

Town of Onancock
Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday
January 21, 2020
5:30 P.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairman Judith Grier called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.
Commission members Bill Bagwell, Robert Bloxom, Larry Frey and Judith Grier were present.
Commission members Ridgway Dunton and Matt Spuck were absent. A quorum was established.
Town Manager William Kerbin and Deputy Clerk Mariellen Mearsheimer were present.
Commission member Scott Schreiber arrived late.
Town resident Jim McGowan, and residents and Onancock Main Street Initiative board members
Barbara Johnsen and Janet Fosque were also in attendance.

Minutes:

*Chairman Grier asked for a motion to approve the October 15, 2019 minutes.
Commission Member Robert Bloxom made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
Commission member Bill Bagwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice
vote.*

Commission member Bagwell requested the Planning Commission look at modifying the regulations in
the business districts to allow for living on the first floor of buildings with a business in front. He asked
that it be a future agenda item.

Items of Business:

Chairman Grier introduced and welcomed Jim McGowan and stated he will be leading the visioning
session. Mr. McGowan handed out copies of the input collected from residents at the workshop held in
September 2019. He stated the group would use this information to develop a vision statement,
consisting of one or two sentences, for the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. McGowan then had those in
attendance split up into two groups to work on a vision sentence.

Discussion followed.

Group Ones' vision sentence: In ten years Onancock will be a quaint and cosmopolitan community that
is vibrant, livable and safe.

Group Twos' vision sentence: In ten years Onancock will be a thriving year-round, waterfront
community that embraces its historic character while poised for the future.

Mrs. Fosque read aloud the Onancock Mainstreet Initiative Groups' vision statement: Historic
downtown Onancock is the commercial and cultural part of a thriving waterfront community.

Discussion followed.

The vision statement the group agreed on after discussion; Onancock will continue to be a safe, thriving, year-round waterfront community that embraces its historic character and cultural assets while poised for the future

Mr. McGowan stated the next step would be to confirm existing land use.

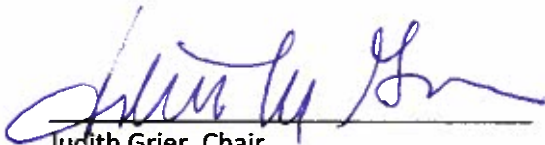
Public Comment:

None

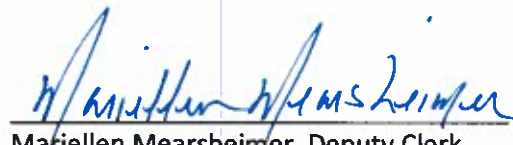
Adjourn:

Chairman Grier asked for a motion to adjourn. Commission member Bloxom made a motion to adjourn. Commission member Frey seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.



Judith Grier, Chair



Mariellen Mearsheimer, Deputy Clerk