



ORIENTAL PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 3:00PM
Oriental Town Hall – 507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM: At 3:00PM, Chair DeWeese calls meeting to order. Member-elect Strickland was not available for this meeting. Member Crothers was also not available.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chair DeWeese notes absence of **Public Comment Section**- need to add that under approval of agenda. Member Rasmussen makes the MOTION to approve the agenda as amended, VC Quigley seconds. 3-0.

Chair DeWeese adds discussion on procedure: Chair DeWeese reiterates that we need to be able to record the discussion for Minutes purposes and speaking over each other does not help. Also, sidebars in the audience are distracting and degrade the audio portions- please refrain.

APPROVAL of September 2023 Minutes: VC Quigley makes a MOTION to approve September Minutes. Member Rasmussen seconds. 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: OLD BUSINESS.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan : Matt Jones submitted edits to Chair DeWeese- mostly grammatical- she will take a look.

Greg Bohmert asks that language be included that states that this is a guiding and advisory document only, and is not Ordinance nor law. Chair DeWeese notes NCGS 160D-501 indeed notes that this document is advisory in nature.

Discussion about language having been added to hit the marks on grant applications- looking toward the next ten years.

Dan Forman notes this is very comprehensive and detailed- not what intended to be.

Breana Litzenberger notes this is a good plan- we need to be mindful of the scope.

Note to identify Village vs Town

Allison will make the changes immediately and forward draft to Manager for posting for the Public Hearing scheduled for 11-14-23.

NEW BUSINESS

SUP request for Art Studio in R-1(Brooks): forward request to TB for Public Hearing on SUP- will address once meeting scheduled. Note to contact Ms. Brooks when discussion and hearing are scheduled. Questions to be asked concern parking availability and group size limits.

Multi-Zoned Parcel on 807 Broad- looking to potentially rezone- 1/2 is R-3 (Midyette St side) and 1/2 is MU (Broad St side.) no paperwork YET.

NON-AGENDA ITEM: Allison brings up the potential for software that tracks ArBnB, VRBO, other services to be able to accurately count STRs in Town to ensure compliance with Occ Tax.

ADJOURN:

Next Meeting scheduled for November 15, 2023, 3PM.