

**TOWN OF CALABASH
PLANNING & ZONING
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 1, 2009-7:00 pm**

MINUTES

The Calabash Planning & Zoning Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, June 1, 2009, 7pm at Town Hall, 882 Persimmon Road, Calabash, NC.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman J.W Brown, Vice Chairman Gary Cooper, Ms. Mildred DeMarco, Ms. Alinda Lewis Meares, Mr. Alton Watts, Mr. Marty Keefe, and Mr. John Thomas; all members of the Board were present.

STAFF PRESENT: Jeremy Cribb, Town Administrator; Town Clerk, Kelley Southward; and Building Inspector/CEO, Stanley Dills.

GUESTS PRESENT: none.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO FLAG: Chairman Brown called the Meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA: Chairman Brown noted that staff has requested the P/Z Board review and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners regarding a Solicitation Ordinance that staff drafted today; to be included in Title XI of the Code of Ordinances. *Mr. Cooper motioned to amend the agenda to move New Business ahead of Old Business and to add New Business item #1-“review and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners regarding a solicitation ordinance to be included in Title XI of the Code of Ordinances”; and to approve the agenda, as amended. Mr. Watts seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Mr. Watts motioned to approve the Minutes of the May 4, 2009 Regular Meeting, as written; seconded by Mr. Cooper and carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT: Written Report attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion/Action—review and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners regarding a Solicitation Ordinance to be included in Title XI of the Calabash Code of Ordinances. Mr. Cribb explained that it has come to Town Hall’s attention that some businesses are stopping cars and soliciting drivers for their business. This practice is “bad business” and makes the Town look bad. Multiple complaints have been lodged regarding these practices but the Town has no ordinance established to take action. The draft ordinance titled “Peddlers, Hawkers, Drummers, Roadside Vendors, Solicitors, Salespersons, Canvassers, and Demonstrators” would give the Town some “teeth” to

handle this problem. *After reviewing and discussing the proposed Ordinance, Mr. Keefe motioned to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the Ordinance titled “Peddlers, Hawkers, Drummers, Roadside Vendors, Solicitors, Salespersons, Canvassers, and Demonstrators”, as written, and include it in Title XI, Chapter 116 of the Calabash Code of Ordinances. Ms. DeMarco seconded the motion and the motion carried by way of a unanimous vote.*

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion/Action to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners regarding government/municipal buildings and uses in all zoning districts as a permitted use (tabled item). Staff and Mr. Cooper relayed that the Ordinance Review Committee (ORC) has been instructed by the Board of Commissioners to forward their recommendations for the UDO to the Planning & Zoning Board. The ORC has until July 14th to complete their review. Staff suggested the Planning & Zoning Board wait to address this tabled item until the ORC submits their UDO recommendations. *Mr. Watts motioned to leave this matter tabled until the ORC submits their recommendations for the UDO, seconded by Ms. Lewis Meares and carried unanimously.*
2. Discussion regarding the Ordinance Review Committee’s recommendations for the UDO. Elaborating on the discussion began in item #1 above, Mr. Cooper informed the Board that the ORC is currently reviewing Article 12 and they are now meeting on Tuesday’s from 5:30-8:00 pm. In order to meet their 90-day deadline the ORC is either going to have to start meeting two evenings a week or hold an all-day Saturday meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Chairman Brown noted that the use of portable A-frame signs by Calabash businesses is out of control. Several of the signs look horrible in his opinion. It was noted that the Calabash Merchant’s Association is suppose to be regulating these signs.

The P/Z Board discussed changing their Meeting time from 7pm to 6pm, as the Board of Commissioners have recently done. *Mr. Keefe motioned to amend the agenda to add an action item—“take a vote to change Regular Meeting time of the Planning and Zoning Board.” Mr. Cooper seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

ACTION: Vote to change Regular Meeting time of the Planning and Zoning Board. *Mr. Keefe motioned to change the Regular Meeting time of the Planning and Zoning Board from 7pm to 6pm on the first Monday of the month; seconded by Mr. Watts and carried unanimously.*

ADJOURN: *Mr. Keefe motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Watts and carried unanimously.*

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J.W Brown, Chairman

Kelley Southward, Town Clerk