



ORIENTAL PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 3:00PM
Oriental Town Hall – 507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

LUA Miller started the Zoom meeting. Instructions were made available ahead of the meeting for anyone who wanted to participate remotely. Participants by ZOOM included Dianne Simmons, Sherri Burnett, Dick Flaherty, Marc Willi (temporarily), Mr. Geraghty joined late.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM: 3:05PM, All members present except Member Willi, who was experiencing technical difficulties. Chairman Aeschleman, Members Rahm, Allen, Commissioners Overcash and Barrow, LUA Miler, Admin Asst Mary Barnes.

Minutes: Member Flaherty made a MOTION to approve the January 15 Minutes. Member Rahm seconds. 4-0. Member Flaherty made a MOTION to accept the Minutes from February 2020. Member Rahm seconds. 4-0.

March meeting cancelled due to lack of a quorum available

OLD BUSINESS

- **Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance:** Repeated discussion of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance proposed for Public Hearing May 5, 2020. All agreed that we could not possibly not pass this Ordinance in order to afford residents and business owners the ability to purchase Flood Insurance. The maps associated with and incorporated into this Ordinance are not accurate, but the County is attempting to archive the current (effective) maps that show more structures in the floodplain to give owners a more accurate representation about the actual risk to their properties. Several items have been incorporated that this Planning Board has discussed. Terraforming is now addressed throughout the County. Affecting drainage is now addressed uniformly across the County. LUA Miller will defer to the Building Inspector. Member Flaherty made a MOTION to recommend approval to the Town Board for the FDPO. Member Allen seconded. 4-0.
- Ms. Burnette presented a Short Term Rental application. In light of present circumstances, and awaiting further information from Legal and SOG on the movement of Public Hearings in this time when people are not to gather. Recommend to ask the Town Board to schedule for June 2, in the hopes that the issue will have greater clarity. Planning Board is required to act within 65 days. And the Board can hold it another 65 days. Ms. Burnette offers to redate the application and give us some flexibility. Town Board can open a Public Hearing and not act, and then continue the Public Hearing. LUA recommends that the PB move it forward. Member Allen makes a MOTION to ask the Town Board to schedule a Public Hearing for June 2. Member Flaherty seconds. 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Compliance forms for review:** *There is a business application for the building at 301 Broad ST (former sail and canvas repair to become a musical instrument repair and lessons shop- similar traffic numbers- not a lot of on-site parking. The LUA expressed that there is little concern that the parking and traffic to the shop would become an issue and would like to grant the application. Board agrees that use is comparable traffic-wise to the sail repair business. Mr. Geraghty new construction at 903 1st Ave- has had some revisions to make sure it is hitting the setbacks. The Flaherty application is construction under the existing roofline.*

NON-AGENDA ITEMS / PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN: Member Flaherty made a MOTION to adjourn. Member Allen seconds.

4-0. Next Meeting scheduled for May 20, 2020, 3PM