



# The Town of Fenwick Island

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## BUSINESS CONCERNS COMMITTEE MEETING

February 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Town Hall

Minutes

**Members Present:** Kurt Zanelotti (via Zoom), Betsy Mitchell, Heather Goodrich, Glenn Mueller (via Zoom), Joe Brzostowski, Scott Mumford (via Zoom)

**Others Present:** Erin Ellinger, Natalie Magdeburger (via Zoom), Lois Twilley (via Zoom)

**Flag Salute and Call to Order at 9:05 AM.**

### Approval of Minutes

A MOTION to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2024, meeting.

Moved by: Kurt Zanelotti

Seconded by: Joe Brzostowski

MOTION passed unanimously.

### Old Business

- **Review of parking legislation proposal that was sent to the council.**

Mayor Magdeburger stated that the motion presented to the council failed due to the lack of a second. She suggested identifying locations for reduced-rate parking in less busy areas that would not impact beachgoers or town revenue. A special permit could be issued, allowing employees to share a hangtag, with parking available after 4 p.m. at half the regular fee. She also recommended consulting with businesses before finalizing pricing.

Joe Brzostowski proposed basing the permit cost on prorated hourly use. Mayor Magdeburger noted that the town would incur expenses related to parking and the transferable tags, supporting the half-price rate as fair. Kurt Zanelotti emphasized that permit pricing should be uniform for all businesses rather than based on usage hours. Joe clarified that the town would not be providing free parking, as permits would be purchased.

Mayor Magdeburger is evaluating potential parking locations near Our Harvest, The Station, and Matt's Fish Camp. Betsy Mitchell added that Fenwick Village needs parking on Maryland Ave. Scott Mumford suggested maximizing existing spaces and identified Dagsboro St. as an option. The discussion also addressed parking on the Mumford's private property, noting that ordinance changes prevent the transfer of previous agreements to new owners.



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Scott raised concerns about an increase in cars on side streets, which could lead property owners to alter their properties to prevent street parking. Mayor Magdeburger added that employees using the hangtags would be parked later than beachgoers, potentially causing concerns among residents. Joe suggested implementing the program as a one-year trial.

Scott emphasized that Atlantic and Bayard Streets should remain off-limits due to their importance as revenue-generating parking for customers. Mayor Magdeburger will present a proposed parking map at the next meeting.

A MOTION for the businesses to have the option to purchase half-price parking passes for the hours of 4-10 PM in parking places designated by the town for business and residential use.

Moved by: Joe Brzostowski

Seconded by: Heather Goodrich

MOTION passed unanimously.

The committee discussed allowing residents the right to use street parking

- **Fenwick Bike Event May 31, 2025. Establish Chair and working committee.**

The suggested name for the event is "Cruising in Fenwick." The route will begin and end at the same location, either Town Hall or a designated restaurant. Participants will travel south, cross Coastal Highway onto the unincorporated side of Bunting, continue onto Bay St., and return to the starting location, covering approximately two miles.

Kurt suggested concluding the event at Surf Bagel for breakfast. Traffic will be temporarily blocked to allow riders to cross Coastal Highway safely. The event will be promoted through social media and email announcements. The planned time for the event is 9:00–10:00 AM, with officers participating on bicycles.

Mayor Magdeburger proposed making this a monthly bicycle event, featuring a different local business each time.

- **Town Press Packet Discussion and review.**

Kurt said he has spoken with Hometown Press and is on track with this project.

### New Business

None



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### **Public Participation**

None

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 AM.

Moved by: Heather Goodrich

Seconded by: Betsy Mitchell

MOTION passed unanimously.