



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD AGENDA WORKSHOP

Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 5:30pm

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

6 The Town Board of Oriental Agenda Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 was called to order at
7 5:30pm. The Mayor Sally Belangia determined a quorum to be present. She said we have a Public Comment period,
8 if you wish to speak please make sure you are signed up on the sheet.

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10 Present: Mayor Belangia, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner White, Mayor Pro Tempore Venturi,
11 Commissioner Price, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox, Administrative Assistant
12 Jeannine Russo and Members of the Public. Commissioner Winfrey was absent.

13 14 **1. Approval of Agenda**

15 **Commissioner White** made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion
16 passed 4-0.

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18 No public comment.

19 20 **2. Golf Carts**

21 There is a golf cart ordinance (Chapter F). The only thing the Town regulates is that we do not require registration.
22 Equipment: They do require rear view mirrors and headlights, turn signals and brake lights. Hand signals are
23 required during daytime use if there are no turn signals. State Statute states that a golf cart may operate where the
24 speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. We require anyone driving a golf cart to be licensed. Manager Miller has
25 contacted NCDOT to request that the 35MPH speed limit be extended to the Piggly Wiggly for safety reasons as
26 many of our residents walk, bicycle or drive golf carts to and from Piggly Wiggly. Mr. Flockhart is also currently
27 going through the process to annex into the Town and his would be the last property heading out of Town that would
28 coincide with a 35MPH speed limit.

29 30 **3. Public Hearing Request**

31 A draft/working copy of proposed changes to the Table of Permissible Uses in the GMO was shown to the Board.
32 Discussed 7.0 – Institutional Residences, 7.5 – Halfway Houses, 4.0-4.3 – Light, Medium and Heavy Industrial –
33 Precludes possibility of heavy industrial in town. Everything would stay the way it is in Town as it is currently,
34 however, a new potential business would be subject to the new rules. Light Industrial: Completely enclosed, nothing
35 toxic, minimal danger. Medium Industrial: Potential for air, noise and water pollution. Also working on definitions
36 for marinas: Pleasure boat docking, boatyard/marina where some work is done and commercial boatyard.
37 Commissioner Price asked if this includes what is contained and what is outside. Manager Miller stated that will be
38 part of the definitions. Decibel levels and airborne particulates are also to be attached to these definitions. The Board
39 will be asked to set a date for Public Hearing at their meeting in October. Planning Board is required to have a draft
40 to Town Board no later than September 19, provided they are finished by then. If they are not, they will ask for it to
41 be moved out.

42 43 **4. Elections: Four Year Staggered Terms**

44 **Commissioner Venturi** asked for this to be on the Agenda. As she will not be running again for a seat, she believes
45 there should be some sort of staggering of terms to avoid the possibility of having an entirely new, inexperienced
46 Board and Mayor as their terms are not staggered.

47 48 **5. Whittaker Pointe Possibilities**

49 The current owners have approached the Town for assistance in trying to shore up that property from continuing
50 erosion and shoaling in the creek. Manager Miller showed an area map of Whittaker Pointe from the late 1960s
51 showing the area to be approximately 15 acres. This same area today is approximately 3 acres. In the past, a groin
52 application had been denied. Manager Miller stated that another argument is that this is a primary nursery and
53 unprotected, would take away this primary nursery as well. Manager Miller feels that she needs to find a solution
54 that is environmentally defensible. Possibly a Parks and Rec Trust Fund Grant, not sure if they would fund

55 something not accessible by land. The owners feel that if they cannot do this and we can, they will deed it over. If
56 we did something, it would be accessible by water only. Manager Miller will meet again with the property owners
57 and engineer to work on the groin application. If shoaling and erosion continue, this will affect the channel, the
58 primary nursery and property values. Manager Miller stated that she will continue to try to find a solution and see
59 what is available. Commissioner White asked if the material that is dredged could be used to replace what has
60 eroded. Manager Miller stated current regulations require the material to be dried out before it can be used. Lisa
61 Thompson, Harbor Master at Sea Harbour, stated that with dredging there may need to be testing for petroleum
62 products in the creek bottom.
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64 **6. Upcoming Events**

65 September 5, 2017 is the 100th Anniversary of the first motorized school bus in oriental and NCDOT and NCDPI
66 will be here with the original school bus on a trailer and NC's newest bus. Greens Creek Regatta this weekend.
67 September 5 Board Meeting moved to 5:30 as the MAW Band will be performing in Lou Mac Park at 7pm. Oriental
68 Cup Regatta September 15-17. Chamber Business Expo September 19 from 4-7pm. Village Brewery ribbon cutting
69 on Sunday at 3pm. Town Hall closed on Monday for Labor Day.
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71 **7. Gilgo and Windward**

72 Temporary road has been set up while Bay River work is going on. Several residents have called in favor of keeping
73 the road widened at the curve. Also a few complaints about the road being bumpy with the gravel. Manager Miller
74 explained that the gravel will keep being added until it stops settling. Commissioner White asked if we decide to
75 keep the road as is, how much would it be to pave while they are doing the work for Bay River.
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77 **8. Flood Issues Project with NCDENR**

78 We received a grant and had a group of young people from DENR come out to do a study and propose fixes for the
79 flooding issues on the waterfront as we cannot receive any construction money until this study is done. They have
80 asked for staff, including Commissioners, to fill out a survey to determine problem areas and what can be done to fix
81 them. An open information session, with the folks from DENR, will be held for the general public where public
82 comment will be taken on these flooding issues as well.
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84 **9. Fire Siren Options**

85 Manager Miller spoke with the Emergency Manager who has spoken with the fire chief. The siren is here to call the
86 volunteers to go to the Station. It is at Town Hall as this was the fire house so there is justification to move it out
87 near the fire station. There would be costs associated with this and Manager Miller would like to pursue getting a
88 quote. It does cause power issues in the building when it goes off with the computers, etc. Manager Miller has
89 researched other more technological options and what the costs would be. Another option would be to go keep the
90 siren and use it for civil emergencies – tornadoes, etc. Commissioner Overcash asked how this would affect
91 insurance. Pagers and radios are also acceptable but what are the costs. Lisa Thompson stated there is one at the fire
92 station but it is not as loud as the one on Town Hall. Commissioner White feels this request should come from the
93 fire department. Manager Miller stated she started down this road due to the number of complaints she has received.
94 Gregory Bohmert, member of the public, suggested possibly a surge capacitor, a sort of shock absorber, when the
95 system is put under a load.
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97 **10. Fishing Dealers potential use of Town Hall**

98 Commissioner Overcash is not against the use of the building, only that it is not open to the public. Manager Miller
99 stated that the PCC classes are only open to those who have signed up for them. Commissioner Price asked if this
100 will be an ongoing event. The organizer planned for another venue should the event be larger the following year.
101 Manager Miller stated that this event is for wholesalers that are selling specifically to people in the industry. The
102 building has been used quite a bit recently for club meetings, especially on weekends. Commissioner Venturi likes
103 to see the building being used by the community.
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105 **11. Health Department**

106 Two foxes have tested positive for rabies in Oriental. Animal Control Officer Berkley Hill and Officer Blaney have
107 gone door to door in Dolphin Point and the other suspected case is on Silverbrook. If your animal comes in contact
108 with the rabid fox, your animal needs to be confined to the home for 45 days. If you do not follow this protocol, the
109 health director can remove your animal and euthanize it, no exceptions. If the state steps in and declares a rabies

110 emergency, they can create a leash law in Oriental until it is determined the emergency is over. This is also an issue
111 with feral cats. If a resident takes care of a feral cat, they can make arrangements with Berkley Hill of Animal
112 Control, and has proof of vaccinations, the cat will not be euthanized. If an animal comes in contact, it will need a
113 booster shot.

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115 **12. Opposition to Redistricting**

116 This is the only action item. The NC House is looking at the redistricting plan that the Senate approved which puts
117 us in District 2 with Carteret and Craven Counties. We have more in common with them, are able to reach them and
118 have joint operations with them rather than Outer Banks Hyde and Outer Banks Dare. If the Representative from this
119 newly formed District 6 is from here, we would get to see them on a regular basis, but if they are from Hyde County,
120 they will not be accessible to us as it would take us four hours to get to them. The State Representative has declined
121 to run again due to the new expanded district and has cited “family time” and he would be on the road much more
122 than he is now. We request that the House mirror the Senate’s proposal to keep us in District 2 with Carteret and
123 Craven Counties. Commissioner Overcash asked Manager Miller what our chances are and she believes significant
124 and believes that most counties and municipalities are sending this off. Lisa Thompson of Sea Harbour stated that
125 they have already voted and it is done. Manager Miller stated that it will come back because they are going to undo
126 it. It does need to be recorded that we are objecting. Manager Miller stated that we did not receive this until the night
127 that it was happening.

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129 **Commissioner White** made a **MOTION** that **Mayor Belangia** sign the Resolution. Seconded by **Commissioner**
130 **Overcash**. Motion passed 4-0.

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133 **13. Adjourn**

134 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Seconded by **Commissioner Price**. Motion passed 4-0.

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136 **Meeting adjourned 6:45pm.**

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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