



## ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7pm

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

6 The Town Board of Oriental Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 was called to order at 7pm. The  
7 Mayor Sally Belangia determined a quorum to be present. She said we have a Public Comment period, if you wish  
8 to speak please make sure you are signed up on the correct sheet. We will call the meeting to order with the Pledge  
9 of Allegiance.

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11 Present: Mayor Sally Belangia, Pro Tempore Barbara Venturi, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner White,  
12 Commissioner Winfrey, Commissioner Price, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox,  
13 Administrative Assistant Jeannine Russo and Members of the Public.

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### 15 1. Approval of Agenda

16 (a) **Commissioner Venturi** made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda. Seconded by **Commissioner Winfrey**.  
17 Motion passed 5-0.

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### 19 2. Consent Agenda: (Tab 1)

20 (a) Consider Approval of Minutes from Town Board Regular Meeting November 8, 2017

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22 **Commissioner Venturi** made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by **Commissioner Winfrey**.  
23 Motion passed 5-0.

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25 **3. Public Comment Period:** Mayor Belangia asked if anyone would like to speak. Limit comments to 3 minutes  
26 and comments to full board not individual.

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28 **Bill Hines, 1108 Link Lane:** Mr. Hines stated he understands we are a bird sanctuary and feels this would be a good  
29 thing to advertise, possibly put a sign at each end of town. Mr. Hines feels this would be a good way for newcomers  
30 to get a feel for what type of people live in Oriental. He also extended an invitation for anyone interested to attend  
31 the Offshore Seismic Blasting meeting Thursday (December 7) at Brantley's at 6pm (meet, greet and eat) and 6:30  
32 for the meeting.

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34 **Grace Evans, 301 Midyette Street:** Ms. Evans referenced a recent article in the County Compass regarding the  
35 government working with localities policing the areas around BT-9 and, possibly, BT-10. Ms. Evans stated that  
36 although it is all public waters but they do have jurisdiction for the restricted areas. She feels that this impacts our  
37 sailors and has impacted them through the years. Ms. Evans asks that the Town keep up with what the county does  
38 about it or what the Town thinks we ought to do. She feels the Town has had a good experience working with the  
39 military and the state in the past to ensure all interests were taken into consideration.

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### 41 4. Public Hearing requests

42 Manager Miller requests that the Board set a Public Hearing for their January meeting. Mr. Sharpe's request for  
43 short-term rental was pushed back as the Planning Board did not meet and their recommendation is needed for  
44 Public Hearing. They will meet on December 7 and forward their recommendation to the Board. In expectation that  
45 this happens, Manager Miller requests that a hearing be set for January. The Sutton SUP request has been put on  
46 permanent hold as the Suttons will be staying in their house.

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48 **Commissioner White** made a **MOTION** to set the Public Hearing for the Sharpe SUP for January 2. Seconded by  
49 **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 5-0.

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### 51 5. Any other old business

52 No old business to discuss.

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### 54 6. Swearing in Mayor and Board Members

55 **Mayor Belangia** and all Commissioners left the dais. Mayor Belangia presented plaques of appreciation to outgoing  
56 Commissioner/Mayor Pro Tempore Barbara Venturi and outgoing Commissioner Sandy Winfrey.

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58 Mayor Belangia, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner White, Commissioner Price, and newly elected  
59 Commissioners Eric Dammeyer and Dianne Simmons were sworn in (Oaths attached). All returned to the dais.

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61 **7. Any additions to the agenda from newly seated Mayor and Board**

62 No additions to the agenda.

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64 **8. Approval of the Agenda of New Business by the newly seated Mayor and Board**

65 There were no objections to the previously approved agenda.

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67 **9. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore**

68 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to nominate **Commissioner White** for Mayor Pro Tempore. Seconded  
69 by **Commissioner Price**. Motion passed 5-0. (Oath attached)

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71 Board Liaisons were assigned as follows:

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- 73 1. Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee – Commissioners White and Simmons
- 74 2. Parks & Recreation – Commissioners Dammeyer and Overcash
- 75 3. Planning Board – Commissioners Overcash and White
- 76 4. Tourism Board – Commissioner Simmons
- 77 5. Tree Board – Commissioner Price
- 78 6. Water Advisory Committee – Commissioner Price
- 79 7. Check Signing – Commissioners White, Overcash and Simmons
- 80 8. Eastern Carolina Council on Government – Commissioners Price and Overcash
- 81 9. Human Resources – Commissioner White
- 82 10. Mayor Pro Tem – Commissioner White
- 83 11. Monthly Bank Statements – Commissioner Price

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85 **10. January meeting agenda/Quarterly workshop scheduled for January 25, 2018**

86 The Quarterly Agenda Workshop will be held on January 25, 2018 at 4pm. Manager Miller asked for the Board to  
87 forward to her any topics, and bring documentation, that they would like to discuss. The final draft of the paperwork  
88 for the dog park will be available then. Manager Miller is still working on the draft.

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90 **11. Police Report**

91 Manager Miller delivered the police report as Officer Blayney is out of Town, but asked Manager Miller to relay to  
92 the Board that the boat that had been stolen had been recovered, half sunk, on the other side of the creek with no  
93 indication of who had taken it. A lot of business checks were done as well as assisting other law enforcement and  
94 assisting citizens. Officer Blayney assisted a boater staying at one of our docks that had a medical emergency. The  
95 boater has called us to let us know he was okay and that he would be coming back to get his boat. Commissioner  
96 White asked about his wellbeing and offered to pick him up if he needed a ride back to Town from the hospital.  
97 Manager Miller stated that the man had made plans to get back to Town. Officer Blayney also encouraged citizens  
98 to be more vigilant during the holiday season, locking doors, etc. and asks anyone in need of assistance to call him.  
99 We are working toward hiring the second officer, keeping this low key until we get passed the state exam. Manager  
100 Miller will make a public announcement when we are strongly headed down that road. Manager Miller is confident  
101 that they will complement each other.

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103 **12. Manager's Report.**

- 104 • Financials are attached. Commissioner Price had one question on last month's statement regarding a  
105 \$60,000 deposit which was a check from Lisa Thompson for the Sea Harbour project and is now complete.
- 106 • The sidewalk repair contract has been signed. Project should begin shortly after the holidays.
- 107 • PEV station is up and running. There will be an article on Towndock. It is an easy process, simply wave the  
108 card across it to unlock the handle. Manager Miller receives computer notification when someone is using  
109 one of the stations. The PEV allows users to get in a waiting line if one of the PEVs is in use and will be

110 notified on their mobile device when it is available. The stations are fully upgradeable so in the future if  
111 there is a need, we can add an additional charging handle. Also, if it becomes unsustainable, we have the  
112 ability to add a debit/credit card option. Currently, the cost to run it is .42 cents per hour so for now, we can  
113 absorb some of that. Infrastructure is already in place for this.

- 114 • Dog park installation has begun. Poles are up and fencing will be strung. It sits between the fire house and  
115 the gravel road and is the highest piece of land out there. There are sections for large and small dogs with a  
116 bullpen where you enter with your dog, close the gate and then enter the large or small area as a safety  
117 feature. We have paperwork from another successful dog park, which we have amended and has been  
118 legally vetted. There will be a simple registration process at Town Hall.
- 119 • Planning Board vacancies: The Town Board appoints this Board. Manager Miller has submitted several  
120 names and have bowed out. The Planning Board does a lot of work, are very thorough and Manager Miller  
121 would like to appoint people to that Board who will continue to work in that way. They do have to be town  
122 citizens.
- 123 • Manager Miller will be attending school in Chapel Hill from January 9-12.
- 124 • Town Hall will have limited staff on Friday, December 22 and will close at 3:30pm and will be closed  
125 December 25 and 26. Late fees will be applied at close of business on December 27. Payments can be left  
126 in the drop box.
- 127 • Andrew Cox will be out from December 13 until January 1.
- 128 • The annual Christmas party went very well. Merritt bonuses were distributed that day. The staff earned  
129 their bonuses the last two years and were budgeted as such. They earned between 1 and 3%. The advantage  
130 to this as opposed to a raise is this is not compounded to the next year. Raises are earned according to their  
131 evaluation, a 9-11 page evaluation and is given in one check. Performance has improved, fewer misreads,  
132 fewer problems, fewer absences with this process and Manager Miller feels this has been working well.
- 133 • Manager Miller addressed questions for the last Board meeting. Regarding the comment from Mr. Barton  
134 who quoted David Owens from the School of Government, Manager Miller spoke with him when she  
135 attended school the following week. Manager Miller and Mr. Owens thought of the same incident –  
136 Princeton [sic] (Princeville). This was the community that during Hurricane Floyd, where the most  
137 vulnerable population was in the least well constructed homes in the worst elevation. When this community  
138 was wiped out, there was no insurance to rebuild; they lived in FEMA trailers for an extended period of  
139 time. The Planning Board discussed this during the GMO revisions and posed the question, why would  
140 they allow the most vulnerable population to be in the worst built homes, so Class B was eliminated. After  
141 speaking with Mr. Owens, it cannot be eliminated by Class but there is a way to fix this. This is to remove  
142 Class altogether from the language altogether and to institute the standards that are defined as a Class A in  
143 our Ordinance with minimum length, width, etc. for manufactured homes. Stick built has no minimums  
144 where manufactured do so Planning Board removed the Classes from that language and removed the  
145 Classes from the GMO Permissible Use Table and then we will be compliant. This will be brought back to  
146 the Planning Board.
- 147 • Ethics class for Commissioners Simmons and Dammeyer is not yet scheduled. Generally, the ECCOG in  
148 New Bern hosts the class for the local elected officials required by statute.
- 149 • Adjustments to Spirit of Christmas: The weather is not looking good. Manager Miller spoke with Marsha  
150 Paplham and there may be adjustments to the luminaria, may go to Saturday. Notices have gone out and  
151 signs will be put up regarding the dock closures from Friday noon to Sunday noon. Town is on standby if  
152 anyone needs assistance.
- 153 • We are working on Christmas decorations that are getting damaged by large vehicles. Next year, we may  
154 turn them to the side to prevent this.
- 155 • Commissioner White commented that where it concerns the docks, if they gentleman with the medical  
156 emergency returns, we should not move his boat. Manager Miller spoke with him and told him to take his  
157 time.
- 158 • Anyone in the large boat flotilla was advised to contact Joe Valinoti at joesail@gmail.com. Larry  
159 Summers is coordinating the kayak flotilla.
- 160 • Mr. Fulcher's agent, Dennis Fornes, has contacted Manager Miller with a parking lot plan and has secured  
161 a list of preferred trees, shrubs and ground cover from Dr. Bob Miller of the Tree Board. The GMO states  
162 he should bring a plan to the Planning Board and the Planning Board should refer it to the Tree Board.

163 Manager Miller told him we will go through the Tree Board and then take all of it to the Planning Board. If  
164 we need to go back to the Tree Board afterwards we will.

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166 **13. Committee Reports.**

- 167 1. Tree Board – October 31, 2017  
168 2. Tourism Board – November 21, 2017  
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170 **14. Commissioners' comments.**

171 Commissioner Overcash wished to reinforce previous comments by Manager Miller regarding applicants to serve on  
172 the Planning Board. It is labor intensive and there are times where work is done outside of the meetings. He did state  
173 that it is rewarding as you help shape what happens in Oriental. Just be sure if you nominate someone or apply  
174 yourself, that there is a lot involved. Commissioner Price thanked the Oriental Woman's Club for cleaning up on  
175 Broad Street. Manager Miller stated that the Toys for Pamlico Kids will be picked up Friday for anyone interested in  
176 dropping anything off.  
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178 **15. Adjourn.**

179 Commissioner Price made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Simmons. Motion passed 5-0.

180 Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.  
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186 Sally Belangia, Mayor

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186 Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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