

**Town of Onancock
Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2026
6:00 PM**

1. Call to order and roll call. – Mayor Fletcher Fosque called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and roll was called. Council members Lisa Fiege, Omar Grubb, Cindy Holdren, Sarah Nock, Ashley Pettit, Ann Quigley, and Mayor Fletcher Fosque were present. Interim Town Manager Bill Porter and Town Clerk Debbie Caton were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Quigley moved to amend the agenda with three items for Council’s consideration for action. Councilmember Quigley would like to request the reappointment of two Economic Development Authority (EDA) Directors and the consideration of appointment for a new applicant. Councilmember Holdren seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

3. Consider the meeting minutes:

a. Regular Meeting, February 23, 2026 - Councilmember Fiege moved to approve the meeting minutes. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

4. Public Hearing

a. None Scheduled

5. Public Presentation

a. None Scheduled

6. Council Discussion

a. None Scheduled

7. Council Action

a. Consideration of Kendra Sterns’ reappointment to the EDA –
Councilmember Quigley moved to reappoint Kendra Sterns to the EDA for a

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four-year term beginning March 23, 2026. Councilmember Fiege seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

b. Consideration of Bill Chandler’s reappointment to the EDA –

Councilmember Quigley moved to reappoint Bill Chandler to the EDA for a four-year term beginning March 23, 2026. Councilmember Fiege seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

c. Consideration of Molly Margeson appointment to the EDA –

Councilmember Quigley moved to appoint Ms. Margeson to the EDA. Councilmember Fiege seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

d. Purchase of equipment at NE Park – Interim Town Manager Porter

presented the equipment specifications and the quoted price from the vendor. Councilmember Nock moved to allow Interim Town Manager Bill Porter to purchase the equipment requested (full resolution is attached.) Councilmember Fiege seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

8. Committee Reports

a. Planning Commission (Cindy Holdren) – Councilmember Holdren reported the Planning Commission met Monday, March 2, 2026, and discussed the request from Town Council regarding revisions to zoning ordinances B1 and B2. Commissioner Jim McGowan plans to create a draft that the Planning Commission can review and forward to the Town Council. The Comprehensive Plan continues to be reviewed and discussions about the work that has been completed in various areas as well as the organization of the plan.

b. Economic Development Authority – (Ann Quigley) - Councilmember Quigley reported the EDA met Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Councilmember Quigley was elected as the new Chairperson for the EDA. The replacement of the Vice Chair will be discussed at the next meeting. A remote participation policy was approved. EDA is seeking lawyer representation and is in contact with DHCD to ensure the Authority is fully informed about current parameters for the revolving loan funds in respect to any limitations for lending funds.

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9. Community Reports

- a. Onancock Main Street (OMS) (Lisa Fiege)** – Councilmember Fiege reported OMS officially submitted the VTC Marketing Leveraging Program grant application. The request was for \$20,000 with an equal cash match from the town. This funding would allow OMS to continue the digital marketing efforts to promote the town, which got almost two million views on social media and directed over 100,000 visitors to the visitor website (experienceonancock.com). A tourism workshop is scheduled for May 4, 2026, at Bizotto’s. The workshop is for businesses in the area. Speakers from VTC Tourism and ESVA Tourism will discuss trends in tourism, what is happening on the Shore and will explain overall goals of VA Main Street.
- b. Historic Onancock School (HOS) (Sarah Nock)** – Councilmember Nock reported Corey Kavulich, Executive Director will present HOS’ annual report at the April 27, 2026, Town Council meeting. Clean up and restoration work from the fire continues. The projected timeline for cleanup is three to four months. Councilmember Nock reminded everyone that the playground, disc golf, nature trail and soccer fields are still open. The following upcoming events are scheduled:
- Annual Blooms and Brushes – Saturday, May 30, 2026.
 - Onancock Sails Forward – Friday, June 12, 2026, Brasswinds Band 6:00 – 9:00 PM.
 - Onancock Sails Forward – Saturday, June 13, 2026, Fil Rhythm Band 6:00 – 8:45 PM.
 - Onancock Sails Forward – Saturday, June 13, 2026, Fireworks display – 9:00 PM.
- c. OBCA (Dana Simson)** – Ms. Simson, Acting VP, discussed OBCA’s mission to bring neighbors together to do good things that build community, and creates special events for Onancock. They are also stepping up to help the town address areas that need positive change. OBCA collaborated with residents to improve and beautify the Northeast Park and collaborated with the Waterfront Committee to restore the Wharf sign along with cleaning up the parking area before the Onancock Sails Forward event. There will be a volunteer opportunity on April 9, 2026.

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- d. **Onancock Sails Forward – (Lisa Fiege)** – Councilmember Fiege reported the committee met Friday, March 13, 2026. Marketing strategies are continuing with radio ads, billboards, and social media. OMS is hosting a Business Workshop to prepare the local businesses for the event. Councilmember Fiege asked everyone to consider volunteering for the weekend.

10. Public Comments

- **Kasey Grier** – Ms. Grier’s full statement is attached.
- **Joe Devaney** – Mr. Devaney’s full statement is attached.
- **Mark Sinclair** – Mr. Sinclair supports Mr. Devany’s comment about the audit request after the resignation of the former Town Manager. Mr. Sinclair would like to see the Queen Street Parking Lot project come to fruition since the owners of the Lilliston Building have upgraded their parking lot. He also recommended the benches at Northeast Park be anchored to a concrete pad.
- **Javon Smith** – Mr. Smith thanked the Town Council for approving the new park equipment at Northeast Park. Mr. Smith asked if the benches would be on concrete pads. Interim Town Manager Bill Porter explained the benches are shipped with an anchoring system and upon delivery, a plan will be discussed with the best practice for anchoring.
- **Thelma Gillespie** – Ms. Gillespie thanked DPW for restoring the water at Northeast Park but asked for a lock so it can be used for specific events.

- 11. Mayor’s Report** – Mayor Fosque thanked DPW for the hard work. He stated a new excavator was delivered to replace the failing backhoe. Mayor Fosque had a request from a member of Accomack County’s Board of Supervisor for a letter of support for the upgrades to the translator TV system.

- 12. Town Manager’s Report** – The full report is a part of the Town Council meeting packet.

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- a. **Financial Report** -The full report is a part of the Town Council meeting packet.
- b. **Police Report** – No report is available.

13. Town Councilmember Comments

- a. Councilmember Fiege thanked OBCA for a fabulous St. Patrick’s Day parade. She also thanked town staff for the continued hard work.
- b. Councilmember Grubb requested communication to residents about the delays in chipping.
- c. Councilmember Holdren attended a talk by Miriam Riggs at Shore History on the history of Onancock. The talk was recorded and posted on www.shorehistory.org. Councilmember Holdren encouraged everyone to watch the recording if they did not attend in person.
- d. Councilmember Nock – no comments.
- e. Councilmember Pettitt -no comments.
- f. Councilmember Quigley commented she thinks the Town of Onancock is fortunate to have citizens who are concerned about what is happening in the town and are willing to share their opinions. The St. Patrick’s Day parade represented one of the best things about Onancock.

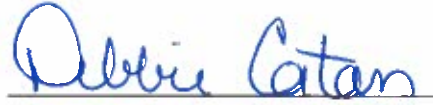
14. Closed Session – None Scheduled

15) Adjourn – Councilmember Fiege moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Nock seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

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Fletcher Fosque, Mayor

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Debbie Caton, Town Clerk