



MINUTES
TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH
Work Session, Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
August 7, 2006
6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Councilman Len Steiner
Councilman Carl Bazemore
Councilman Lou DeVita
Councilman Bob Bobinski
Councilman Ron Watts

Members Absent

Mayor Ron Klein

Others present

Linda Fluegel, Town Administrator
Mike Isenberg, Town Attorney
Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

Work Session - 6:30 pm

Fluegel started the meeting by saying the Dept of Transportation Board meets this month and they would let her know what was decided about the proposed bridge delay. She would keep them informed when she knew something.

Regarding the Sand Dune Ordinance on the Agenda, Bobinski read the ordinance aloud and asked Isenberg if \$100 was the limit on civil citations. Isenberg said no, it wasn't, but the fine couldn't be too punitive. He had spoken with the Institute and felt that \$500.00 was probably the top. Steiner said it currently appeared there were occasions for hardship cases and why wouldn't Board of Adjustments have the final say? Fluegel said BOA was for the permitting process; this was not something that would go to them. Steiner felt it was something that would go to the Building Inspector. Devita asked why they couldn't get a variance. Isenberg said a variance would go directly to the BOA. They only hear appeals on the staff's decision. He stated they could require that any changes regarding cutting of vegetation would require adjacent property owners to be notified. He stressed this was not in the *zoning* ordinances but they could set out in writing certain criteria to give the staff legal guidance. They could not do this arbitrarily so

the more conditions there were in writing the better. Steiner suggested the height limitations were subjective; maybe "line of sight" would be better. Council agreed to table the sand dune ordinance after the Public Hearing. Fluegel asked for a copy of Bobinski and Steiner's written suggestions on this.

There was discussion about the trash cans being pushed back and the time frame allowed. Bazemore asked for a trial period to push them back just on the island. Steiner felt the majority of the town was probably in violation with the current time frame. Watts asked what the islanders and their renters were supposed to do. What about those leaving on Sunday? Bobinski and DeVita felt it was not fair to do just the island, that it was a problem for the whole town. The decision was to have Fluegel place an ad and solicit for services to push the cans back after the garbage has been collected. She would report the results to council.

Fluegel stated the NC Inlet and Waterway Association sent another invoice for membership. After discussion, Council again rejected the idea of joining.

Council Meeting -7:00 pm.

1 & 2. Call to Order & Pledge

Mayor Pro-Tem Bazemore called the meeting to order and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Minutes of Work Session and Regular Called Meeting July 3, 2006 and July 5th, 2006.

Motion by Steiner to adopt both sets of minutes, Seconded by Watts. Motion Carried.

4. Public hearing:

a. Amendment to 150.306 Alteration to Sand Dunes

No comments

b. Adoption of Brunswick County's Updated Solid Waste Management Plan

No comments

c. Amendments to Zoning Ordinances

No comments

5. Reports

a. Administrator – None

b. Finance - None

c. Police- Chief Massey gave a brief report.

d. Fire Department – Chief Barbee gave a brief report.

e. Public Works: John Hancock provided a brief report to Council and produced pictures taken of the recycling bin behind the fire department. He stated it was getting no better. Watts suggested getting through the season but removing it in September. Council agreed to remove it by September 15th.

f. Building Inspections: see report attached.

6. New Business

a. Reschedule the September Meeting due to Labor Day.

Motion by Watts to reschedule September's meeting from the 4th to Tuesday the 5th, 2006 with the work session beginning at 6:30. Seconded by DeVita. Motion Carried.

b. Planning Board Recommendations:

- i. Sea Horse Estates (in Sea Trail Plantation) for information only
- ii. Jaguar's Lair (Angel's Trace) for information only

7. Old Business:

a. Amendment to #150.306 Alterations to Sand Dunes

Motion by Steiner to table, Seconded by Watts. Motion Carried.

b. Adoption of Brunswick County's Updated Solid Waste Management Plan

Motion by Watts to accept Solid Waste Plan, but to notify the County of the removal of the recycling bins, Seconded by Bobinski. Motion Carried.

c. Amendments to Zoning Ordinances

Motion by DeVita to adopt, Seconded by Bobinski. Motion carried.

8. Open for Discussion:

Watts inquired if the zoning ordinance regarding the tree preservation adopted tonight excluded existing single family housing? Fluegel replied yes.

Steiner stated the tree ordinance amendments now cover all zoning districts—the other change had to do with water access; it restricts a residence to two boat slips and one pier.

Stan Goldstein, Sea Trail, stated the planning board was organizing out a questionnaire regarding what the concept of Sunset Beach should be. He felt that while it was admirable, the town and its boards should live by the current mission statements, which he read aloud. He felt the state's plan regarding the 12% impervious surface was a good idea and wished the town to follow suit. He requested a pro-action committee be formed consisting of Planning Board, Council members and citizens investigate how to retain the small town character. He then asked which council member wished to volunteer. Mayor Pro-Tem Bazemore thanked him for his comments and reminded him this was a public comment period only.

Richard Cerrato, Twisted Oak Lane read a prepared statement on the proposed sewer assessments and what he felt was a rude employee. Statement is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Charles Nern, 647 Oyster Bay Dr. asked Chief Massey again how many summonses were issued during July 4th? He felt fireworks were terrible and would catch someone's house on fire. If it happens, who was responsible? He also felt there should be control on development in Sunset Beach.

Ernest Hewett, NAACP stated he came to appeal to the council on diversity. He was raised here and the speech he was making was the same speech he made to all communities. He asked Council to please think about diversity when hiring; he wanted council to think about this when qualified people applied for jobs.

“People all over the world were thinking about this place” “If the good master called you before morning, and your time was out, could you say you did the best you could?” Mayor Pro-Tem Bazemore thanked him for his comments.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Steiner.

Attest:

Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

