

EASTPORT MUNICIPAL PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING 13 JANUARY 2015
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Morse, Steve Collins, and John Elwell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Council President Mary Repole, CEO Robert Scott.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Collins.

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Reviewed minutes from the meeting on November 4, 2014. Motion Morse, Second Elwell to approve. There was no discussion to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance Review Committee - the committee is back in motion working on a request from the Board of Appeals regarding sign ordinances.
2. Drafting of Planning Board By-laws - Mike will speak with Ken ^{Brown}~~Jones~~ regarding public hearings and charter changes. Ken was on the Charter Review Committee.
3. Continued Discussion on Permit Fees - the discussion centered mostly around whether to charge by the square footage versus a set figure like \$5.00 per every \$2000.00. Mike asked whose estimate it was based on. Robert replied the contractors - they are usually 90% dead on. Robert is ready to move forward with an ordinance amendment.

NEW BUSINESS

We discussed upcoming changes to the ordinances to comply with the new charter changes. There are changes to the procedure for posting meetings. Mary Repole stated that posting on the city website is a required posting. That leaves posting in two additional public places.

OPEN FORUM

We discussed the upcoming Public Hearing to be held by the City Council concerning the transfer of the fish pier and breakwater to the Port Authority. We expressed our concerns that both structures should remain

open to public access if the transfer is approved. It is a goal in the Comprehensive Plan to retain as much public access to the water as possible. Mary Repole stated that is in the proposal but also stated that it would be good if someone from the Planning Board could be at the hearing to state that position. Mike Morse will attend the hearing and bring this up at the hearing.

SET NEXT AGENDA

The next meeting will be February 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. with a regular agenda.

Motion Morse, Second Elwell to adjourn. There was no discussion to the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.