

**Town of Fenwick Island
Minutes of the Charter & Ordinance Committee Meeting
December 2, 2016**

Call to Order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Committee Members Bill Weistling, Bernie Merritt, Mike Quinn, , Vicki Carmean, Bill Mould, Doug Lopez, Chief Boyden and Pat Schuchman

Absent: Roy Williams

Public in Attendance: Laura Walters, Virginia Davidson

Minutes:

- Mike Quinn made a motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2016 seconded by Vicki Carmean. Motion passed.

Issues for Discussion & Possible Action:

- Bill Weistling began the meeting by informing the committee members that on Thursday, December 8, 2016 there will be a public meeting held with the Town Attorney regarding proposed changes to the Charter Section 9 on Voting.
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- Mr. Weistling continued onto discussion of Chapter 112 – Parking - and the request by Councilmember Bunting to increase the number of handicap parking spaces on the beach ends. There are currently three handicap parking spaces along these areas, Bayard Street being designated as having a handicap ramp for beach access.
- The request was to increase to a handicap space for each street beach end. Mr. Weistling informed all committee members that this was reviewed by the Town Attorney who confirmed that the Town was within its rights to restrict parking in Town based on having parking available for its residents and property owners and that a disability is not a factor on available parking.
- Chief Boyden verified that there are few complaints each summer but felt it would be an effort in good public relations to waive the required parking permit now required for these handicap parking spaces. He recommended at least one more handicap parking space be added to Bayard Street beach end.
- All agreed to recommend to Town Council to leave the handicap parking spaces and required parking permit as is with the possibility of one or two additional handicap parking spaces on Bayard Street.
- Mr. Weistling added that the Town Attorney also recommends we amend Chapter 112-5 to include language that sets forth reasons to prohibit parking.
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- Finally, the proposed draft amendment to Chapter 61-1C was reviewed for compliance with FEMA regulations which require a building permit for all work done in a special flood hazard area.

Comprehensive Plan:

The Comp Plan continues to be updated. A public workshop is planned for Spring 2017.

Next Meeting:

The next C&O meeting will be held on Friday, January 6, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Item for Discussion will be:

- Charter Section 9 (Voting)
- Chapter 112 – Handicap Parking

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Vicki Carmean stated she would like to see discussion on including in the Charter an allowance for a non-binding referendum for more than what is permitted now which is borrowing funds in excess of \$500,000. This could be limited to zoning concerns only and could be included on the ballot during Town elections the first Saturday in August.

Adjourn:

Vicki Carmean made a motion to adjourn seconded by Bernie Merritt. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.