

TOWN of SOUTH BETHANY
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2018

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dick Oliver called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Dick Oliver, Scott Fischer, John Janowski, Sharon Polansky, Joe Conway via phone

Absent: Linda Lewis and Town Council Liaison, Tim Shaw

Other attendees: Chief Crowson

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to Adopt the April 6, 2018 Minutes approved by Scott Fischer and seconded by Sharon Polansky.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The protocol of communication was discussed. It was decided that PC Liaison share his Planning Commission reports that are submitted to Town Council back with the Planning Commission.

Street Light Master Plan: Chairman Oliver suggested a change in the Authority section. It should now read: The Commission's will provide recommendations and options to the Mayor and Town Council for their consideration, approval and action. The Commission does not have the authority to commit the Town or its Officers to take any action or incur any financial obligations.

Sharon Polansky recommended that the once the Street Lighting Master Plan is adopted, that the Plan becomes part of Town Code.

Scott Fischer offered to contact Jim Smith from Delmarva Power with questions to narrow down the best candidate of the lighting fixtures from Delmarva Power. As second option, Fischer will ask Jim Smith the manufacturer who supplies Delmarva Power to review additional fixtures, to see if they are available.

A third option will be to go outside of Delmarva Power and their supplier; and go to an independent. An independent means we will need to purchase free standing poles, since Delmarva Power will not let us use their poles with an independent supplier.

Advisory Shoulders: Chairman Oliver wrote a memo on May 2, 2018 to Mayor Voveris recommending we remove the yellow lines and place "walk safe face traffic" stencils. Chairman Oliver asked the Mayor to place the "yellow lines and stencils" on the Agenda for the Town Council meeting to review, but it was not placed on the Agenda. Chairman Oliver contacted the Mayor, and she stated she spoke with Del Dot and Del Dot prefers signs vs stencils. Chairman Oliver also stated the Mayor did not respond to his May 2, 2018 memo, so he will follow up with the Mayor regarding the email.

John Janowski mentioned due to the fund shortage there will not be any resurfacing of the road, therefore the yellow lines will not be removed. Janowski emailed the Fenwick Island Town Manager, Terry Tieman, asking the cost to place 24 stencils in their town. Janowski also mentioned the Fenwick Island stencil were not from Del Dot, but from the Governor's Office on Safety.

NEW BUSINESS

Beach Access: Concern was addressed to begin an investigation of ways to improve beach access considering the oncoming beach replenishment that is going to take place this summer. The April 27th memo to Town Council and Town Manager, the Commission suggested that Council initiate action incident to our replenishment planning and meetings with DNREC. Possibly, a small ad hoc group to bring focus and resources to the issue. The Commission offered to provide a participant to assist. There was no response to the memo. Chairman Oliver will follow up with another email to the Mayor.

Sharon Polansky officially gave her resignation since she will be moving and selling her home. Chairman Oliver will contact Dave Wilson to return to the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chief Troy stated the Maintenance Department has removed the speed sign on Tamarack and sent it out for repair. The Chief suggested removing the sign on York Road and place it on Tamarack in the interim. Chairman Oliver and Janowski asked to meet with the Chief after the meeting to discuss the signs and the yellow lines.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 pm.
The next scheduled meeting is July 20, 2018.