

Town of Onancock, Virginia  
Planning Commission Meeting  
Tuesday  
May 16, 2017  
5:30 P.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairman Fletcher Fosque called the meeting to order at 5:27 P.M.

Commission members Bill Bagwell, Ridgway Dunton, Fletcher Fosque, John Simpkins, and Buck Walters were present. Commission members Judith Grier and Scott Schreiber were absent. A quorum was established.

Minutes:

Chairman Fosque asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes. Commission member Ridgway Dunton asked that his name be spelled correctly in the March 21, 2017 meeting minutes.

Commission member Bill Bagwell made a motion to approve the March 21, 2017 minutes as corrected. Commission member Ridgway Dunton seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Items of Business:

Comprehensive Plan Review

Discussion: Commission member John Simpkins presented his review of Section 9 Natural Resources, Topography and Soil. Commission member Simpkins questioned why the Onancock Creek was not covered in this section and said he inserted a comment (or intended to) that it is covered in Section 7 Community Facilities. As far as planning and implementation he did not know what kind of plan there was for Natural Resources other than what is listed under goals and objectives.

Chairman Fosque asked if the Town had flood insurance or is it covered under our normal policy. Town Manager William Kerbin stated we participate in FEMA, a national flood insurance program. Chairman Fosque asked if the Town owned any property in the flood plain other than the water and sewage treatment plant. After discussion of where the actual flood plain lines are located and what properties are in the flood plain, Chairman Fosque stated we should make sure the Town is covered for flood insurance and stated it was not part of the plan but he wanted to know.

Commissioner Simpkins stated the need for the Town to have a reference to the groundwater supply and the Onancock Creek included in Section 9, Natural Resources. After some discussion about what parts of the Onancock Creek are included in the town limits and regardless of ownership it was agreed upon by the commission members to be in the best interest of the Town to see all of the Onancock Creek cared for and maintained. Chairman Fosque noted that all the water resources are covered in Section 8- Water /Wastewater.

Commission member Bill Bagwell presented his review of Section 3-Transportation and Section 7- Community Facilities. He stated in Section 7- Community Facilities under the heading Onancock Wharf that the three slips rented to commercial waterman is not the case anymore. In section 3-Transportation he stated under the heading Tangier Ferry that the Tangier Ferry Service Committee is not an active committee anymore and needs to be deleted. He stated in Section 7-Community Facilities under the heading Parks and Recreation, an insert needs to be added about Civil War veteran Edmund Bagwell that is more historically accurate and under the heading Goals and Objectives, support of Ker Place needs to be added.

Chairman Fosque stated that he added a more historically accurate statement about Civil War veteran Edmund Bagwell.

Commissioner Bagwell asked if there was a transportation plan in the Town Office. Chairman Fosque affirmed there was a plan. Chairman Fosque stated that the State did a regional plan many years ago that included a bypass around Onancock to Cashville.

Commissioner Bagwell pointed out that in Section 4-Economy under Inventory and Analysis of Existing Conditions paragraph four includes an oil company which is no longer operational and needs to be deleted.

Chairman Fosque presented his review of Section 6- Historic Resources. He stated it was a pretty short section. The state did a historic survey to establish an historic district but it does not hold any weight, it is in name only. After some discussion about the goals and objectives, the commission agreed to leave the objectives as written.

Chairman Fosque was responsible for reviewing Section 1- Population. Chairman Fosque stated he needed more time to work on this section because it contained a lot of data.

Commission member Bill Bagwell pointed out that in Section 5-Housing under Inventory and Analysis of Existing Conditions paragraph five, last sentence, beginning with the words (In addition) needs a noun or a sentence restructure. He also stated the commission needed new numbers for this section as well.

Chairman Fosque reviewed the Sections to be discussed at the next meeting (Sections 1,4,5 and 8).

Chairman Fosque asked Town Manager Bill Kerbin if he had spoken to Tom Brockenbrough (the maker of the Town's current map) about getting a new zoning map and asked if the map was accurate or have there been zoning changes since that last one was made. Chairman Fosque asked the commission members to let him or Town Manager Kerbin know if there were any changes in the last five to ten years

to the zoning. He also stated that the Onancock School had been zoned Parks and Recreation and is now zoned Cultural.

Commission member Bill Bagwell noted that the Carnival Grounds have been rezoned as well.

Chairman Fosque also asked if any commission members knew anything about a subdivision that may have been approved north of Kerr Street and Jackson Street. (It would have been around the time Sandra Manter served on the Town Council). The property is near the Armory and was owned by a man from Ocean City who also owns Duncan Manor. After some discussion it was agreed it had been approved but not recorded and more information was needed.

Public Comment:

None

Chairman Fosque noted that the special use permit for the apartment above Janet's Onancock General Store & Café and Wise's Drug Store would run with the property.

Adjourn:

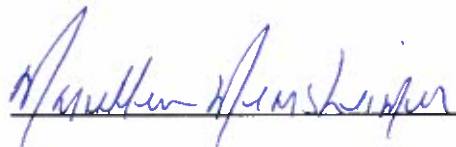
Commission member John Simpkins made a motion to adjourn.

Commission member Bill Bagwell seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.



Fletcher Fosque, Chairman



Mariellen Mearsheimer, Deputy Clerk