



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, June 25, 2026 @ 9AM

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Jordan Officiating

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Public Comment: *Each speaker is asked to limit comments to three (3) minutes. Please wait to be recognized by the Mayor prior to speaking. Direct comments to the full board, not to an individual board member or staff member. Although the Board is interested in hearing your concerns, speakers should not expect Board action or deliberation on subject matter brought up during the Public Comment segment. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate town officials or staff and may be scheduled for a future agenda.*

3. Public Hearing Budget 2026-2027: (Tab 1) **This continues the Public Hearing on June 9, due to interference by the NC General Assembly and State Statute that does not allow us to change the tax rate once set.** *The proposed budget for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year was delivered to the Town Board by May 29, 2026 as required by Statute and was made available for public viewing at the same time. The Budget and schedules for the upcoming year may be approved following the Public Hearing. The Board has proposed no changes to the Fee Schedule (Chapter S) and has prepared 3 budgets as a result of the NC General Assembly's movement on a moratorium on tax revaluation. Depending on outcome, the Board has 3 proposal:*

A: set the tax rate at \$.16/\$100, down from \$.22/\$100 on the NEW valuation;

B: set the tax rate at \$.23/\$100 up from \$.22 on the OLD valuation;

C: An interim budget to get through Sept 2026, relying solely on fund balance.

The Board feels these are fiscally responsible budgets, fully funding all committee proposed projects, adding one additional Public Works employee, and serving the residents of Oriental as they have requested service.

4. Budget Amendment (Tab 2): *This is the annual amendment that gets all departments in balance prior to end of the Fiscal Year*

5. CAMA Permit Application and Response (Tab 3): *A response as the adjacent riparian owner is requested by July 16 to a permit request by (we think) Fulcher Point, LLC dba Point Pride Seafood, LLC. The intro letter has Garland Fulcher Seafood on it, the application has Fulcher Point, LLC (as GIS has it), and the address of the business corresponds to Point Pride Seafood in our water records. The Harbor and Waterfronts Committee gathered to formulate a response that may be used by the Town Board.*

6. Aux Board appointments (Tab 4): *The Board realigned appointments to the end of the year and chose to take all applications in together for available vacancies.*

7. Tourism Ordinance- Repeal and Replace (Tab 5): *Commissioner Cooper puts forth a replacement Ordinance for Tourism (Chapter L). Also attached is new legislation further restricting the use of Occupancy Tax funds- we are within these guidelines.*

8. Mayor and Commissioners Comments/Manager's notes

9. Adjourn Next meetings scheduled: July 14, 2026, 6PM