



The Town of Fenwick Island

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BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING

February 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Town Hall

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Kurt Zanelotti, Chuck Shorley, Betsy Mitchell, Scott Mumford

Members Present via Zoom: Matt Patton, Edward Kramer

Others Present: Erin Ellinger, Pat Schuchman, Natalie Magdeburger (via Zoom), Lois Twilley (via Zoom), Emily Gaither (Chamber of Commerce), Virginia Davidson

Flag Salute and Call to Order

Old Business

- Electronic Sign Review- Charter and Ordinance has under review. C&O committee meeting of 1/11/24 had an expert speaker address the issue of possibly changing lighting ordinance and adding the proper electronic signage, with perimeters (curfew, color, lumens), could reduce out lighting impact.
 - The council approved hiring a consultant firm to assist with defining parameters for the ordinance, such as brightness, hours of operation and timing of messages.
 - The committee feels that if the ordinance is written correctly there will be a decrease in light pollution.
 - Chuck Shorley pointed out that a shopping center with multiple stores will have different needs than a single business to accommodate all the businesses in the center.
- Noise Ordinance Review- Referred to C&O
 - Mayor Natalie Magdeburger reported that the C&O Committee reviewed the noise ordinance, and it is being considered to define parameters and consider disciplines and time of day. The ordinance is currently in the drafting stage.
 - The committee agreed that 10-11 p.m. is a good time to limit disciplines.
- Bike to Bridge Project- Committee needs to select a date and coordinate with Police Department on activities.
 - The committee decided the event should be held on Saturday, June 1st.



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- A working group was formed to map out the details of the event, including Scott Mumford, Betsy Patton, Matt Patton, and Natalie Magdeburger.
- The Chamber of Commerce is willing to help with planning the event.
- DNREC police/Bethany police may need to be involved for safety.

New Business

- Lois Twilley shared that the Public Hearing to accept the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for Feb 22nd at 9:00.
- Scott Mumford requested that everyone pay attention to what DNREC is planning on doing with the beach replenishment as far as funding from municipalities.

Public Participation

- Emily Gaither shared the Coastal Point celebrates 20 years of Business this Thursday, February 6th, with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:30 and an open house from 1-4 p.m.

The Chamber will be hosting a job fair on 2/21 from 6-8 p.m. at Indian River High School, registration is still open. They will be hosting another job fair at Sussex Central High School on April 17th from 6-8 p.m., registration is open until March 8th.

The Chamber is also hosting the first responder's awards on Friday, February 23rd. Fenwick Island's Patrolman Cameron Clift has been nominated.

The spring fling shop local event will be in April. More details coming soon on this event.

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, March 5th at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Scott Mumford made a MOTION to approve the November 7, 2023, meeting minutes. Seconded by Chuck Shorley.

MOTION passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Kurt Zanelotti made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Scott Mumford.

MOTION passed unanimously.