



ORIENTAL PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES

Wednesday, August 29, 2019 3:00PM
Oriental Town Hall – 507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chairman Aeschleman, , Member Barrow, Member Flaherty, Member Willi, Member Lohmar, LUA Miller, Vice Chair Lohmar, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash. Commissioner Simmons.

Chairman Aeschleman called the meeting to order at 3:01PM

BUSINESS- SOLAR POWER REGULATION

- Chairman Aeschleman notes that in agreeing to meet in a workshop setting for potential creation of any Ordinance that may be offered to the Board of Commissioners, the Planning Board noted that the scope of such an Ordinance would need to be defined first. Would it cover commercial and residential? Would it be thorough as the template posted by SOG and NC Solar officials? Would it require additional and separate permits? What would be the problem attempting to be fixed by creating such an Ordinance? Chairman Aeschleman asked all members to throw out their thoughts on the scope.
- Member Flaherty notes that screening, decommissioning, and forms that would be required to install would need to be determined first.
- Vice Chair Barrow cautioned the Board not to start with the details, and that we would need to have serious discussion concerning enforcement if a new Ordinance is created.
- Member Lohmar notes that inability to enforce is not a reason to not enact a protective Ordinance. We want to encourage the use of alternative energy within certain parameters.
- Member Willi notes it should be a permissive Ordinance and not a restrictive Ordinance, encouraging alternative energy use- allowing/not allowing primary use of residential property. Must address ground-mounted vs roof-mounted/integral.
- Member Lohmar notes the difference between residential use and commercial use being the use on the lot vs selling power to the power company.
- Chairman Aeschleman notes that, same as parking lot, can require screening.
- LUA Miller is directed to secure from County Building Inspector regulations and noted WHO does inspection on electrical connections when solar energy installed.
- In a consensus of 4-1 (Member Lohmar dissenting), the Board agrees that integral/roof-mounted can be regarded as an accessory use, not a primary use of a residential lot, ground mounted can be an accessory use, perhaps limited to 50% of the roof-mounted/integral space used.
- Mayor Pro Tempore encourages the Board to find the industry standards for installation/inspection paths. There are power company (Duke/Tideland) standards when hooked to electrical grid, none when off-grid.
- There is a need for defining ground-mounted.

- LUA Miller continues work on the vacant buffer zones in the GMO map.
- Addition to compliance forms will be needed to accommodate solar installation following Ordinance approval.
- Suggested reading- HB589 (Renewable Energy Law)

NON-AGENDA ITEMS / PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the Public attended.

ADJOURN Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM on a MOTION by Vice Chair Barrow with second from Member Flaherty. 5-0.

Stan Aeschleman, Chairman

Diane Miller, Clerk to the Board

Approved: _____

ORIENTAL TREE BOARD

Regular Meeting

August 27, 2019

The regular meeting of the Oriental Tree Board was held at Town Hall on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. All members were present.

AGENDA

1. Roll Minutes

2. Old Business

- * The position of Vice Chair was nominated and so elected: Missy Tenhet.

3. New Business

* Detailing Dorian storm related needs for pruning/removal/contract work - will conduct a survey damage.

* Determine dead tree at Freemason and 2nd Ave ownership and removal responsibility, per request of Diane Miller.

* Dead live oak at Academy and Main - remove. Town Crew?

* Yaupon at South Ave and New - stake and radical prune

* 207 Neuse - dead branch over street

* Neuse at boat house - remove 2 small dead trees

* Hophornbeam In Lupton Park - remove. Town Crew?

* Redbud on King - remove

4. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Toni Leavitt