



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 @ 8:00AM

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

1. **Approval of Agenda**
2. **Consent Agenda (Tab 1)**
 - a. Consider Approval of Minutes from Town Board Mtg June 29, 2023
 - b. Consider Approval of Closed Session Minutes from Town Board Mtg June 29, 2023
 - c. Consider Approval of Minutes from Town Board Mtg July 11, 2023
 - d. Consider Approval of Minutes from Town Board Mtg July 24, 2023
3. **Public Comment Period:** *Each speaker is asked to limit comments to three (3) minutes. **Please wait to be recognized by the Mayor prior to speaking.** Direct comments to the full board, not to an individual board member or staff member. Although the Board is interested in hearing your concerns, speakers should not expect Board action or deliberation on subject matter brought up during the Public Comment segment. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate town officials or staff and may be scheduled for a future agenda.*
4. **Presentation: Guided Recreational Fishing.** *Guide Bobby Brewer will be here to give the Board an update on the changing demographic of our visitors and the surge in guided recreational fishing in the area as requested by the Board.*
5. **Ol' Front Porch Music Festival** *Marjorie would like to update the Board on this year's plan.*
6. **Hurricane Season 2023: (Tab 2)** *Manager will review the Town's plans and preparations and go over resources available to the Public.*
7. **Pierce Creek Project Ordinance and acceptance of Grant award. (Tab 3)** *The dredging grant applied for to NCDEQ for Pierce Creek that we approved as the administrator of has been awarded. See the attached Project Ordinance that will write it into our books and will be followed by a budget amendment. Project Ordinance 2023-294: Pierce Creek Dredging Grant #8339 between the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality and the Town for \$276,975.00, \$207,731.25 in granted funds, and \$69,243.75 in funds forwarded from Sea Harbour Condominium Yacht Club for distribution. The Project will become effective once fully executed, and will terminate December 31, 2024.*
8. **Appointments/Reappointments:** *The Manager inadvertently had you reappoint a member that was NOT up for reappointment and skip the one who was. Manager requests that you reappoint Mr. William Marlowe to the Board of Adjustment, and rescind previous appointment of Mr. Carmichael to a later date.*
9. **Contract to correct Growth Management Ordinance from 160A to 160D through the Eastern Carolina Council of Govts. (Tab 4)** *The Planning Board has seen this proposal and believes this will yield the best result most expediently without employing significant legal review, and therefore recommends that this contract be accepted and budgeted.*
10. **General Ordinance Amendment (Tab 5):** *For your review/adjustment: loosening of restrictions on backyard chickens in all zones except for R-1. In light of recent trends, costs to median income families, and policy adjustments throughout the State, the Manager offers you a draft of changes, with samples taken from throughout NC for options on restrictions within that proposed loosening.*
11. **Review of Green Waste procedure: (Tab 6)** *During Budget discussions it was suggested that the Town track those who are truly in need of assistance to bring green waste to the water plant dumpsters. Form included for review prior to policy implementation of monthly (only) pickup to reduce the amount of time spent by Public Works carrying green waste. Manager's only reservation is the potential for it to go back into ditches (problem solved by pickup)*
12. **Discussion on Drainage moving forward.** *Manager forwarded "where we are" in reference to complaints from Skipper Circle. We stopped that progress when complainant came to Town Hall meeting. Manager and crew are awaiting direction: We can either- remove/replace culverts under road and under complainant's driveway, OR we can patch back where we stopped and move on to another area (Midyette St) and allow water to not flow properly according to elevations shot and undersized driveway culvert. Will do as directed.*

13. Public Hearing request: (Tab 7) The Planning Board would like to schedule a Public Hearing for your September meeting to approve/change the revised Comprehensive Land Use Plan. (draft document to be finalized at their August 16 meeting.)

14. Police Report: (Tab 8) *Attached*

15. Manager's Report (Tab 9) *Attached*

16. Committee Reports (Tab 10) *Attached*
Planning Board June and July 2023 Minutes
HWAC June Minutes

17. Commissioner Comments

18. Adjourn. *Board meeting scheduled for September 5, 2023, 8AM . (Day following closure of Town Hall)*