



**TOWN OF NAGS HEAD
BOC ACTIONS
OCTOBER 16, 2013**

1. Call to order - Mayor Oakes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Agenda – The Board passed a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
3. Audience Response – Molly Harrison, Nags Head resident; spoke in favor of purchasing the Dowdy Amusement Park property on US 158/Bypass for a Town park.
4. Audience Response - Richard Murphy, South Nags Head resident; has loved Nags Head for the past 60 years; he started the Nags Head Civic Association in the 1970's to circumvent commercial businesses in South Nags Head; the Association was instrumental in getting the commissioners to agree; he encouraged all residents to vote.
5. Audience Response - Perry White; Nags Head resident; he spoke in praise of the ham operators on the Outer Banks; there is a meeting tomorrow at Fire Station 16 in the south wing at 7:00 p.m.; there are 25 – 30 ham operators working in the Outer Banks that serve in emergencies and for various events.
6. Audience Response - Marvin Demers, South Nags Head resident; he echoed the sentiments of Ms. Harrison re: purchase of the Dowdy site – a good acquisition for the Town and even though there is currently no detailed plan, the Recreation Committee would be happy to reconvene to plan for that site.
7. Audience Response - Ralph Buxton, Nags Head resident; spoke in favor of the Town's purchase of the Dowdy property; the Recreation Committee spent approximately a year looking at recreation sites for the Town to acquire - the Dowdy property came up high on the list of desired properties; this would be another great asset for the Town.
8. Audience Response - David Elder, Nags Head resident; he thanked the Board for working with his neighbors on the Carolinian Circle roadway; he said that the Recreation Committee spoke in favor of the acquisition of the Dowdy property during discussions – he feels it is opportunity vs expenditures; if the price is advantageous and its the political will of the Board, then the opportunity is good.
9. Pedestrian Plan Committee - Agreement with NCDOT for Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan approved at Sep 4th Board meeting – The Board passed a motion to nominate Comr. Cahoon as a member of the committee and the Board passed a motion to appoint the members of the committee as presented. The Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee Nominees are as follows:
 1. Gretchen Byrum, NCDOT Division 1 Planner
 2. Barbara Gernat, Planning Board Representative
 3. Debbie Moore, Boardwalk Committee and Business Representative
 4. Molly Harrison, Parks and Recreation Plan Committee and Neighborhood Representative

5. Rick Chance, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Task Force and Business Representative
6. Chris Montgomery, Police Department
7. Phil Wolfe, Fire Department
8. Michelle Owens, American Heart Association
9. Planning Staff Elizabeth Teague, Kelly Wyatt, and Angela Welsh
10. Board of Commissioner Member – Comr. Renee Cahoon

10. No smoking ordinance – The Board passed a motion to adopt the ordinance rescinding Town Code Section 16-1 *Smoking in municipal buildings* as presented.

11. Stormwater Management Ordinance and Best Management Practices (BMP) manual –

It was Board consensus to schedule a Board Workshop for Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room to review/discuss the BMP portion of the Stormwater Ordinance. The Workshop would take the place of a November mid-month Board meeting. The Annual Report is to be presented at the December 4, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting.

12. Town Attorney – Attorney Leidy had nothing new to report.

13. Town Manager - Update on NCDOT response to Town's requests for traffic control changes –

The Board passed a motion to approve the traffic control changes re: Little Bridge safety as listed in the letter from NCDOT dated October 15, 2013 which include the following: pedestrian informational signs on each side of the crossing, additional pedestrian warning signs 500' in advance of the crossing with warning flashers. Funds are not to exceed \$10,000 and are to come from the Powell Bill Fund Balance.

At Comr. Cahoon's request, Board members agreed that on both corners where pedestrians wait to cross Little Bridge, the areas are to be raised so that while standing to cross, they can be seen by drivers.

14. Town Manager - Report from Planning Director Teague re: Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Proposal – The Board passed a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Letter of Intent to the RPO for the multi-use path "wayfinding" signage project.

15. Town Manager - Town Manager Ogburn explained that the newest apparatus for the Fire Dept is in the parking lot. Fire Chief Zorc reported that the Fire Dept took possession of the new Fire Truck yesterday, October 15, 2013.

16. Town Manager - Town Manager Ogburn offered condolences to the family of Lois Twyne who recently passed away. Ms. Twyne was the first female Commissioner to serve Nags Head.

17. Comr. Cahoon – Local ham operators - Comr. Cahoon noted Mr. Perry mentioned local ham operators during Audience Response. She stated that the Outer Banks has a strong history of ham operators and they were a huge asset during Hurricane Isabel.

18. Comr. Cahoon - Comr. Cahoon reported that Frank Gorham of New Hanover County (Figure Eight Island) was recently appointed by the Governor as the new Coastal Resources Commission Chair.

19. Comr. Cahoon – Dowdy's Amusement Park Property- Comr. Cahoon expressed her disappointment that Mayor Oakes brought forward at the last Board meeting, when she was not present, a motion to purchase the Dowdy's Amusement Park property. She stated that the motion to purchase the property should have been done with all Board members present and with the correct price.

- 20.** Mayor Pro Tem Remaley – He had an opportunity to attend a fish fry last night at Pamlico Jack’s Restaurant for the Wounded Warriors organization – he would like the Town to donate to a fundraiser for that organization at some time in the future.
- 21.** Comr. Walters - The Outer Banks Seafood Festival is this upcoming weekend. Comr. Walters reported that the Dock n Dine event is Friday, October 18th from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and the Outer Banks Seafood Festival is Saturday, October 19th starting at 11:00 a.m.
- 22.** Comr. Walters - Comr. Walters reported that the Walk to School event has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2013.
- 23.** Comr. Sadler – Comr. Sadler thanked Town Manager Ogburn for getting the “H” sign installed on the Beach Road to assist visitors in making the correct turn when looking for the Outer Banks Hospital.
- 24.** Mayor Oakes – Dowdy’s Amusement Park property - Mayor Oakes explained that the price for the Dowdy Amusement Park property of \$1.8 million that he stated in his motion at the October 2nd Board meeting was just a mistake – the price is actually \$1.5 million. A motion was made and seconded to purchase the Dowdy property at \$1.5 million.

The Board passed a motion to enter Closed Session to discuss with the Town Attorney conditions to place on the purchase. The time was 8:49 p.m. The Board re-entered Open Session at 9:31 p.m.

After withdrawal of the original motion, the Board unanimously passed a motion that the Town purchase the Dowdy’s Amusement Park property for \$1.5 million with these conditions:

- 1) That the acquisition be conditioned, by terms satisfactory to the Town Attorney, on the Town’s use of the property for community recreational use for all ages in perpetuity; and 2) That the property, once developed, be named Dowdy’s Park.

- 25.** Adjournment – The Board passed a motion to adjourn at 9:33 p.m.