

**TOWN OF CAPE CARTERET  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
DEBBIE E. STANLEY BOARDROOM  
JULY 10, 2017 | 7:00 P.M.**

**I. Meeting Called to Order | Moment of Silence | Invocation**

**Mayor Fowler** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Debbie E. Stanley Boardroom. All Board members were present along with 15 citizens and Town Attorney Michael Curtis. Staff present included Zachary Steffey, Ashleigh Huffman, Officer Born, Chaplain Caldwell, and Danny Taylor. Brad Rich of Carteret News Times was also present.

**Chaplain Michael Caldwell** Invocation led the invocation. The Board and all present participated in a moment of silence for John See, a Town resident that passed away.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Commissioner Truax** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Conflict of Interest | Cell Phone Statement**

**Mayor Fowler** called for all conflicts of interest. Hearing none, he asked those present to turn off cell phones.

**IV. Adoption of the Agenda**

*Commissioner Truax moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried 5-0.*

**V. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of June 2017 Minutes (6/12/17 and 6/19/17)**

*Consensus granted to place these items on the consent agenda for approval next week at the regular meeting.*

**VI. Public Comment (3 Minute Time Limit)**

**VII. Approval of DOT Agreement (School Zone Ordinance)**

**Mr. Steffey** said that the Board had discussed at the previous meeting that we received a request from NCDOT to reduce the time of the school zone by 15 mins both in the morning and afternoon. He explained that this matches the length of the other school zones on NC 24 and we have been provided the model agreement from NCDOT. He asked permission from the Board to work with Attorney Curtis to draft this agreement in ordinance form. He said that Attorney Curtis talked to the principal of WOES and she was ok with this change. He said that Chief Rivera was also ok with it. **CONSENSUS GRANTED.**

**VII. Carteret Craven Electric Driveway**

**Mr. Steffey** said that Carteret Craven Electric Cooperative has made him aware of an

apparent misunderstanding involving the construction of the Cape Carteret Trail in front of their electric substation located off of Taylor Notion Road. He said that CCEC has provided him with documentation regarding the permitting process for the driveway. Also, CCEC has informed him that they did not receive a final copy of the plans for the trail. He also included email correspondence regarding CCEC's portion of the trail as well as an estimate for the cost to install crush and run between the trail and substation. He asked the Board of Commissioners to consider allowing the Town to cover the \$2,500 cost to install a gravel driveway from the trail to substation. He said he is happy to answer questions, and feels this is a positive thing to do as a show of good faith since it was a misunderstanding that occurred in the development and it is just now coming up.

**Commissioner Evans** said that he has voiced his concerns before, and asked how this requirement originated. He said that he is all for being proactive and business-friendly, and whatever we can do to enhance that posture, but based on the information that has been provided, which he is hoping it is just partial information, he can't see anything in there that proves the Town is required to do this. He said that on the contrary, it appears to him from a quote on August 2015 to Thomas Simpson from CCEC that Simpson was going to gravel that driveway, based on page 2 of that proposal. He said it indicated that would be done with 4 inches of washed stone. He said he thinks we have to exercise responsible stewardship of the tax dollars and would like to know where the misunderstanding initiated because he isn't comfortable with doing that.

**Commissioner Truax** asked what the cost was that they paid to the Town for the trail to be completed. **Mayor Fowler** said \$25,462. **Commissioner Truax** asked if they still provide the free peat moss for the Town residents. She thinks that they paid for the sidewalk as asked and it would be appropriate for us to do the gravel.

**Commissioner Saunders** said that in looking at the proposal and the quote. the proposal says "provide driveway to Cape Carteret Substation at \$7,750 and to provide asphalt bike paths at \$16,760 for a total of \$24,510, She said that appears to read that the driveway is part of that proposal. **Mr. Steffey** said that he thinks that is what the original perception was. **Commissioner Saunders** asked if there is a quote to install the entrance to property. **Mr. Steffey** said that the final breakdown came to a total of \$26,152. **Commissioner Saunders** said in her view if we paid the \$25,462, and it only took \$16,000 to do the bike path, she would say that the Town should take on the responsibility of paying for that portion. **Commissioner Miller** said that one of these proposals was done August 3rd and another on August 5<sup>th</sup>. He said that one was the initial estimate and the other was done after the site visit. He said that both show the bike path was \$16,000 and change. **Commissioner Saunders** said that she thinks that the Town should observe that as part of their fees of doing that portion of the bike path. She said that maybe it wasn't verbally understood but the quotes and proposal make her believe that is why CCEC thinks we should do that for them.

**Commissioner Saunders moved that Cape Carteret absorb the cost to pave the driveway for Carteret Craven Electric Cooperative with a limit of \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Truax. Motion carried 5-0.**

#### VIII. Final Plat Approval of Country Club Point Subdivision (Section IV)

**Mr. Steffey** said that Section 154.070 of the Town's Code of Ordinances specifies the process for final approval of a subdivision plat. He said that the final plat has gone through

Planning Board review and received a favorable recommendation. He said that the Planning Board was comfortable with the submission. He said that he has also gone through the materials and passed copies of the plat to the Board. These plans are made part of these minutes by reference and are available in the office of the Town Clerk.

***Consensus granted to approve the Final Plat of Country Club Subdivision Section IV next week at the regular meeting.***

**IX. Special Presentation by Roy Fish**

**Roy Fish** said that he and his wife moved to 510 Neptune Drive in Cape Carteret two months ago. He said he was a Marine for 20 years and spent a great deal of time in Afghanistan and Iraq and he was dealing with a lot of PTSD as well as a traumatic brain injury from being blown up. He said that if anyone has been a service member they know that you are left with a lot after you get out. He said that tried to deal with it without Christ, but it got to a point where he was about to take his own life. He said that he had a moment of clarity and he knew there was something more, which set him on a path to learn about Him. He said that one thing he has always done is worked with wood and started building furniture. He said he found it was therapeutic and thought if it is helping him, maybe other combat vets would benefit from this. He started selling the furniture and orders started pouring in the door. He said things were going well and he and his family wanted to get out of Jacksonville. He said that he wanted to do the same thing here at his home but was called into the Mayor's office and they talked about the complaint that was made and he told them what he and the vets do. He said that when they get to a point they have nothing else, and everything's falling apart, we take a piece of wood and make something out of it. He said that this piece of wood is doing nothing but they realize that they just created something. He said that a percentage of what we build we give away to foster homes, and through this the veterans realize that the thing they created is now a blessing to others. He said that they honor Marines, Sailors, and fallen service members because when they build something large, he pulls a name off of a killed in action list and burns their name, birthdate and death date in the wood. He said that when he gives the furniture he then brings the biography and a picture of the fallen soldier. He said that this person then lives through you and that piece of furniture. He said that now the guys are creating something and it blesses people. He said it makes them realize that they may have lost an arm, a leg, or their mind, but they didn't lose what "so and so" did, He said that it reminds them if they can't make positive out of a negative, do it for that person who isn't here anymore. He said that it is a business per say, but he doesn't take a paycheck and the guys don't take a paycheck either. He said that is just healing for them. He said that it is 51% ministry, and 49% business because the guys are coming back from war angry at themselves, our government, and the human race for creating a situation where they have to watch friends die, or kill people they didn't want to kill. He said that the reality is you cannot heal from combat trauma without Christ as a center. He said if he can bring them in and let them trust the process it helps. He said that it is working, and he has led several Soldiers, Marines, and Sailors to Christ and have even baptized guys. He said that he is more positive than others that this is his contribution to the world and to them. He said that he understands there is some push back and if anyone has a building out in the woods, please let me know where it is and we will use it. He said that for now we have to use what God is providing, which is his garage.

**Mayor Fowler** said that the issue we are faced with is that he is in a residential area. He addressed Mr. Fish and said that he had mentioned it is 49% business, but he told him that

he was on the way to becoming a 501(c)3. **Mr. Fish** said this has been trial by fire. He said that he has found it is easier to create an LLC, but 501(c)3 would work better for what we do, because we take donations rather than what turn a profit. **Mayor Fowler** opened the floor for Commissioner comments.

**Commissioner Evans** asked what the Board is being asked to do now. **Mayor Fowler** said he is not sure. He said he wanted people to know the whole story but we can open up the floor for citizen comments too. **Commissioner Saunders** said that our ordinances are specific in some ways and other ways they are not. She asked Zach if he could state what our ordinance states in regard to this situation. **Mr. Steffey** said that this would be considered home occupation, which is when a commercial operation is conducted in a residential zone. He said that based on the statements in the corresponding ordinance, Mr. Fish's actions do not violate the ordinance. He said that this states that no person receives compensation except members residing in the dwelling, the business occupies only 250 square feet of the building, there is no on premise sales or merchandise displayed within the dwelling, there is no display visible from street right-of-way or any adjoining lot, there is a not a requirement that the owner be present except for home child daycare, there is no advertising sign visible, no special parking area provided, and no cause of noise detectible to normal senses off the lot. He said that the actions are legal and don't constitute a nuisance. He referenced Ordinance \_\_\_ and any activity entered into for profit shall be deemed evidence of conducting a business. that is the section of the code. He said he wanted to bring forward to Board of Commissioners based off this presentation it is an interpretation of how they are in line and if they are violating any of these.

Mr. Fish said they went down that list when he was meeting with the Mayor and the only one that he violates is that his garage is 299 square feet and not 250, but with everything else he is right on the mark. Mayor Fowler said that the only other thing he questioned was the noise of the power saw, and whether that would constitute a nuisance. Lura Fulcher, from the floor, said that she lives right across from the Fish's and you don't even know they are there.

**Commissioner Truax** said from her understanding, Mr. Fish implied that he has workers. She asked if he is providing a paycheck to them and creating a job for them. **Mr. Fish** said that they receive no money at all. He said they come at their own free will and it is so that they have a place to come. He said their paycheck is the process they are taking them through in healing. He said that some come for a week and that's it, and some come for a year. He said that's why he doesn't care about the money because every dime that comes into the business goes to supplies just to keep the ministry moving forward.

**Commissioner Truax** said that he keeps saying business, but it sounds like it is not really a business. Mr. Fish said he could have said it really isn't a business, but that isn't how he wants to operate, because he owes the state sales tax and they need to know he exists and he is operating for the IRS, He said that is why he did that to legitimately make it a business, instead of asking for all cash. **Mayor Fowler** said that obtaining a 501(c)3 would solve the problem. He said that if you refer to it as such it would be easier because we don't want business in residential areas. He said that we are talking semantics here, but everyone would feel better that you weren't taking any money in. Mr. Fish said he is not here to change anything, he asked for the Town to just help him assimilate, and do what he is supposed to do to be here. He said that he and his family love it here. He asked the Board to tell him what to do and he will do it.

**Commissioner Evans** said that other than noise, because he has a saw and others in his

shop as well, that is all he could come up with that could be an issue. He said he is all for letting it go wherever it is.

**Daryl Hignite**, from the floor, introduced himself as resident of 524 Neptune Drive. He said he is a VA appraiser who has lived in Cape Carteret for 8 years. He said that Mr. Fish purchased the house next to him which was empty for about 4 years. He said this is his ministry. He said that he has ministered to him and the young men that come in and he hasn't heard a peep out of him. He said that he will be building drawers for him. He said his own computer is humming all the time in his home office but he doesn't have a power saw. He said he wished he had a ministry like Mr. Fish. He has heard people are upset because there were too many cars in Mr. Fish's driveway. He said he can get 20 or 30 cars in his driveway, and he will be happy to let them park there in his driveway. He said he thinks there are beauty shops in people's homes and people have businesses everywhere. He said if there is a good complaint he would love to hear that. He said he had plenty of complaints when he lived on LeJeune, but has never had one living next to Roy Fish.

**Susan Teachey**, from the floor, added that this family is a wonderful asset to our community and our area. She said she couldn't find anyone to build shelves for her but was lucky to have them in the area. She said that his wife is a teacher and they are a sweet family. She said we need more young folks in the community. She said she happened to see his truck one day with furniture in it and thought maybe he could build some shelves. She said we need to encourage them to do what we can, especially because he is ministering to soldiers. **Commissioner Evans** questioned what the original complaint was and who had brought that complaint. He asked why we were even discussing it without knowing that information.

**Commissioner Saunders** said that she had received a couple of phone calls and emails from citizens in the Neptune area expressing their concerns, which she had shared with everyone on this Board and Mr. Steffey. She said that the Board has as much information as she does. She said she has also been asked by the people that spoke, that their name be kept out of it until they are ready to come forward.

**Commissioner Phillips** asked what the hours of operation are. Mr. Fish said from 8 am to 3 pm.

**Bruce Albin**, from the floor, said that there is another house with more cars than Mr. Fish on the corner of Loma Linda.

**Mr. Fish** said on a normal day there is four cars in the driveway. He said that for this process to work it has to be a one on one, shoulder to shoulder. He said that he can't minister to 15 people at once, so he only has 2 or 3 at a time. He said when he first moved there they were parking on the grass and he stopped that because he didn't want a complaint of cars on the road.

**Commissioner Truax** said that she appreciates what he has done to clean up the place because the home he purchased had sat for a long time and now it looks beautiful. She asked if a citizen doesn't come forward with their name, do we need to address the complaint. **Attorney Curtis** said that they are asking for no action at this time. **Mayor Fowler** asked if there needed to be any action to put on the agenda.

**Commissioner Saunders** said she doesn't know what action there is to take. **Mr. Steffey** said that he wanted to discuss it in public forum to gauge how the community and Board felt

about this. He said that based on the discussion we can move forward with granting a home occupation zoning permit. He said that he wanted to discuss this with the Board because it is a great thing going on in the community.

**Commissioner Evans** said that he thinks it is a no brainer.

**Mayor Fowler** thanked Mr. Fish for his time.

**Mr. Fish** thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and asked everyone to send a veteran his way so that he can help them.

## **XI. Updates/Reports from Staff and Board**

### **• Town Administrator's Report**

- **Mr. Steffey** said that Molly Maid came out and looked at Town Hall, the Police Department and Public Works facilities and quoted an annual price of \$4,800. He said this is below what we had anticipated for the biweekly cleaning. He asked for a consensus to move forward with getting them in here. **Mayor Fowler** said he was relieved that they are doing the Public Works building and we are still under budget. **CONSENSUS GRANTED.**
- **Mr. Steffey** said concerns were expressed regarding our computer security in Town Hall. He said that we have taken action since then and made sure that everyone has a unique password, and all staff members are locking their computers, He said that the finance office remains secured and locked. He said that in the future he would like to have a company come in on a contractual agreement for computer issues because it may be cheaper alternative in the long run because they can work on computers remotely. He said that this is just an item of discussion to answer questions, but we have taken steps already though there is more to be done. He said that part of that is our technological updates. He said that we got an internet update in Town Hall to increase internet speeds and will also be installing internet for the first time in Public Works to help them be able to do things. He said he wants to make sure we have good policies in place in the future. He welcomed ideas and questions from the Board. **Commissioner Truax** said that we should have anti-spyware. **Mr. Steffey** said we can pull the cost together and discuss what that would look like for a contract with Computer Warriors. He said they did a good job and seemed thorough and knowledgeable. He thinks it would be good to have someone look at us remotely and make sure we are up to date with software and other security measures.
- **Mr. Steffey** said that at the upcoming meeting we have a Public Hearing set for the commercial site plan text amendment that will be looking at what triggers the ordinance in terms of commercial site plan review. He said that the way it is written now, if you move the dirt that requires a CSP. He said with recent development and the challenges in terms of the timeline for potential businesses it is something we need to look at. He said that Planning Board was unanimously in favor of this change.
- **Mr. Steffey** said that we previously discussed that we had hoped to get the Public Works driveway paved in last fiscal year but done last fiscal year but the paving company was tied up and unable to mobilize before year end. He said that the question is whether we want to do more than just the driveway now. He said in the

long term having a second building but right now it is dirt all around. He said it creates some challenges for Public Works staff because the dirt blows in and gets all over the equipment. He said that we can look at doing asphalt at both entrances of the existing building, or we can wait until we put the new building in. He said that he just wanted to bring it up for discussion. He said of course we have to look at the cost to see if we can absorb that cost. **Commissioner Truax** said she is worried about the walking trail and them driving over it constantly. She said that we should have looked at that issue before it was done because the CC Trail is getting torn up because of that and other trucks that come in. She said that she would like to see something done there for sure. **Commissioner Evans** said that he thought we were going to avoid additional mobilization costs by waiting for when Onslow Grading and Paving came to do some other work for the Town. **Mr. Steffey** said that is the plan, and in that we would do the driveway out there. He said that the question is how far do we want that to go: to the gate or further. **Commissioner Evans** said that in the initial discussion the thought was to protect the Trail. He said that he is open to discuss including both entrances, but where the money comes from may be different. **Mayor Fowler** asked Mr. Steffey to bring a few options to the Board later. **Commissioner Miller** said that he no idea of the costs. **Commissioner Saunders** said it is important to know the cost and since we are going to do part of the driveway, what is the repercussion if we don't do that whole area Mr. Steffey is talking about, She would like to know what we are up against. **Mr. Steffey** said that if we wait to do the whole area we are kicking the can down the road, but it will cost more to mobilize. He said the driveway is our priority. **Commissioner Saunders** asked if we are talking about doing the whole driveway. She said that is something we want to think about if it will damage our existing driveway when we have the trucks come in and pave the rest of the area.

- **Mr. Steffey** said regarding the Finance Officer position, the job description draft was circulated via email. He welcomed any discussion or suggestions now, or a directive to discuss this at the meeting next week. He said also with the financial software and that may be something we must look at before we bring in a Finance Officer. He said that we must ask ourselves if what we have is really a good fit for local government. He said with the time spent to calculate everything by hand and then enter it into the system, it is not the most efficient, and other programs may lend themselves to more productivity. **Mayor Fowler** said that he has watched the process lately and it is extremely cumbersome. He said that from what he understands there have always been challenges with the cumbersome nature, and now they are trying to get a handle on it. He said that there are more steps needed then there should be. He said that Mr. Steffey is sitting there with a hand calculator to get the proper figures because the software we are using is designed for business not government. He said that there are a few companies that make software specially for government and he thinks we need to make the process less cumbersome. He said that he would like to have the new software on board before the new person gets here. He said that our former Finance Officer had to learn two different systems. **Commissioner Saunders** said that prior to purchasing this software they had researched different systems. She said there were modules we chose not to buy. She welcomed research to find what we do need, but wanted to point out that there are different modules that do these things for you that we may not have purchased. She said that we were taking it a step at a time and this software was selected by our auditors' advice. She said this was deemed by the

Board and the Finance Officer at the time and previous Finance Officer compatible for what we needed in this town. She thinks that we may be wasting a lot of money by having something that works and we don't know it. **Mayor Fowler** said that we also have a server situation particularly after the security issues. He said that luckily, we have a Town Administrator that is knowledgeable on these things. **Commissioner Truax** said that she thinks we need to talk about the Finance Officer position and the announcement.

- **Mr. Steffey** said that at the special meeting he was given direction to move forward with the standard audit process, with the addition of a special audit. He said that Lee Carroll, who is the auditor of the Town, starting that audit process. He asked the Board if they thought we should still pursue a second audit, or would the Board recommend an outside agency. **Commissioner Truax** said that Mr. Carroll assists us with questions about our system and resolutions that we put in place throughout the year as well. She thinks it would be beneficial to have an outside source do an audit, so that he is cleared and we are cleared. She thinks this would be a good clean audit. She said that she doesn't think our auditor should be auditing himself. **Commissioner Saunders** said that she respectfully disagrees. She said that we have a CPA that works for us at the end of each year check this. She is not sure why we want to bring in a third party to do redundant work. **Commissioner Truax** asked Mr. Steffey what he thought about this. **Mr. Steffey** said that generally in talking to municipalities they put the audit out to bid each year, so that the same auditor does not automatically conduct the audit each year. He said that typically they cycle through auditors every 5-10 years, which keeps cost down and adds competition to the process. He doesn't think it's a bad thing to occasionally change things out for best prices for the Town. He said in terms of doing it now, since he will be starting on Wednesday, it is not bad to have an independent one, but in terms of mobilizing it may be difficult to do that so late in the game. He said that it may be difficult in terms of the timeline. **Commissioner Truax** said that the ILA does this. *Agenda item for next week.*
- **Mr. Steffey** said that Brunch Bill recently passed and he wanted to know if the Board would like to see brought forward at a future meeting. He said this allows the sale of alcohol at 10 am. He said that we have been asked our stance from at least one business in town already. Ashleigh Huffman asked if the Board would like a resolution in support or opposition to be drafted. *Consensus granted for staff to draft a resolution of support.*
- **Mr. Steffey** said that we will be holding public hearings for the changes to the potentially dangerous dog ordinance and the table of permitted uses to allow for a veterinary office. He said that he would like to request to postpone the public hearing on the change to the table of permitted uses for self-storage, and to remove that item from the agenda for the regular meeting. He said that the applicant who brought it forward would like it removed. *Consensus granted to remove item.*
- **Clerk's Report-none.**
- **Chief's Report-none.**
- **Commissioner Reports**
  - **Commissioner Phillips** said at the last meeting we discussed the duties of Town Administrator and Chief of Police. He said that they got together and came up with a memorandum of agreement, and it was approved by the Town Attorney. He would



like the approval of this document placed on the consent agenda for next week. ***The Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda.***

- **Commissioner Saunders** said that she doesn't have anything to report. She said that she does have a question regarding our sidewalk ordinance. She said that we need some clarity for business and the community. She said that some business owners have been told that when they develop or redevelop they will have to put a sidewalk in there. She said that is what the ordinance says, but what if the sidewalk is already there. She said that some business owners have said they have been told they must reimburse the Town. She said she would like some clarity on that. She said that she sees nothing in our existing ordinances that states that any business must reimburse the Town for existing construction. **Mayor Fowler** said that the General Assembly has addressed some of these issues because some legislation has been proposed that states it is not appropriate to do that. He suggested that we look up current legislation proposed now and remain aware of some of the ambiguities we have in our ordinances. He said that we may need to reassess what we are doing, and figure out if it is legal. **Commissioner Saunders** said we need to find out this information very soon because business owners have expressed desire in doing updates, but there have turned away from doing them because of this requirement.
- **Commissioner Evans** said that he doesn't want us to lose focus on becoming more business-friendly. He said that he would like us to look at our ordinances very closely to make them more business-friendly and move forward with the UDO process so we can work to better our community and proactively plan, He said that he would also like to see the land use plan updated. He said that he heard Swansboro got a grant to get it updated recently and would like Cape Carteret to try for that as well.
- **Commissioner Miller** had nothing to report.
- **Commissioner Truax** said that she and Commissioner Miller attended the Crimestoppers meeting, and discussed the issue with phone lines that are to be updated and how the system will be set up. She said the Carteret County Sheriff's Department will be working with Crimestoppers to get more tips. She said that there were many issues in Morehead City with theft recently. She said that she also wanted to read a statement to the Mayor, Commissioners, Town Administrator, staff and citizens. She read the following:

As you all know, I and my entire family have been struggling through a very personal issue that became public in large part due to an unsubstantiated allegation, misinformation, and exploitation by known individuals that were then reported by an anonymous female caller to the press last month. While the intent of those involved with this issue can only be speculated on, I want to report that today the District Attorney's office in conjunction with my daughter-in-law dismissed the charge against me. Because of my continued interest in serving the citizens of Cape Carteret, today I filed for re-election as your Town Commissioner. It is my deep held feeling to let the voters decide if I should continue to do the citizen's work. Thank you to those of you who have supported me, my family, and the work that goes on for the Town and its citizens.

- **Mayor's Report- Mayor Fowler** reminded the Commissioners that the four dates for the leaf and limb pick-up have not been decided. He said that the next pick-up will be sometime in September and that is quickly approaching. She asked that the Board get with staff if they have preferences, but he anticipates that we will have four pick-ups again this fiscal year. He asked that we finalize that next week and then get a Town Crier out so that we can put it on the web and notify citizens in that manner. We have not yet selected a contractor for this pick-up.
  - **Mayor Fowler** said that he has created a new folder with the coming budget year only. He said that in this he recommends the continuation of aggressive public works and infrastructure work, He thanked Commissioner Truax as well as Danny and his crew for all their work to improve the Town. He said that we have used Powell Bill money and budgeted money to complete these projects through a combination of internal work along with help from vendors, and it has paid off, He said that a lot of the streets and ditches have been improved and he would like to see a continuation of that.
  - **Mayor Fowler** recommended an early start to FY 2018-19 budget process because there will be many challenges in the coming year. He asked the Board to study what an enterprise fund is and whether we need to do that. He said it may be time for Cape Carteret to get involved in things like that. He said that some things we are looking at doing long-term and would require financing. He said that when there isn't a great amount of revenue coming in, we can't accommodate the ambition of our Mayor and Commissioners. He said he is glad we are visionary and want to get things done, but we have to find a way to pay for these things. He said that we also need to examine our professional service vendors. He said that a government can't do everything internally, especially being small, but we have to use our money wisely and outsource some services. He said it has done very well for us in the past. He said in the discussion of whether we outsource things, who we outsource them to, and what we can do internally to avert some of the expenditures, he asked that the Board examine all of our professional vendors.
  - **Mayor Fowler** also wanted to introduce a sequel to the Green Ribbon Committee. He said he would like to create a dialogue on where we have been, where we are now, and where we would like to be in the future. He said that the discussion that came out of the Green Ribbon Committee was very good, and some things we have done came out as a result of that committee about 4 years ago. He said that this created a dialogue with citizens, staff, and the Board as to what we are doing, how do we compare to other towns, and the short and long-term vision in Cape Carteret. He said that before that we lacked a lot of vision in what we will be like 20 years from now, and we were only concerned about this year. He said if you don't plan for upcoming years it will be tough. He said that he would like the Town to get involved in analyzing where we want to be short and long term. He introduced the Mayor's 2020 Project, which will define short and long-term vision regarding economic development. He said that we received many opinions in the survey we sent out a few years ago and he thinks initiating another committee will light a fire under people to get these things done to enhance the quality of life in Cape Carteret.
- **Attorney's Report-none.**

**XII. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (5) for the Economic Analysis of Property Acquisition**

*Commissioner Saunders moved to enter closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (5) for the property acquisition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried 5-0.*

The closed session began after a five-minute break. Town Clerk Ashleigh Huffman was excused.

**CLOSED SESSION**

*Commissioner \_\_\_\_ moved to enter open session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_, Motion carried 5-0.*

**OPEN SESSION**

**XIII. Adjournment**

*Commissioner \_\_\_\_ moved to adjourn at \_\_\_\_ p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_, Motion carried 5-0.*

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**David M. Fowler**  
Mayor

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**Ashleigh J. Huffman**  
Town Clerk