



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 7pm

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

6 The Town Board of Oriental Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 was called to order at 7:00pm. The
7 Mayor Sally Belangia determined a quorum to be present. She said we have a Public Comment period, if you wish
8 to speak please make sure you are signed up on the sheet. We will call the meeting to order with the Pledge of
9 Allegiance.

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11 Present: Mayor Sally Belangia, Pro Tempore Barbara Venturi, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner White,
12 Commissioner Price, Commissioner Winfrey, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox,
13 Administrative Assistant Jeannine Russo, Administrative Assistant Nicole Sadler, Officer Nicholas Blayney and
14 Members of the Public.

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16 1. Approval of Agenda

17 (a) **Commissioner White** made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda, seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**.
18 Motion passed 5-0.

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20 2. Consent Agenda: (Tab 1)

21 (a) Consider Approval of Minutes from Town Board Regular (moved from July 4) Meeting 6-28-17

22 (b) Consider Approval and Release of Minutes and agreement from Closed Session 6-28-17

23 (c) Consider Approval of Special Session Meeting Minutes from 4-18-17

24 (d) Consider Approval of Budget Session Meeting Minutes from 4-25-17

25 (e) Consider Approval of Budget Session Meeting Minutes from 5-8-17

26 (f) Consider Approval of Budget Session Meeting Minutes from 5-17-17

27 (g) Consider Approval of Budget Session Meeting Minutes from 5-18-17

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29 **Commissioner White** made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**.
30 Motion passed 5-0.

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32 Commissioner White made a **MOTION** to move the Swearing in of new Police Officer Nicholas A. Blayney from
33 Number 6 to prior to Public Comment Period. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 5-0. Officer
34 Blayney was sworn in by Manager Miller.

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36 **3. Public Comment Period:** Mayor Belangia asked if anyone would like to speak. Limit comments to 3 minutes
37 and comments to full board not individual.

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39 **Art Tierney, 204 Whittaker Point Road:** Addressed Officer Blayney welcoming him to the community.

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41 **Bob Arrington, 300 Midyette Street:** Holding comment until Fulcher Point Project is addressed.

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43 **Mac Ernest, 300 Midyette Street:** Holding comment until Fulcher Point Project is addressed.

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45 **David Cox, 409 Academy Street:** Mr. Cox spoke about the filing period, which is complete, but stated that it is still
46 possible to run as a write-in candidate. He stated that the Mayor, in the past, was not entirely honest, spoke about the
47 South Avenue land swap and that those opposed had animosity to Mr. Chris Fulcher, did not believe Mr. Fulcher
48 had responsibility to close South Avenue. He believes the case was not decided on merit and would explain further
49 to anyone interested.

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51 **4. Fulcher Point CAMA permit response (Tab 2):** The Planning Board has forwarded their recommendations as
52 the permit request is relevant to sections of the GMO. The Manager will forward other items for consideration in the
53 Board's official response. In addition, Mr. Connell has indicated that yet another change may be forwarded. As
54 such, the date of the revision commented on should identify which revision we are commenting on in which

55 advertised period, in case there is another opportunity on another revision. New information received Monday, July
56 31 indicates that the entire project will be withdrawn and a much smaller project will be forwarded to CAMA for
57 our review.

58 **Manager Miller** stated that the Fulcher Point Project is officially withdrawn and closed. She received a letter from
59 Doug Huggett at CAMA. Any new project will start at “Ground Zero.” Manager Miller recommends that we retain
60 previous comments and concerns and recommends that the Board revoke the SUP and the LUP.

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62 **Commissioner White** made a **MOTION** to revoke the SUP. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion
63 passed 5-0.

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65 **Commissioner White** thanked **Manager Miller** for her work on this project. He stated that Mr. Fulcher approached
66 the Town to close the roof and he stated that the conditions of the SUP and the LUP needed to be enforced. He also
67 stated that where it concerns the boat wash and the boat lift, do we need to change things in the GMO.
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69 **Bob Arrington, 300 Midyette Street:** Mr. Arrington has been a resident for 11 years. He thanks Manager Miller for
70 her time and effort.

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72 **Mac Ernest, 300 Midyette Street:** Mr. Ernest thanks **Manager Miller** and the Board for their work. He stated Mr.
73 Fulcher knew what he needed to do with no changes and believes this is about protecting what is important.
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75 **Gary Ramsey, 508 Vandemere Street:** Mr. Ramsey is new to the Village but has been in the area for 35 years. He
76 believes we should put a moratorium on the harbor until a study is done. We should also take a look again at the
77 GMO. We need the ability to fight changes and not become an industrial park. We should also not accept any ore
78 permits until a study is done.
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80 **5. Swearing in Police Officer Nicholas A. Blayney:** Moved to beginning of Agenda.
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82 **6. Sea Harbor revised Resolution 2017-02/Whittaker Creek Grant approved (Tab 3):** As was the case in the
83 Whittaker Creek grant application, Sea Harbor’s application needs to be revised to include the amount that will be
84 awarded. In addition, the document from NCDENR awarding the grant came in Monday, and the executing
85 documents are apparently inbound.

86 **Manager Miller** stated that the Resolution was returned. The original did not have the dollar amount included.
87 (\$120,000 or 66 2/3%.
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89 **Commissioner Venturi** made a **MOTION** to approve the revised Resolution. Seconded by **Commissioner**
90 **Winfrey**. Motion passed 5-0.
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92 **Mayor Belangia** and the Town received a tentative approval awarding the funds for the Whittaker Creek Dredging
93 Project.
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95 **7. Planning Board Request (Tab 4):** The Planning Board forwards a request for a SUP Public Hearing for a short
96 term rental on Seahorse Landing. There is an issue with the plat of this property that requires additional contact with
97 other parcel owners in the subdivision. Tentatively, the Manager requests that the Board set a Public Hearing for
98 October 3. This may be cancelled and rescheduled as the process moves for the plat correction. The Planning Board
99 will schedule discussion of the application for September 20, 2017.

100 **Manager Miller** spoke to the request from Steve Dutton of 123/124 Seahorse Landing. The property needs to be re-
101 platted from a private to a public road. All landowners need to agree on this. **Manager Miller** suggested setting the
102 public hearing for October 3 to allow time for landowners to be contacted. **Commissioner Overcash** asked if the
103 Planning Board needs to look at this. **Manager Miller** responded yes, they do.
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105 **Commissioner White** made a **MOTION** to set the SUP Public Hearing for October 3. Seconded by **Commissioner**
106 **Venturi**. Motion passed 5-0.
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108 **8. Budget Amendment (Tab 5):** This amendment moves funds from Depreciation into Software Maintenance. The
109 final draft you received did not have this amendment on it and this is the annual fee for software.

110 **Manager Miller** asked the Board to approve an amendment to the Water Fund Budget moving \$3,300 from
111 Depreciation to Software Maintenance.

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113 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to approve the budget amendment. Seconded by **Commissioner**
114 **Winfrey**. Motion passed 5-0.

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116 **9. Alcohol on Sunday 10AM (Tab 6):** For the Board's consideration, an amendment to Chapter H that amends the
117 Ordinance in whole to make it consistent with State Statute as well as the added provision to allow alcohol sales in
118 Town limits on Sunday at 10am.

119 **Manager Miller** stated that our attorney will amended the Ordinance as a whole to make it consistent with the State
120 Statute and added the provision to allow alcohol sales in Town limits on Sunday at 10am.

121 **Commissioner Winfrey** made a **MOTION** to approve the amendment and added provision. Seconded by
122 **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 5-0.

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124 **10. Appointments:** The Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board require appointments. Chairman Eric
125 Dammeyer, Vice Chair Cecily Lohmar and Member Bonnie Knapp are willing to be reappointed and Manager
126 Miller recommends their reappointment. On the Board of Adjustment, Warren Johnson, Bill Marlowe and Ken
127 Small are up for reappointment and have agreed to be reappointed. Paul Olson has resigned as an alternate on the
128 Board of Adjustment and Ms. Beth Michne is offered as his replacement. Manager Miller understands that the Town
129 Board makes that appointment independently and makes no recommendation. The Board of Adjustment has set their
130 annual meeting for August 17.

131 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to approve these appointments. Seconded by **Commissioner Winfrey**.
132 Motion passed 5-0.

133 134 **11. Police Report (Tab 7)**

135 Officer Blayney presented the Activity Report for the month of July for calls handled by the Pamlico County
136 Sheriff's Office. Business checks are to be added to the list. Officer Blayney did respond to a portion of these calls
137 but was still with the Sheriff's Department at the time.

138 139 **12. Manager's Report, including Financials (Tab 8)**

- 140 • Pickleball/Tennis Courts are complete. Manager Miller reported seeing a row of lawn chairs at
141 approximately 8am with people lined up to utilize the courts.
- 142 • Quiet hour: During the month of July, 50+% payments were between 12 and 3PM and the average time of
143 last payment was 2:44PM ½% overnight, online, or in the drop box.
- 144 • The poverty rate in Pamlico County is currently 17.9%. Comparison was done with several other counties
145 falling somewhere in the middle with Carteret the lowest at 14.7% and Greene County the highest at
146 28.3%. The median income in Pamlico County ranges from \$38,669 to \$47,525. Comparatively we are
147 doing well.
- 148 • Heating/cooling system on the roof was discussed after a question was raised at a previous meeting by Mrs.
149 Grace Evans. There was apparently an issue with the pumps possibly We do not store anything in the attic
150 other than window screens. A new pump does need to be installed but there is no need for it in the summer.
- 151 • Croaker Festival Report: Manager Miller reported that this years' Croakerfest was very successful. All
152 responses were positive except for only one complaint regarding the fireworks being shot from the bridge.
153 Ms. Cheryl Thompson, Croakerfest Organizer, published several thank you letters to the guests, sponsors
154 and volunteers. A separate thank you will be sent to NCDOT for their assistance in securing the bridge to
155 launch the fireworks.
- 156 • Flare instructions: Mr. Jim Nixon will be supervising a demonstration of emergency signaling devices for
157 SCOO and NSA on the afternoon and evening of August 5. They will launch primarily from the Wildlife
158 Ramp near the bridge and from Greens Creek. There will be a demonstration of daylight signaling and a
159 second demo shortly after dark.
- 160 • NCDM - additional \$1,950 has been to the \$15,000 grant/award to study flooding at the waterfront

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162 **Commissioner Venturi** made a **MOTION** to receive the additional \$1,950 to the \$15,000 already
163 awarded. Seconded by **Commissioner White**. Motion passed 5-0.

- 165 • Jesse Burgess and Andrew Cox will be attending Small Systems School on Aug 29.
- 166 • Diane Miller and Tammy Cox will be going to Wilmington Aug 31/Sept 1 for a Small Systems
- 167 Infrastructure Funding/Legal Update
- 168 • Jesse Burgess will receive BFCC (Back Flow/Cross Connect) recertification
- 169 • Dump bed – Being installed, will be picked up shortly
- 170 • Street closures for OFPMF and Car Show next month
- 171 • Vandalism - There has been some vandalism and misuse at the men’s room at the waterfront restrooms.
- 172 Officer Blayney will be keeping a close eye.
- 173 • SOG class- accepted (Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr) Manager Miller has been accepted to a
- 174 Manager’s class 3 ½ days per month during the months noted.
- 175 • Legislative Update - ECCOG omnibus 2017-10
- 176 • Brunch bill – Allows all permit holders to sell alcoholic beverages beginning at 10am. Does not apply to
- 177 ABC stores
- 178 • Online notice
- 179 • Iran Divestment/Israel boycott certification (Oct 1)
- 180 • Light environmental law year- no stream mitigation for 300ft or less loss
- 181 • Reporting requirements for spills of wastewater less (storms)
- 182 • Liability caps for hog farms
- 183 • Repeal plastic bag ban
- 184 • Change in adherence to zoning plan (Oct 1)
- 185 • Zoning violation statute of limitations (reduced)
- 186 • Small cell tower bill PASSED
- 187 • Election board makeup – 5/State and 3/County, cannot appoint anyone new until the Governor is through
- 188 with litigation
- 189 • Trend of local elections moving
- 190 • Drinking water well permits changed
- 191 • Rabies vaccine rules changed – If an animal is suspected to have rabies, they will be confined to the
- 192 owner’s home, not immediately euthanized, and a blood test will be done for antibodies.

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194 **13. Committee/Board Reports**

- 195 (a) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – 6-14-17
- 196 (b) Planning Board – 5-17-17, 6-21-17, 7-12-17
- 197 (c) Tourism Board
- 198 (d) Tree Board – 5-30-17, 6-27-17
- 199 (e) Water Advisory Board – Did not meet
- 200 (f) Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee – 6-8-17
- 201 (g) Bay River Metropolitan Sewer District – July 2017

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203 **13. Commissioners’ Comment/Discussion Period**

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205 **14. Adjourn.** Next meeting is scheduled as September 5, 2017.

206 **Commissioner Winfrey** made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 5-0.

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208 **Meeting adjourned 7:50pm.**

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

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Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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