

Ocracoke Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2014 at 6:00PM
Ocracoke School Commons

Board members present: Jerry Midgett, Corky Pentz, Benji Hart, Butch Bryan, Tom Payne, Amy Johnson, Sharon Justice

Board members absent: None

Also present: Commissioner John Fletcher, Inspector Jerry Hardison, County Planner Kris Noble, PIO Sarah Johnson, 8 members of public

Review of September 11, 2014 Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes by Tom. Second by Jerry. All in favor, none opposed.

Consideration of Agenda

- No changes necessary.

Public Comment

- None.

Chairpersons Report

- Comments on ODO and Travel Trailer ordinance
 - Corky explains that the Board decided to remove the camper ordinance from the ODO because several other agencies administer rules that apply to campers on Ocracoke: ie FEMA, State, and County, etc.
 - Butch thinks a property owner with enough money to set up two water meters and set up a proper septic system should be able to have two trailers on a 5,000 sq foot property. Butch will not support the ordinance if it limits one camper per 5,000 sq foot lot.
 - Jerry thinks the travel trailer should be eliminated from the ODO and state and federal agencies should regulate campers
 - Corky wants to keep the section that says if the trailer is on the same lot for more than 30 days, the trailer will be considered used for residential purposes and must comply with regulations
 - **Butch motions to make a resolution to remove *Section 36-181- Use of travel trailers by permit only* from the ODO and leave enforcement up to federal, state, and county agencies.** Second by Jerry. Discussion – Corky says that if there are parts of the camper ordinance that the Board wants to save later, they can do that. All in favor, none opposed.
 - Motion to remove *Section 36-181- Use of travel trailers by permit only* passes unanimously.
 - A public hearing will be scheduled for the November Board of Commissioners meeting.

- Amy would like Hyde County to provide people with an information sheet about the federal, state, and county regulations pertaining to travel trailers that Ocracoke property owners will need to abide by.

Old Business

- Review of ODO – tabled until next meeting

New Business

- Drones
 - The NPS has temporarily banned drones in the park
 - Nags Head and other communities have banned drones, except for law enforcement and emergency operations

Public Comment

- Sean Death comments that from the Health Department's standpoint, one travel trailer constitutes one bedroom in terms of septic system.
- Connie Leinbach asks if most trailers on Ocracoke are permitted? Corky and Amy both answer that they are not. Amy clarifies that campers are not grandfathered unless the owner can produce a valid permit they received from Hyde County at one point in history.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2014 at 5:30PM in the Ocracoke Community Center.

Motion to adjourn by Benji. Second by Amy. All in favor, none opposed.