



ORIENTAL PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 3:00PM
Oriental Town Hall – 507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM: At 3:00PM, Vice Chair Tom Quigley called the meeting to order. Acknowledges Jim Kellenberger and Pat Stockwell in the room. Jim Blackerby is on the phone, participating remotely. Noted HWAC's recommendations are simply suggestions. Vice Chair Quigley, Members DeWeese, Rasmussen, and Crothers present. New member Strickland will join us in October- currently out of town. Also present, Commissioners Overcash, Roe, and Price, and two members of the Public.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: One item agenda- Comprehensive Plan, and we could elect Linwood to the Board also. Member Crothers makes a MOTION to approve the agenda, Member DeWeese seconds. 4-0. Member DeWeese makes a MOTION to approve August Minutes. Member Crothers seconds. 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Included in the review (none signed up)**

OLD BUSINESS.

- **Comprehensive Plan:** Allison will be taking the changes- Notes on all changes will be available. She will clean up the draft for review.
Emails: Thanks HWAC for their work. Planning Board has sent all Boards the draft- HWAC has last comments.
Suggests a definition page, no lead committees.
Jim Blackerby: seemed that some things lagged behind because nobody took lead. Allison: Commissioners assign who needs to do what.
Commissioner Roe asks about NCCF. Suggests we use the verbiage- "The appropriate entity", not singling out any specific- may have to add/change/subtract.

Page 1- setting the stage: a lot of added information, 4th para: activities- ecotourism, (definitions page)- responsible tourism to major areas that can serve to attract another demographic.

Another part of ecotourism is RESPONSIBLE tourism.

Competition with other communities for tourists (reasoning for addition/deletion, changes to existing)

Previous impacts to be included, noting impact of two (2) 500 year storms. Town looking for additional resources for educational purposes of environmental impacts. Additional information in CAMA Land Use Plan. MPT White suggested we include articles concerning WPR in an appendix. Note Oriental participates in Regional Hazard Mitigation Planning.

Vision- appendix 3- Vision to be included(?) in 2009. B- long range vision background.

Pg 6- numbers at top-added 5 and 6- information TB used for updates (2022 and 2023 events, gatherings, surveys) Pamlico Sound Hazard Mitigation. Can make it an appendix. Manager

notes the document is HUGE and is linked on our website. Inspected every year to make sure we are doing all the requirements- examining certificates, education annually, GMO that requires additional mitigation measures- all these things affect Fire Safety rating, Insurance rating, etc.

Draw of Natural Beauty- leave in (HWAC suggestion). Commissioner Roe does not have the version with this edit- we need to all be on the same page. (multiple conversations at once). It seems there is a format issue between MAC and WINDOWS.

Oriental Waterfronts- habitat restoration and expansion. (Promote or encourage)
Adds definition of environmental stewardship.

Commissioner Roe asks for promotion of these things in a overriding/intro statement, instead of constantly repeating it. Manager notes if it is not in the section, people will pull JUST the section in trying to defend actions. Commissioner Roe's issue is additional roadblocks to development- we do not have the personnel to enforce all of that. Member Crothers notes repetition denotes emphasis. Manager notes that anything removed needs to be redlined, however, things that have been added and then rejected should just be removed.

Current and future changing environmental conditions.- Truncate.

Definition of resilience- your ability to recover. Definitions?

Remove repetitive section.

Discussion on Deaton's new filtration system from boat wash- 1st in the state- add stewardship. (Multiple conversations at once) Preserving.

Moving on- page 8. Section 3: Meets or exceeds CAMA regulations- takes into consideration development moving forward. CAMA AND others.

1B- remove ensuring development, inserting meeting or exceeding.

#6- id potential issues- Roe and Overcash: flood map issues- bad data- building in actual flood zones, but not MAPPED flood zones. Make people aware of vulnerability.

Partnerships with outside organizations- Roe: YES, naming them, NO. Continued relationships, instead of new.

Stakeholders (needs a #2). Education and partnerships- getting all stakeholders together. Encourage where possible instead of insure.

Goal 4 specifically refers to historic buildings.

Strike redundant language. Mitigation that allows raising of houses in existing noncompliant situations. Example is that steps come into setbacks one raised and built to new standard.

Page 13: Actions- added (HWAC) encourages sustainability to maritime activities- too strong.

Remove "any", consider "following CAMA LUP"

Adding recreational and guided fishing.

Page 16, goal 4- areas at particular risk- a little strong- ID potential vulnerabilities.

#7- BMPs- habitat preservation at waterfront.

Clean Marina program- too specific. We used for Sailcraft.

Listing of assets. BMPs (period) for facilities.

Pg 17: add recommendation and add mitigation plan activities and incorporating lessons learned?

Strike #5- advocate for flood map update.

Search for additional resources to provide for increase of boat traffic. Maintain and enhance public water access.

#7- aggressive pursuit of grants- other funding opportunities.

Page 18- Manager notes better to refer to, than integrate the entire document. If they change theirs, we need to change ours. "Consider".

Roe: add drainage. Consider other alternatives. Unnecessary redundancy of Flood Ordinance.

Actions #3: Principles: promote hazard mitigation in smart growth principles. We added the addition of secure propane tanks following Florence.

Living shoreline solutions instead of hardened WHERE FEASIBLE.

Part 2: G. 2018 Street assessment.

END. Other comments? None.

Manager notes Allison will clean up and publish for November Public Hearing. PB will meet Oct 18 for any final adjustments. VC Quigley asks if there are others coming in for changes? Didn't know the last time there would be any.

New Business: Chair: no current chair. Tom Quigley nominates Allison to Chair. Carl Crothers seconds. 4-0.

ADJOURN: Chair DeWeese Makes a MOTION to adjourn. Member Quigley seconds. 4-0 at 4:27PM.

Next Meeting scheduled for October 18, 2023, 3PM.