

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY  
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 25, 2019**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Saxton called the July 25, 2019, Town Council Workshop Meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Councilmembers Derek Abbott, Sue Callaway, Dick Oliver, Carol Stevenson, Frank Weisgerber, and Mayor Tim Saxton; Town Manager Maureen Hartman; Chief Jason Lovins; and Administrative Assistant Pam Smith.

Excused Absences: Councilmember Don Boteler

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES – JULY 12, 2019, TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Councilmember Oliver, seconded by Councilmember Abbott, to accept the July 12, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

**UPDATE ON THE TOWN-WIDE PARKING PROJECT**

Mayor Saxton noted that Council already approved this project and it will go into effect next season (2020). After discussion, it was agreed that the Chief of Police and the Town Manager will bring a proposal to Council at a future meeting. Mayor Saxton said he is open to the proposal including the entire west side or part of the west side.

**DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE BUILDING RENOVATIONS TO TOWN HALL**

Council reviewed two construction drawings (Option 1 and Option 2) regarding renovations to Town Hall. Both options provide an enclosed hallway for security purposes (as recommended by the auditors and police chief), two additional restrooms (brings building up to code), and a water fountain for the public. Option 2 also includes an area added on and located behind the dais of which half could be used for storage and half could be used as a caucus room for meetings.

After discussion, Council agreed to bring their lists of important needs for the renovations to the next Town Council Workshop Meeting or Town Council Regular Meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ESTABLISHING A COALITION WITH THE TOWN OF BETHANY BEACH TO PETITION STATE GOVERNMENT TO ENHANCE SAFETY ON DELAWARE ROUTE 1 SOUTH OF THE INDIAN RIVER INLET**

Motion by Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Stevenson, for the Town Manager and Mayor to approach Bethany Beach, Middlesex, Bayview Park, and Sea Colony to establish a coalition to petition the state government to enhance safety on Delaware Route 1 south of the Indian River Inlet. Motion unanimously carried.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLISHING PERIODICALLY TO RESIDENTS THE COMMUNITY VALUES FOUND IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

At Councilmember Oliver's suggestion, Council agreed to post the Comprehensive Plan's Community Values on the Town website, in the Town Hall lobby, in the ZEPHYR, and in the welcome bags.

**DISCUSSION OF TOWN CODE § 145-9 VISION CLEARANCE AT CORNERS**

After discussion, Council agreed to task the Charter and Code Committee with writing an ordinance to revise and strengthen Town Code § 145-9, Vision Clearance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jack Whitney, 105 Boone Rd. – Read a statement in which he asked the Town to take safety measures to warn drivers of the boat ramp at the end of York Dr.

Kirsti Rogers, 163 Layton Dr. – Complained about not being able to enter Black Gum Dr. from Kent Ave. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 15 to September 15.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Before adjourning, Mayor Saxton announced a survey from DNREC regarding prioritizing dredging projects. The Town will send out a news update encouraging property owners to take the survey.

Motion by Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Weisgerber, to adjourn the July 25, 2019, Town Council Workshop Meeting at 5 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

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