

**Town of Fenwick Island
Minutes of the Charter & Ordinance Committee Meeting
April 9, 2021**

PRESENT: Bill Weistling, Reid Tingle, Bill Mould, Faye Horner, Mike Houser, Mike Quinn, Terry Tieman, Chief Devlin, Raelene Menominee, Pat Schuchman

PUBLIC (via Zoom): Gail Warburton, Jacque Napolitano, Roy Williams, Mark Tingle, Vicki Carmean

MINUTES: Mike Houser made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 23, 2020 meeting, seconded by Bernie Merritt. Motion passed.

ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Bill Weistling stated the only item on the agenda is discussion of "Shuttle Bus Service". There will be a minimum of four meeting that will be open to the public which includes this C&O meeting, a First Reading, Second Reading and a Public Hearing on the Zoning change.

A draft amendment was introduced which defined Emergency Vehicles, Low Speed Vehicles (LSV), Shuttle Service and Vehicle. The draft would prohibit LSV's and any shuttle service on Town streets and roadways.

In 2013 the Parking Committee met to discuss a shuttle bus service for Town residents which was then presented the C&O committee and Town Council. No business owners or town residents showed any interest nor were any bids received for this service.

Terry Tieman added that under Town code a shuttle bus service is not allowed. Our Town Attorney advised that the code be made clear.

DELDOT does not allow LSV's on Rt. 1 and the only way to access the west side of Rt. 1 is at a crosswalk. Chief Devin added that shuttles could drop off on the highway but LSV's are prohibited. He commented that they could only cross safely at street lights. Bunting Avenue is too congested with vehicles and pedestrian to allow LSV shuttles.

Mike Houser questioned what the real dive is to allow LSV or shuttle service in town and indicated he would not be in favor.

Reid Tingle stated that as long as a vehicle is licensed under the State the Town could not prohibit them on Town streets. He added that there are two separate issues, shuttle service and LSV's. He stated that the LSV's are low carbon, electric vehicles and is not in favor of banning them. He commented there many citizens who already use LSV's and golf carts to get to the beach.

Bill Mould, Bernie Merritt and Bill Weistling stated they were not in favor of shuttle service. Mike Quinn said the amendment should prohibit highway use.

Bill Weistling also stated this would ban all shuttle services from outside of Town. He said the Town has a request for LSV shuttle service. Prior to this no other business has requested a shuttle service to

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provide to their customers. More requests could overwhelm the Town streets particularly Bunting Avenue.

Based on Reid's comments, Bill said we will not move any further on this issue until consulting with the Town Attorney.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (via Zoom):

Gail Warburton agrees there is a safety issue to consider.

Jacque Napolitano stated she agrees with safety being an issue and does not see a benefit to residents.

Roy Williams spoke with neighbors who were opposed to a shuttle service.

Mark Tingle stated the people who complain about parking are now complaining about a shuttle service.

Vicki Carmean stated she spoke with bayside residents who are opposed to a shuttle service.

NEXT MEETING:

Pending until consulting with Town Attorney.

ADJOURN:

Mike Houser made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Bernie Merritt. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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