



The Town of Fenwick Island

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL JUNE 17, 2019 AT 3:00 PM

MINUTES

In Attendance

Town Council Members:

Mayor Langan, Vice Mayor Mais, Treasurer Bunting, Secretary Merritt, Council Member Carmean, Council Member Williams

Absent:

Council Member Lee

Staff in Attendance:

Town Manager Tieman, Town Clerk Martin

Audience:

Ray Fager, Mary Ellen Langan, Bill Weistling

Mayor Langan began the meeting at 3:00 PM, noting the reason for the short notice for today's meeting was just receiving the application for the Lighthouse Cove Marina and the need to notify DNREC of the Town's concerns by close of business tomorrow (June 18, 2019).

Discussion

Town Manager Tieman read the proposed application. She noted that DNREC confirmed that they allow 20% of the width of the water body to be used (in this case 12 feet).

Ray Fager commented that the area at the corner of Oyster Bay Drive is already very narrow due to the boats parked on the canal. With the addition of the marina, it will be very tight and will be an accident waiting to happen.

Bill Weistling noted that this will affect 40 properties that are on the adjoining canal and that the area projected for the marina is at the tightest spot. He added that the application states that there is no impact on neighbors but does not provide enough information or dimensions of the project.

Mayor Langan commented that he does not oppose the project but does have concerns and questions that need to be answered, in particular with the 6 slips proposed on the canal. Mary Ellen Langan agreed, adding that if it is going to increase boat traffic and there are possible safety issues that the Town needs more information.

Ray Fager noted that this project would increase the difficulty of navigating on the canal which could impact the value of residential properties. He also added that he has spoken to DNREC

who notified him that the project would also include dredging on the east and west side of the proposed marina.

Bill Weistling noted the Town needs additional information than what was provided in the Siting & Design Conclusion.

A motion was made by Secretary Merritt, seconded by Vice Mayor Mais, to draft a letter of concern to DNREC for additional information on the project. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Langan asked Ray Fager if he received notification of the project. Ray Fager responded that he did not get the notice and only a few neighbors received it. Town Manager Tieman commented that those who did not receive a notice should contact DNREC directly.

Town Manager Tieman confirmed in the letter of concern to include clarification of the project (including dimensions), the use of public domain, support that this project will not affect neighboring properties, and noting that some property owners did not receive notices of the project.

Vice Mayor Mais asked what the next steps will be. Town Manager Tieman responded once the letter is submitted to DNREC, they will review our comments and then decide if they will hold a public hearing. All Council Members were in favor of the public hearing.

Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Council Member Carmean, seconded by Vice Mayor Mais, to adjourn the meeting. The MOTION passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 3:32 PM.