes that the outcome of P&R meeting to explore other options for use of the
402 Rec Park and what citizens really want and are willing to support. Lots of great ideas floating.
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405 **19. Adjourn.** Next meeting scheduled as January 7, 2020.

406 Commissioner Simmons made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed 5-0.

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413 Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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