



BOC ACTIONS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

- 1.** Call to order - Mayor Cahoon called the meeting to order at 9 am. The tragedies in Afghanistan and Louisiana were remembered.
- 2.** Agenda - The Board approved the agenda as presented.
- 3.** Recognition

Presentation - Dr. Jack Bagwell, President of College of the Albemarle, provided a powerpoint presentation with an update of the new Dare facilities and what services are provided; he stated that Albemarle COA addresses seven (7) counties that are very diverse areas. Locally Dean Tim Sweeney is the person to contact.

New employees - Public Works Director Eric Claussen introduced the following new employees: Facilities Maintenance Technicians Egan Mansfield, Jerry Hvozdovic, and Chase Hundley who were welcomed by the Board to Town employment. Director Claussen also introduced Sanitation Equipment Operator Marcelo Mora who was welcomed by the Board to Town employment. Director Claussen noted that Sanitation Equipment Operator Edwin Maldonado was unable to attend this morning's meeting.

Fifteen years of service - Police Chief Phil Webster introduced Police Sergeant Greg South who was recognized by the Board for fifteen years of service with the Town.

- 4.** Public Comment - Mayor Cahoon read the emailed comment from Soundside Road resident Michelle Chimento thanking the Town for the work done on Soundside Road and pointing out that speeding continues to be a problem.
- 5.** Consent Agenda - the Consent Agenda was approved as presented and consisted of the following:
Consideration of Budget Adjustment #3 to FY 20/21 Budget
Consideration of New Year (FY 21/22) Tax Adjustment Reports
Approval of minutes
Consideration of resolution authorizing the surplus and donation of Police Dept items to COA
Consideration of three-year Cintas contract for Public Works uniforms
Consideration of amendment #2 to Beach Nourishment Capital Project Ordinance for beach sprigging
Housekeeping item - Consideration of Traffic Control Map amendment re: E. Dove Street
- 6.** Public Hearing - Public Hearing to consider adoption of the Town of Nags Head CAMA Land Use Plan Update - The Board unanimously adopted the CAMA Land Use Plan Update as presented.
- 7.** Public Hearing - Public Hearing to consider a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance pertaining to lot coverage associated with recycling dumpsters - The Board unanimously adopted the ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance re: lot coverage/recycling dumpsters as presented.
- 8.** Planning Director - Update provided by Planning Director - Re: Whalebone Park scope, Comr. Renée Cahoon said that the issues she sees are overall maintenance, shading and the need for a restroom facility.

9. Street Lighting Policy - The Board approved the Street Lighting Policy as presented with the modification to add a bullet under "General" indicating that Town-wide fixtures require full cut-off unless there is proof that costs are significantly greater.

Staff is to follow up with Dominion Energy for an update on the new utility poles that were to be installed along US 158; and with the S Nags Head Comfort Inn concerning a blue LED light.

10. Appointments - The Board appointed, and was appreciative of, the full docket (10 people) of those interested in serving on the Estuarine Shoreline Management Plan Advisory/Steering Committee. The appointees are as follows:

Adnan Jalil; Ann Daisey; Cola Vaughan; Louisa Farr; Mike Kelly; Michael O'Steen; Molly Harrison; Ralph Buxton; Randy Blanton; and Robert Netsch.

11. Committee Reports - Comr. Fuller - Dare County Tourism Board - The DCTB is moving forward with the development of the Soundside walkway, in cooperation with Nags Head.

12. Fishing tournament resolutions - Both the Fraternal Order of Eagles Surf Fishing Tournament [scheduled for Saturday, October 30th] resolution and the Outer Banks Association of Realtors Surf Fishing Tournament [scheduled for Friday, October 15th] resolution were adopted as presented.

13. USFWS resolution - The Board adopted the resolution opposing the designation by US Fish and Wildlife Service of Red Knot Rufa as Critical Habitat, amending the first WHEREAS with "Carteret" from "Carteret" to "Dare".

14. Interim Manager Garman - Project updates

a. NCDOT Traffic Studies/Crosswalk Recommendations

- Public Works Director Claussen first provided a verbal update: NCDOT has collected traffic volume counts and is currently conducting a traffic study for the intersection of Grey Eagle/US158; In addition, NCDOT is working with their Wilson Office to review options to improve traffic circulation and safety at the intersection of NC12/SOOIR; Lastly, NCDOT will be installing the two lighted pedestrian pushbutton signs (from Little Bridge) at the NC12 crosswalks at the Jennette's Pier and Bonnett Street locations.

- Director Claussen then presented an update on crosswalk recommendations with a PowerPoint presentation – The existing supplemental signs that are displayed below the pedestrian crosswalk signs do not meet the intent of the MUTCD; If used, the existing signs shall be placed in the middle of the street on the yellow lane line, however, there are turning movement conflicts at 18 of the 42 pedestrian crosswalks along NC12; Another option was presented, using Yield to Pedestrian signs and Yield Bars, which could be installed more consistently along NC12; Staff has communicated with NCDOT on the appropriateness of these applications along the Beach Road and if NCDOT would be willing to install and maintain; Additionally, staff is to obtain the cost of additional pushbutton lighted pedestrian signage; and to analyze the installation of a new sidewalk connection between Baymeadow/US158 along the south side of Seachase as well as make recommendations to improve the pedestrian crossing at Seachase/NC12.

It was Board consensus for staff to provide additional updates from NCDOT at next month's meeting re: the above for final Board review/discussion.

Director Claussen is to find out additional information re: if DOT maintains pushbutton actuations for the lighted crosswalk signs; he also mentioned that a standalone trail/pedestrian counter could provide the Town with that data.

Mayor Cahoon stated that he does not want to lose sight of the need for a discussion on an appropriate speed limit for the Beach Road.

b. Beach Driving ordinance – The Board adopted the updated Beach Driving Ordinance as presented.

c. Summary of Waste Reduction Task Force items - A summary was provided. It was Board consensus that the Task Force did a great job with its charge - until there is a specific charge, there is no need to call them together.

In addition, Interim Manager Garman indicated that he will schedule a meeting some time in September to review/discuss the bulk collection process.

d. Outer Banks Visitors Bureau grants for Epstein, Bonnett, and Barnes Streets - Board members spoke in favor of applying for the grants as listed.

15. Interim Manager Garman - Board members thanked Town Engineer David Ryan for the Beach Nourishment Project update which identified April 2022 as the date to issue the Notice To Proceed.

16. Mayor Pro Tem Siers - He asked about Soundside Road/Jockey's Ridge Access. Interim Manager Garman stated that an email will be forwarded to the Board the first of next week with an update on Soundside Road traffic counts, law enforcement reports, etc. from this summer.

17. Mayor Pro Tem Siers - He reported on a recent meeting with builders concerning fire safety in large residential homes. He is to provide a more detailed report after the committee meets again.

18. Comr. Renée Cahoon - She stated that she has observed golf cart conflicts with others such as pedestrians, bicyclists, and strollers on the Beach Road multi-use path. She asked if the Town can request/require rental companies to have stickers placed on golf carts indicating that they are not allowed on the path. It was Board consensus that staff review the multi-use path ordinance for clarity and bring back their findings and recommendations for Board discussion.

19. Comr. Renée Cahoon - She asked for more police presence this upcoming Labor Day holiday weekend during the surf tournaments at Jennette's Pier in addition to the multi-use path, crosswalks, etc. especially in the area between Surfside Hotel south to the Comfort Inn.

20. Comr. Renée Cahoon - She stated that the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau (OBVB) has done a good job with all the people now here; she would like to see steps taken to enhance the experience of visitors, residents, and property owners. She suggested that the OBVB provide a positive customer experience for everyone such as with an interactive app that would provide beach access information, such as their location. This would encourage visitors to follow the law and would be a good way to communicate.

21. Comr. Brinkley – He thanked Soundside Road resident Michelle Chimento for her email concerning Soundside Road and the Jockey's Ridge Access. He is looking forward to continued Police Dept work in that area and in receiving reports from staff.

22. Comr. Fuller - The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau and DCTB have done a great job at bringing people here in the shoulder season, he feels the DCTB should begin to focus more on trying to represent and understand resident concerns in general. With the new sustainable tourism, there needs to be a focus on ways the new and old residents aren't put upon by the increasing number of tourists. Comr. Renée Cahoon agreed noting that the statute establishing the organization indicates one of the purposes is to mitigate tourism impacts.

23. Mayor Cahoon – The Board adopted the resolution in opposition to Senate Bill 105 re: Budget Appropriations Bill which includes environmental provisions, as presented.

24. Closed/Open Sessions - The Board entered Closed Session at 11:56 a.m. and re-entered Open Session at 12:45 p.m.

25. Appointment of Town Manager - The Board unanimously passed a motion to appoint Andy Garman as Town Manager. Town Manager Garman thanked the Board for the opportunity they have given him and he stated he looked forward to continuing to work for the Board and in meeting their goals for the Town.

26. Adjournment - The Board recessed to Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the Villas Clubhouse on Villa Dunes Drive for a Board Retreat. The time was 12:50 p.m.