

#### The Town of Fenwick Island

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# PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING February 6, 2025, at 9:00 am.

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Members Present: Susan Brennan (via Zoom), Odis Braxton (via Zoom), Ann Riley (via Zoom), Natalie Magdeburger (via Zoom)

Others Present: Erin Ellinger

Call to Order and Flag Salute at 9:03 AM

1. Discuss/approve minutes from meeting held December 12, 2024.

A MOTION to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2024, meeting.

Moved by: Natalie Magdeburger Seconded by: Odis Braxton

MOTION passed unanimously.

2. Discuss details of liaison format for new Ad Hoc committees

Susan Brennan stated the Town now has the Ad Hoc DarkSky Committee, as well as the Resiliency and Green Infrastructure Working Groups. For the Resiliency Working Group, the liaison position involved the initial funding search which is all the liaison has been needed for.

Ann Riley said that the DarkSky Committee had suggested to her that the Planning Commission may be helpful in finding grant opportunities if and when the time came to implement any DarkSky projects. Ann said she thought the Dark Sky group would be better served by working directly with DarkSky International as they have already researched available grants. Both DarkSky and Green Infrastructure will report directly back to the Residential Concerns Committee. Natalie Magdeburger clarified that Ad Hoc DarkSky is a separate committee, and that Green Infrastructure and Resiliency are Working Groups, and they should be reporting back to the main committee. Natalie encouraged the ad hoc committee to use motions to endorse/convey actions they want to take. The commissioners agreed to continue to monitor



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the main committees as the liaisons. Susan added the committees and working groups have been made aware they should reach out to the Planning Commission if direction is needed.

3. Reminder of upcoming 6-month Committee Reports due at the end of March

Susan will provide the report from the Infrastructure and Environmental Committees before the next meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The Residential Concerns, Business Concerns and Dredging Committee reports have been received. The Commissioners feel things are going in the right direction.

#### 4. Old business:

• Update on DarkSky Ad Hoc.

Susan attended the Ad Hoc DarkSky meeting on Monday, and at the Town Council meeting communicated that we would be forwarding them items from the matrix that were taken out of the Residential Concerns Committee and put into their Ad Hoc Committee. Susan has forwarded those items to Rose Mary Hoy. The Ad Hoc DarkSky Committee now have their projects and can vote to send their recommendations to the Council. Natalie emphasized the importance of having a consistent voice from the Town.

• 2025 FI Summer Kickoff (Safety, Businesses, Channel markings, Bike racks, Pedestrian Safety, DarkSky, Movies on the Beach)

The motion from the Business Concerns Committee regarding parking permits was approved to go to the council.

The bike event is set for May 31<sup>st</sup>. Lucy Wilder will chair this event on behalf of the Business Committee. Kurt Zanelotti created a bike route which will start at Town Hall, cross Rt. 1, up to the Pollinator Park and end at the business being featured. Susan will touch base with Lucy. Natalie suggested they consider doing it as a monthly event in the summer highlighting a different business each time. Susan said it would be nice to promote pedestrian safety, the movie nights, etc. or during the bike events.



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Susan reached out to the Coast Guard Foundation and requested watercraft ID stickers for canoes, kayaks and SUPs that will support the dredging project related to navigation.

5. New business:

None

6. Public participation:

None

7. Next meeting

The next will be February 20th at 9 AM

8. Adjourn

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 AM.

Moved by: Natalie Magdeburger

Seconded by: Ann Riley

MOTION passed unanimously.