

**Town of Fenwick Island
Minutes of the Charter & Ordinance Committee Meeting
May 7, 2014**

Call to Order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Committee Members Bill Weistling, Gene Langan, Roy Williams, Ben Waide, Diane Tingle, Merritt Burke and Pat Schuchman

Absent: Winnie Lewis, Mike Quinn

Public in Attendance: Buzz Henifin, Gabby Mancini

Minutes:

- Diane Tingle made a motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2014 seconded by Gene Langan. Motion passed.

Issues for Discussion & Possible Action:

- Bill Weistling began discussion stating that the draft amendment to Chapter 160 (Zoning) regarding fences, commercial setbacks and sidewalks were reviewed by the Town Attorney who made minimal changes to the draft.
- Regarding sidewalks, Bill referred to the proposed amendment to Chapter 160-5F which will reference Chapter 140-2 and include substantial improvements
- The proposed amendment to Chapter 160-8A(9)(b)[2] a.2 will also include substantial improvements.
- The proposed amendment to Chapter 140-2 (Sidewalks) will reference Chapter 160-8A(9)(b)[2].
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- The next item for discussion for was Chapter 112 (Vehicle Sign on Commercial Properties).
- Bill researched ordinances from other municipalities and found that those from San Francisco and Miami seemed to address the same concerns that we have in Town.
- He mentioned that our previous Town Attorney cautioned us to not pass such an ordinance citing the difficulty in enforcement.
- Bill added that we need to define what we consider as a vehicle being used only for a sign and be careful that the vehicles are not incident to the business or service being conducted.
- At this time there are several business which clearly are using their vehicles as advertisement since the vehicles do not move otherwise.
- Chief Boyden has copies of both the San Francisco and Miami ordinances and is reviewing them.
- The committee all agreed they would like to see some enforcement in the commercial zone but not in the residential zone.
- Bill will draft an amendment for further discussion at the June meeting.
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- Chapter 116 (Peace and Good Order) was the next item for discussion on the agenda. After the request by Ropewalk to have their Oyster Fest last month it was found that special events permits are required for those who ask for the use of public property.
- This discussion was to consider whether to require special events permits for both the use of public property as well as special events on commercial property.
- The number of persons and the fee for the special events permit will be discussed at the May 23rd Town Council meeting.

Comprehensive Plan:

- No report.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.
- Discussion as follows:
 - o Chapter 112 – Vehicles Signs on Commercial Properties
 - o Chapter 116 – Special Events Permits

Old:

None

New:

None

Adjourn:

- Gene Langan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ben Waide. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.