

**Town of Cape Carteret  
Board of Commissioners Minutes  
7:00 PM      February 18, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Cape Carteret Board of Commissioners' meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Debbie E. Stanley Board of Commissioners Room. The Mayor reminded everyone to please turn off all cell phones.

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH:**

Pia Martin is a second grader at White Oak Elementary. Her teacher is Mrs. Cristy Carpenter. The Mayor read the teachers comments.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Pia Martin

Pia thanked the board for inviting her. The Mayor commented that she is a role model because of her manners.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Allen Fox of Star Hill: This is a difficult one because Al attended more meetings than anyone else other than perhaps, Paxon Holz. He always sat in the first seat, of the first row. He was instrumental in getting the traffic slowed down at Taylor Notion and Hwy 58. He was a Board of Adjustment member. He will be missed.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor David Fowler  
Commissioners Seegers, King, Hunt, Patterson and Saunders  
Attorney Curtis, Carteret News Times, and 4 citizens

**ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA?**

Commissioner Hunt motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Seegers.  
***Vote approved 5-0***

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of January 14 and 21, 2013  
Commissioner Hunt motioned to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Commissioner King. ***Vote approved 5-0***

**Any Board or Committee Updates**

**Commissioner King:**

**Hike-Bike trail:** Mr. King said the board has to make a recommendation to DOT for a CEI Inspector (Construction, Engineer and Inspection): This person will inspect the thickness of the concert and verify it is being put in correctly. If any of the board members want to be involved in selecting an inspector they need to get a packet from Brandon. The decision needs to be made by the end of this week. Commissioner Hunt would like a packet.

**Restroom:** He sent out an email and did not receive any comments. If any board member has any input, please see him by the end of the week. Commissioner Seegers and Saunders would like a walk-through to see if any items can be eliminated from the list. Mr. King said he has given the board a bare bones list of changes for the restrooms.

**Mayor:** The board needs to decide if the town is going to have a Large Scale Pickup. It started years ago for picking up large scale appliances. It has turned into couches and old BBQ's. It was to help our elderly residents. The citizens have come to expect this service. We normally pick up in April, but we have leaf pick-up on April 8<sup>th</sup> and that will present some problems. The Mayor suggested that we put the information in the Town Crier stating we will do the pickup per request.

The clerk explained that Waste Industries brings a large dumpster and puts it in the maintenance yard. Buddy picks up the items one week on the south side, and the next week on the north side. When he is done, Waste Industries picks up the dumpster. They usually fill up two dumpsters. There was a short discussion:

Large Scale Pick Up main points:

- Before we schedule the pickup, let's see how many calls we get.
- It can't be done during the summer months of mowing and ditching.
- Maybe we can skip this year and do it next year.
- We should eliminate the program since companies now pick up old appliances when you purchase a new one.
- We should give people notice instead of just stopping it.
- This should be the last year we do this.
- What happens when you don't provide the service is the stuff ends up in their back yards and that's where it stays.
- To dump it themselves, they have to back a truck into the special dumpster at the site on Highway 58, and some people are older or are not in the best of health, they would have a hard time.
- The items are picked up by hand or by the loader, depending on the weight of the item.
- Let's keep a record of the items picked up, so we can tell if this is a service worth keeping.
- There are tax credits from the State for having this type of pickup. The town receives about \$385 a year.
- We need to get people to donate good items. The Hem of His Garment and Salvation Army will pick up items.
- There is doubt that the "By Request" will not work when changing the procedure with a short notice.
- The board will discuss keeping this service during the budget sessions.
- Suggestion: Put in the newsletter that residents need to call town hall. The clerks note what the item is and the address. The clerks tell them they may put the item on the right-of-way the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The men are given a map of the items to be picked up. Others in the neighborhood will see the items out and will put their stuff out too. Just like the leaf and limb pickup. The men may have to pick up a few more items but once they are done, they're done.

***Commissioner Hunt motioned to approve a Large Scale Pick Up for the week of March 25-28<sup>th</sup> by request only. The citizens must call by March 22<sup>nd</sup> and tell the clerk what the items are for pickup. The notice will be placed in the Tideland News, on the town website and in the Town Crier, seconded by Commissioner Patterson. Vote approved 4-1 (King-NO)***

The clerk will list the items to be picked up and map the addresses.

**Commissioner Seegers:** Would like to change the April scheduled leaf and limb pick-up date. No one agreed.

**CITIZENS TO SPEAK:** none

**OLD ITEMS**

**1. Approve applying for the “Division Pedestrian Enhancement Grant”**

The board approved this, last week, by consensus. This is the official vote for the record.

***Commissioner King motioned to approve applying for the Division Pedestrian Enhancement Grant, seconded by Commissioner Saunders. Vote approved 5-0***

**2. Resolution: To award the Hike-Bike Sidewalk Contract to the lowest responsible bidder**

The Mayor asked Brandon to read the resolution. ***Commissioner King motioned to approve the resolution with Sunland Builders as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$138,077, seconded by Commissioner Seegers.***

**Discussion:**

- A bond will be required.
- If there are any change orders, they would have to provide valid reasons that are not on the plans or specs, and that the change is a required necessity to be approved by DOT. The only thing that would require a change order would be something that was not visible to the eye until the contractor starts digging. ***Vote approved 5-0***

**NEW ITEMS:** none

**CITIZENS GENERAL COMMENTS**

The Attorney suggested that the town recognize Al Fox in some way. All agreed. A donation will be given to the Izaak Walton League in his honor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Patterson. ***Vote approved 5-0***

These are the minutes of February 18, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Zornes, NCCMC  
Town Clerk