



## BOC ACTIONS SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

1. Call to order - Mayor Cahoon called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and recognized former Mayor Bob Muller in the audience.
2. Agenda – The Board approved the Sep 4<sup>th</sup> agenda as presented.
3. Recognition - Fire Engineer Brandon Stallings and Sanitation Equipment Operator II John McDowell were recognized by the Board for five years of service. Tax Collector Linda Bittner was recognized by the Board for ten years of service.
4. Presentation - Outer Banks Visitors Bureau Executive Director, Lee Nettles, introduced the *Outer Banks Promise* initiative and Community Engagement Manager, Jeff Schwartzberg. Mr. Schwartzberg presented a short video on the *Outer Banks Promise* initiative which encourages people to preserve the natural environment and cultural heritage of the Outer Banks by signing an online pledge.
5. Proclamation - Public Information Officer, Roberta Thuman, presented a *CCEDS Challenge at the Coast* powerpoint, prepared by Coastal Community Environmental Data Scholars (CCEDS) made up of ECU PHD candidates in partnership with the Town, CSI, and NSF. The emphasis is on encouraging water quality protection. The Board approved the proclamation proclaiming Sep 16-20, 2024, as Septic Smart Week.
6. Proclamation - Police Chief Perry Hale summarized upcoming National Night Out activities scheduled for Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at Dowdy Park. He is looking forward to this year's event and appreciates the Board's support and participation. The Board approved the proclamation in support of Oct 1<sup>st</sup> as National Night Out as presented.
7. Proclamation – The Board approved the proclamation proclaiming Diaper Need Awareness Week as Sep 23–29, 2024 as presented.
8. Public Comment  
Steve House, Dare County Comr. and president of the Outer Banks Jeep Invasion organization; he thanked the Town and the Town's Police Dept as well as the Dare County Tourism Board for supporting Jeep Invasion events and he is looking forward to this year's event at the Soundside Event Site - Sep 20 – 22, 2024.  
  
Aida Havel, Salvo; she is running for Dare Co Comr; she spoke of the Buxton beach environmental disaster which is now over one year old; she suggested those interested to view two online videos from the Buxton Civic Association; she asked for the Board's continued support for resolution of this issue; she noted the workforce housing issue later on today's agenda and she is looking for creative solutions.
9. Consent agenda – The Consent Agenda was approved as presented and consisted of the following:
  - Budget Amendment #3 to FY 24/25 Budget
  - Tax Adjustment Reports - FY 24/25 Report (New Year and Year-to-date)
  - Approval of minutes
  - Policy for neighborhoods to request traffic calming devices, presented at the Aug 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting
  - Request for Public Hearing - to consider map amendment to rezone vacant property from C-3 to C-2
10. Public Hearing - to consider text amendments to the UDO as it pertains to the use of multi-family dwelling development - Town Manager Garman provided a series of slides detailing the background of the

multi-family dwelling process. Robin Morgan, David Shufflebarger, Peter Pinto, Valerie Netsch, David Thompson, David Elder, Bob Muller, Duke Geraghty, Haley Morgan; Katie Wilkins, Megan Vaughan, and Molly Harrison spoke concerning the multi-family issue. The Board tabled consideration of the ordinance and scheduled a workshop for Sep 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am with action tabled until the Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. The motion to table passed 4 – 1 with Mayor Cahoon casting the NO vote.

**11.** Public Hearing - to consider a text amendment to the UDO submitted by Anlauf Engineering, PLLC on behalf of Ark Church, to modify the definition of "Religious Complex" to include an additional single-family residence for church staff, in addition to the existing allowance for an onsite parsonage. Bob Muller spoke in support of the amendment. The Board adopted the ordinance as presented.

**12.** Public Hearing - to consider amendments to the UDO as it pertains to dormitory use in the SED-80, Special Environmental District – The Board adopted the ordinance as presented.

**13.** Update from Planning Director - Planning Director Kelly Wyatt summarized her monthly report.

**14.** Traffic Study - Results of the Board-requested Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) traffic study at the intersection of Lakeside St and Hwy 158 were discussed. Mayor Cahoon suggested putting all options forward to locate the necessary funds for the signal which would not take place until 2026 at the earliest.

**15.** Committee Reports

Comr. Brinkley – Jennette's Pier update - the June and July visitation numbers exceeded last year's numbers and the expectations of pier management; it has been a busy summer with week-long camps and fishing programs; Wind turbines are to be inspected by an engineer but there is no timeline yet for that to occur.

Comr. Brinkley - Septic Loan – Staff is to prepare septic loan repayment extension for Board consideration.

**16.** Resolution – The Board passed a motion to adopt the resolution in support of Area of Environmental Control (AEC) protections for Jockey's Ridge State Park as presented.

**17.** Town Manager Garman - Town Engineer David Ryan provided an update on the construction of the Public Services Facility.

**18.** Comr. Brinkley - Comr. Brinkley noted that there are two weeks to the Multi-Family Workshop (on Sep 18<sup>th</sup>) and he encouraged staff to actively promote the workshop.

**19.** Comr. Brinkley - Comr. Brinkley spoke of the Nags Head Lifesaving Station Marker that Ralph Buxton brought forward in his presentation at last month's Board meeting. It was Board consensus to concur with the marker and Comr. Brinkley said that he would work with Mr. Buxton on finding the location.

**20.** Comr. Sanders - Comr. Sanders spoke of a recent water leak at his restaurant that staff found via the new AMI Smart Meter software - he was able to fix and repair the leak before major damage was done.

**21.** Mayor Cahoon - Mayor Cahoon recognized Town Manager Andy Garman for ten years of service, noting that he also worked for the Town from 2000 to 2005.

**22.** Closed Session – The Board entered Closed Session to confer with the attorney re: attorney/client privilege and to discuss possible acquisition of property at 4222 S Croatan Hwy. The time was 12:14 pm.

**23.** Open Session - The Board re-entered Open Session at 12:30 p.m.

**24.** Adjournment – The Board recessed to a mid-month Multi-Family Ordinance Workshop on Wednesday, Sep 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Board Room. The time was 12:31 p.m.