



The Town of Fenwick Island

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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

June 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Town Hall

Minutes

Members Present: Susan Brennan, Julie Lee, Lois Twilley, Ann Riley (Zoom), Natalie Magdeburger (Zoom)

Others Present: Erin Ellinger, Benson Foreman

Call to Order and Flag Salute at 9:00 AM

1. Discuss/approve minutes from meeting held June 5 meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes of June 5, 2025

Moved by: Ann Riley

Seconded by: Julie Lee

Result: Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss and edit Municipal Comprehensive Land Use Plan Annual Report

Susan Brennan stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review and edit the Municipal Comprehensive Land Use Report in preparation for submission to Town Council at tomorrow's meeting.

Natalie Magdeburger submitted recommendations to include a summary matrix of action items, noting which have been addressed or completed, and suggested attaching supporting exhibits. Julie Lee submitted a letter requesting assistance with resiliency planning from both county and state agencies. Natalie also added recommendations related to offshore wind farms. Ann Riley suggested formally requesting county and state support for flood mitigation efforts.

Edits to the report were discussed and agreed upon. Susan Brennan will finalize the updates for submission at the Town Council meeting.

Susan also highlighted the progress made using the matrix. There was discussion about the critical need for flashing pedestrian safety lights. It was noted that DelDOT relies heavily on data to justify assistance, but many incidents go unreported. It was suggested that the Police Chief may be best positioned to report complaints to support data collection.

The group discussed the growing state-level prioritization of flooding resiliency over housing issues in Fenwick Island. The Town continues to work with Straughn Consulting on the RFP, which is included in the Council packet for discussion tomorrow.



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Ann proposed that Fenwick Island could serve as a pilot municipality for resiliency initiatives due to its small size. Lois suggested that someone at the University of Delaware may be interested in conducting research on local mitigation efforts.

Commissioners discussed the connection between DNREC and RASCL. Danielle Swallow of RASCL and Delaware Sea Grant will be a featured presenter at the Third Annual Resilience Presentation on August 21. Ann recommended inviting DNREC to the event. Kathy Potter with DEMA is also scheduled to speak.

3. Public Participation

None

Meeting Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 9:46 AM.

Moved by: Juie Lee

Seconded by: Lois Twilley

Result: Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: July 10, 2025, 9:00 am

Upcoming meeting dates: July 17, August 7, August 14