

**Town of Peletier**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, August 7, 2023**

Mayor Dale Sowers called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present: Commissioners Dan Taylor, Walter Vinson, Sonny Mason, David Bragg and Tim Quinn.

Before the meeting officially started, Commissioner Quinn made a motion to amend the August Agenda changing the September meeting from September 11 to September 18 in honor of "September 11". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

A motion was made by Commissioner Bragg to approve the August Agenda as Amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

A motion was made by Commissioner Bragg to approve the July 10, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

**Department Reports:**

**a. Code Enforcement Officer Report** – presented – Lt Jensen apologized to everyone for his behavior at the July meeting. He will abate the nuisance; get a clean up crew to do work needed and attach to residents tax bill..."lien on property". Lt Jensen will get 3 bids for clean up and move forward.

Commissioner Taylor – check out 417 Pettiford Rd

Commissioner Bragg – asked if Kris got with Brett, Town Attorney, on proper paperwork needed. Yes, he did. On good footing to move forward.

Commissioner Quinn – 307 Five Aprils grass knee high.

**b. Western Carteret Fire/EMS Report** - none

**c. Financial Report** – presented

**d. Planning Board Report** –

1) Approved Shed Ordinance to be added to Zoning Ordinance

2) Approved rezone for Pond Side with Consistency Statement

**e. Commissioners Report** -

Commissioner Bragg thanked the Planning Board and Commissioners for attending the Training Session with Carlton, Town Planner.

Commissioner Vinson stated that he was glad that we are heading in the right direction.

**f. Mayor's Report** – Mayor Sowers stated that the Town had a plan when they bought the metal building. The erection got held up due to Hurricane Florence. Commissioner Taylor found a buyer for the scrap metal. Mayor Sowers is meeting with the tentative buyer with a counteroffer.

**New Business:**

**1) John McLean – 1378 NC 58 Peletier – new project request (zoned B-1)**

Mr McLean stated that the driveway permit is in the works. He already contacted CCEC for power. The building will consist of 5 offices (84x65). It will be similar to Mark Merrill's building...coastal look...brick or lap board with dark glass.

No Consistency Statement is needed.

Commissioner Bragg made a motion to approve the new project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

**2) Appoint new Planning Board Member –** Commissioner Vinson nominated Colleen Thomas, resident of Peletier. No other nominees.

The Board voted unanimously (5 to 0) to accept Colleen Thomas as the new Planning Board member.

**3) Bike helmet event – a Public Service Event**

Donna Bierly, resident of Peletier, requested to use the Town Hall for a bike safety class and to give free bike helmets to all children who need one (sizes toddler to adult). As part of a bicycle helmet initiative with NCDOT, Donna was awarded 100 helmets, maximum amount allowed. This event is very personal to her. She plans on having additional classes in the future.

Commissioner Quinn stated it is a great idea but reminded the Board that previously they had barred anyone from using the Town Hall.

Brett DeSelms, Town Attorney, stated this event is different. It is being held outside on Town grounds. He suggested adopting a use policy for the Board to allow people to use the building in the future. Be more specific about the use of the Town Hall.

Commissioner Bragg stated this is a one-time event and permission should be allowed. This event is for children and their safety and well-being. He made a motion that the Town support this event and allow the use of the Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed (4 to 1). Commissioner Quinn against.

**Public Comments** (3 minute limit)

Wendy Gollihue, resident of Cape Carteret, stated that the Board should have thought it through before disallowing the use of the Town Hall.

**Old Business:**

**1) Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Draft –** after a brief discussion, Commissioner Quinn made a motion to send to Public Hearing at the September meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vinson and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

**Other Business:**

None at this time

**Commissioners Comments Review:**

Commissioner Bragg reiterated that scheduled meetings and one-time events are totally different. Commissioners Mason, Taylor and Vinson agreed.

**Closed Session:**

Attorney/Client –

Commissioner Bragg made a motion to go into Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vinson and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to go out of Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

There being no further business before the board, a motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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