

TOWN OF CAPE CARTERET
SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING & WORK SESSION MINUTES
7:00 PM March 11, 2013

Call to Order

The Cape Carteret Board of Commissioners meeting came to order at 7:00 PM in the Debbie E. Stanley Board of Commissioners Room.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Hunt.

Moment of Silence

Commissioner Seegers' sister, Sarah Denton, passed away last week.
The Mayor read a thank you letter from the Fox family for our donation to the Izzak Walton League in memory of their father, Al Fox.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Fowler
Commissioners King, Saunders, Seegers, Hunt
Commissioner Patterson arrived at 8 PM
Attorney Curtis, Anna with CNT, and 9 Citizens

Any changes to the agenda? No. On a motion by Commissioner Hunt the agenda was approved as is, seconded by Commissioner Saunders. ***Vote approved 4-0***

Public Hearing: Mrs. Shackelford requests a change to her business property from a B10 to a B20 zoning district.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked Brandon to explain the request.
The owner would like to allow her new tenant to open a beauty salon, which is not a permitted use under B10.

From the floor:

Paxon Holz: Approves the change and has confidence that she will maintain the standards that we have all come to expect.

Attorney Curtis: "For the record, I have reviewed the zoning request." There was a question if this would be considered spot zoning, and the answer is no. The property abuts another B20 zone. The attorney has no objections to the property being rezoned.

The meeting was closed on a motion by Commissioner Seegers, seconded by Commissioner Hunt. Vote approved 4-0

ACTION: ***Commissioner Hunt moved to approve the rezoning, seconded by Commissioner Saunders. Vote approved 4-0***

WORK SESSION MEETING

Planning Board Report & Building Inspector's Report: Brandon Hawks

- February fees collected were \$5927
- Multi-Use path update: A change order for a storm-water drop inlet that was not drawn

on the plans needs to be included. The cost is an additional \$2143 to the project. Commissioner King explained that the reason for this change order is that no one saw this error because it was covered up with debris. Brandon is awaiting approval from DOT for a shift in the path to go around the inlet.

- Commissioner Hunt asked Brandon how many inspections were performed in sixteen hours noted on his report. Brandon will print him off a report. Mr. Hunt would also like to know how many hours he spent on the bike path project.
- Resolution needs to be approved to hire the engineering inspector for the multi-use path.
- Public Hearing request: The planning board recommends to the BOC to hold a public hearing for the approval of the preliminary sub-division plat for the lot at the corner of Hwy 24 and Taylor Notion Road. It has been approved by the planning board to be subdivided into three parcels. One parcel will be a Handy Mart and a fast food restaurant. The second parcel will be for a retail sales building, to be determined, and the third is for a septic field for one of the parcels.
- The planning board recommends the change of the committee members as listed under the consent agenda.

Board of Adjustment: None

Police Chief's Report: Donald Miller

- The police department trailer has arrived. We received a grant for \$25,000, but we only spent \$16,000.
- The chief has hired a part-time officer who should start soon.
- Officer McKinney is recovering well and we hope he will be back to work next week.

Clerk's Report: Karen Zornes

As of March 1, 2013, 42 residents are delinquent in payment of taxes, and owe a total of \$13,784 for the tax year 2012.

Committee Reports

Fire Dept. & Interlocal Agency: Commissioner Seegers will give his report next week. Commissioner King spoke to the Chief about the fire truck that is in the proposed budget. He has an issue about the purchase of an additional truck. Our insurance rates did not drop because of we did not have this proposed additional truck, and with the staffing of five we can't man a third truck. Mutual-aid will get to the call before we can get the third truck rolling. He understands the chief's position but would rather see one truck sold and have the trucks staggered, so the department does not have two large items going down at the same time.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Seegers:

- Commissioner Hunt found a person, from Cedar Point, dropping off debris in the maintenance yard. The maintenance yard is now being locked.
- We have another leaf and limb pick-up in April.
- Buddy is scheduled to come back on April 1st.

Commissioner King: The resolution has been approved by Division of Marine Fisheries. Gill netting will be from 8:30 PM until sunrise, from October 1st to March 31st.

Mayor's Report

Green Ribbon Committee: The Mayor has been trying to get an economic plan started and he would like the town to partner with the County Municipal Initiative. He will email the commissioners a presentation that was presented by the Dept. of Commerce, East Carolina University and the EDC of Carteret County.

Letter to the editor: The Mayor responded to the letter about the hike-bike trail as being unnecessary. A White Oak Elementary School parent was critical about our sidewalk project, while the SRO funding debate was still unresolved. Most of the money spent on the sidewalk was spent three or four years ago, which coincides at the same time that Cape Carteret was the principal funder of the SRO. Neither project was of unanimous support by this town's board, yet both projects were passed by a majority vote. It is hard for the mayor to understand why anyone in support of an SRO at White Oak School would attack Cape Carteret, regardless of what project the town is pursuing. Cape Carteret has always been a leader in the support of an SRO. The town recently passed a resolution asking the County to fund an SRO at all primary and elementary schools. If the parent is sincere about having an SRO at White Oak School, the mayor suggests he/she discontinue attacking his/her allies and focus his/her energy on those, unlike Cape Carteret, who do not share the concerns for the children of Carteret County.

Tying up loose ends: The mayor has been having one-on-one talks with all the commissioners. The board discussed a list of things they wanted to get done and some of those things have taken a back seat. At the next meeting he would like everyone to figure out what we are going to do about the bathroom, the storm-water study, the street study and the leaf pick-up. Mr. Hunt, Mr. Josey and Mr. Gay have been working on the street study. We need to decide if the leaf pick-up will be outsourced or completed in-house. Mr. King would like a third party to come in and help with the storm-water runoff. The board discussed some of the issues, like the bathroom and the storm-water study, but the board will complete the discussion at next week's meeting. **(Agenda item)**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Agenda items)

February 11 & 18, 2013 Minutes

Tax Collector's re-appointment

Resolution of Support "A Coast Guard Community"

Move PB member, Bruce Gay to alternate member with a three-year term

Move PB member, Dennis Cox to regular member with a three-year term

Publish delinquent taxpayers in the Tideland News on March 27, 2013

OLD/PENDING ITEMS

1. April Leaf and Limb pick-up discussion: The board had a long discussion about the leaf and limb pick-up, discussing the pros and cons of outsourcing or picking it up in-house. **(Agenda item)**

Commissioner Patterson arrived at 8 PM

NEW ITEMS

1. Johnson Environmental and Disaster Services Contract: July 2013-14 Hurricane Season This is a contract to advertise for storm debris pick-up after the first 70 hours. (**Agenda item**)

2. Adoption of Cape Point private streets: President of the Cape Point Association came to the Mayor and asked if the town would be interested in taking over the streets. Buddy said the roads are in good shape, except for a small section that needs to be repaired before we take it over. There is a question about the street end by the Marina. (**Agenda item**)

Citizens to Speak: none

Announcements: none

CLOSED SESSION: 8:15 PM

Commissioner Hunt motioned to enter in to closed session to consult with our attorney and to give instructions concerning possible legal action as per G.S.143-318.11(a)(3), seconded by Commissioner Seegers. Vote approved 5-0

OPEN SESSION: 8:30 PM No action was taken.

Leave time for Buddy. The clerk asked if she could give Buddy some of her vacation hours to cover the days he would not get paid when returning to work. His paycheck will be one week of disability and one week of regular pay. During the disability week he may only use vacation days to cover the 33% they do not cover. Buddy has run out of vacation days. The board had no objection.

Commissioner King thanked John Ritchie for his help on the Rocky Run Creek resolution. He was surprised with the way it turned out. Citizens have asked if Mr. King will go after the giggers now, and he said no.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Commissioner Seegers motioned to adjourn at 8:40 PM, seconded by Commissioner Hunt. ***Vote approved 5-0***

These are the minutes of March 11, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Zornes, NCCMC
Town Clerk