



**TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES  
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

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**Tuesday, April 05, 2022 at 5:30 PM**

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## **MINUTES**

### **Call Meeting to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

### **Present**

Mayor Elizabeth Morey

Mayor pro tem Matt Neal

Council Member Leo Holland

Council Member Paula Sherlock

Council Member Mark Batenic

### **Amendments to / Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** made by Council Member Batenic to amend the agenda and include a Fair Housing Proclamation under New Business, Seconded by Council Member Holland. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Mayor pro tem Neal, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

**Motion** made by Council Member Sherlock to approve the agenda as amended, Seconded by Council Member Batenic. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Mayor pro tem Neal, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Minute Approval- March 1, 2022, March 9, 2022 & March 15, 2022
2. Tax Pickups and Releases
3. Budget Amendment #20-Workers Comp Claim

4. Budget Amendment #21- To record additional ABC revenue received used to offset the additional cost of DC tax collections for beach nourishment
5. Budget Amendment #22-To make the first debt payment on beach nourishment from revenues collected through MSD's
6. Resolution 2022-04-01 Authority to Reject all Bids and Rebid Service Contract
7. Resolution 2022-04-02 in Support of a Wright Brothers Tribute Museum and Observatory

### **Presentations**

Mayor Morey recognized Police Chief David Kole for his 15 years of service to the Town of Southern Shores.

### **Staff Reports**

Deputy Town Manager/Planning Director provided the permit report for the month of March, followed by a Planning Board report. The Planning Board will be meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> to consider ZTA22-02 a text amendment submitted by Quible & Associates, P.C. on behalf of Ginguite, LLC to amend Town Code Section 36-207, C General Commercial District, ZTA 21-08 Signage, and ZTA 22-04 a text amendment submitted by the town to amend Section 36-207, C General Commercial District.

Police Chief provided a department report for the month of March and an update to the Police Department's new K9 (Echo).

Fire Chief provided a department report for the month of March and an ISO rating update.

Town Manager Ogburn provided an update on the street improvement project. No bids were received the first time and during this second bid notice, the town has posted two addendums which contain quite a bit of information which has answered several questions the contractors have asked. The next bid opening is April 15<sup>th</sup>. The beach nourishment engineers were in attendance for an informational meeting on the project, providing a good overview for the public. Weeks Marine is expected to start staging in July and start the project in mid-August.

Attorney Robert Hobbs filled in for Town Attorney Ben Gallop. He had no report at the time.

### **General Public Comment**

Eric Nohre-256 Woodland Dr- not all residents have quality cell phone service in town and is opposed to preventing the cell providers from expanding service as proposed in TCA 22-03 and ZTA-22-03.

Steve Gudus- 156 Wax Myrtle Trail -The Southern Shores Historic Flat Top Cottage Tour owner network has announced the list of cottages that will be open at this year's tour to be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The fifth such tour of these historic flat tops in the Town of Southern Shores, proceeds will again benefit the Flat Top Preservation Fund of the Outer Banks Community Foundation. Owners invite you to join us for an afternoon of open houses as you tour these historic cottages that once dominated the town's architectural landscape. We are proud to offer homes of varying sizes, locations, styles, and finishes for a self-guided open house tour. Approximately

25 examples of this original architectural style remain as flat tops in Southern Shores, of which 13+ will be featured on the tour.

### **Old Business**

#### 9. Mid Currituck Bridge- Update and Amicus Brief Consideration

Town Manager Ogburn stated the neighboring municipalities have signed or are going to sign the resolution that council passed at the last meeting supporting the Mid Currituck bridge. Staff is confident that the Homebuilders Association and Visitors Bureaus will pass the resolution in support. The plaintiff's briefs were due today and if the Town decides to file an amicus brief, that will be due on May 12th. Filing an amicus brief comes at an expense and Council would need to have that discussion. Town Manager Ogburn recommended Council set a date for a special meeting to have this discussion.

**By Consensus of all Council**, a special meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14th at 12:30 p.m. to discuss the Mid Currituck Bridge.

### Fair Housing Proclamation

Doug Brindley with The Outer Banks Association of Realtors presented a proclamation declaring April Fair Housing Month.

April 11th marks the 54th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act and the Outer Banks Association of Realtors is dedicated to helping build thriving, inclusive communities. They requested the Town of Southern Shores to support the commitment to Fair Housing by recognizing the anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month.

**Motion** made by Mayor Morey to adopt Fair Housing Month Proclamation as presented, Seconded by Council Member Holland. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

### **New Business**

#### 10. Public Hearing-ZTA-22-01, a Zoning Text Amendment application submitted by the Town of Southern Shores to amend Town Code Section 36-202 (d)(6), Maximum Allowable Lot Coverage; Section 36-203 (d)(6), Maximum Allowable Lot Coverage; Section 36-204 (d)(6), Maximum Allowable Lot Coverage; Section 36-205 (d)(6), Maximum Allowable Lot Coverage; and Section 36-206 (d)(6), Maximum Allowable Lot Coverage.

Planning Director Wes Haskett presented the staff report which read as follows, the proposed amendments to Sections 36-202 (d)(6), 36-203 (d)(6), 36-204 (d)(6), 36-205 (d)(6) and 36-206 (d)(6) are being proposed by Town Staff as a result of feedback provided by property owners and contractors regarding the open-slatted deck exemption from lot coverage requirements (which was adopted in September 2018). Currently, open-slatted decks that allow water to penetrate through to pervious material, not exceeding a total of 25 percent of the total footprint area of the attached single-family dwelling, can be exempted from the maximum lot coverage requirement in the RS-1 zoning district. The exemption is only available to an applicant for a building/zoning permit for a single-family dwelling or attached open-slatted deck over pervious material, upon presentation of a survey with all applicable requirements including plan certification, for a lot disturbance and stormwater management permit as described in subsection 36-171(3).

The exemption only applies to new open-slatted decks in the RS-1 zoning district that allow water to penetrate through to pervious material if an engineered stormwater plan that demonstrates that following construction of the proposed improvements, the property will retain all stormwater generated by a one and one-half inch rain event and will not adversely affect any stormwater management system previously constructed by the Town or on adjacent properties. Since the current exemption became effective, property owners and contractors have voiced concerns about not allowing the same exemption for existing open-slatted decks. In some instances, existing open-slatted decks were demolished and rebuilt in order to qualify for the exemption. The proposed amendments would allow existing and proposed open-slatted decks not exceeding a total of 25% of the total footprint area of a permitted single-family dwelling on the same lot to qualify for the open-slatted deck exemption in all of the Town's residential zoning districts and the government and institutional district following submittal of an engineered stormwater plan. The Town's currently adopted Land Use Plan contains the following Policy that is applicable to the proposed ZTA:

- **Policy 2:** The community values and the Town will continue to comply with the founder's original vision for Southern Shores: a low-density residential community comprised of single-family dwellings on large lots (served by a small commercial district for convenience shopping and services located at the southern end of the Town. This blueprint for land use naturally protects environmental resources and fragile areas by limiting development and growth.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Town Staff has determined that the proposed amendments are consistent with the Town's currently adopted Land Use Plan and Town Staff recommends approval of the proposed ZTA (2-15-22 version). The Town Planning Board unanimously (5-0) recommended approval of different language at the February 22, 2022 Planning Board meeting. The Planning Board's recommended language (2-22-22 version) states that up to 250 square feet of open-slatted decks that allow water to penetrate through to pervious material shall not contribute to lot coverage instead of up to 25% of the total footprint area of a permitted single-family dwelling.

The Board thought that putting a cap of 250 sq. ft. of exempted open-slatted deck was fair, as opposed to allowing more square footage of exempted deck area for those with larger houses.

Prior to arriving at their recommended language, the Board also discussed applying the 25% to the enclosed living space area of single-family dwellings, instead of the footprint. Town Staff would not have any objections to that limitation.

Planning Board Chairperson Ward provided a brief history on lot coverage, Code Wright's survey results and the Planning Board's recommendation of allowing 250 sq. feet of exempted open-slatted deck. The code currently only applies the exempted open-slatted deck to new, it does not apply to existing. This would remove the rule of tearing down existing structures just to take advantage of the exemption.

Council Member Sherlock thanked the Planning Board for looking at the older homes and how the ordinance affects them. She asked Planning Board Chairperson Ward if this applied to only decking.

Chairperson Ward stated any open-slatted decking, or slatted walkway that counts towards lot coverage. The Planning Board if adamantly opposed to having anything tore out just to put it back to get the credit.

Attorney Robert Hobbs opened the public hearing and called for comment.

Stacia LeBlanc-9 10<sup>th</sup> Ave-open-slatted decking should not count the same as solid decking or walkway towards lot coverage. Citizens should be encouraged to use more permeable materials. She is in favor of the amendment, but 250 sq. feet seems like nothing.

Duke Government Affairs Director for the Outer Banks Home Builders Association-in favor of the staff's version of the zoning text amendment. CAMA does not consider open-slatted decking lot coverage, this is not a stormwater ordinance, it is an aesthetic ordinance. Dare County increased lot coverage to 38% for homes with accessory dwellings in an effort to encourage affordable housing options.

Mark LeBlanc-9 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue-asked for clarification of the proposed amendment. He understood that open-slatted decking must also be attached to the structure. Everything he has read is that this is a stormwater ordinance and if Council is stating it is mainly aesthetics, then he would like stated on record from Council it is aesthetics.

Mayor pro tem Neal clarified that there is two nearly identical amendments, staff eversion and Planning Board version. One allows for 25% credit and the other 250 square foot cap.

Hearing no other comments, Attorney Robert Hobbs closed the public hearing and called on Council for deliberations.

Mayor Morey thanked staff and the Planning Board for their work in trying to fix a problem. She stated she is an advocate of private property rights. We have a town code that puts some guardrails on those property rights, and that is fine. She supports the 30% lot coverage but an open-slatted deck that allows water to penetrate through therefore should not count against lot coverage.

Mayor pro tem Neal state he has used this credit before in the past on new construction, especially smaller lots and is in favor of the staff version.

Council Member Batenic stated having built several homes and building here was the most difficult. The open-slatted deck credit and the staff version makes sense.

Council Member Holland questioned if there was a means of meeting in the middle with the two versions. He stated he is an advocate of private property rights and is leaning towards the staff version.

Planning Director Haskett addressed Council Member Holland's meet in the middle question. He stated the Planning Board would support and staff does not object, instead of 25% of footprint it would be 25% of the enclosed living space area. This would limit it somewhat more.

Mayor pro tem Neal stated it has been on the books with the 25% of the footprint area as is and there has not been a herald of complaints coming forth. The age-old debate that stormwater is aesthetics that is a 30-year debate in Dare County. The 30 percent came from state storm water manuals in the 80's when dare County started adopting ordinances. You cover 30 percent of a lot you don't need any other stormwater management, the other 70% can provide the take-up. The town started using it as an aesthetic control or an anti-development tool. He stated in his mind, lot coverage is a storm water issue; how much you are covering, how much you are shedding your neighbors. He further stated that he thought 25% of the footprint area was a good compromise because that deck is not shedding any water to your neighbor or contributing to the street runoff. If it doesn't contribute to stormwater and adversely impact our waterway, stormwater management on the roads, or your adjacent neighbors then it should not be an issue.

Council Member Sherlock was not in favor of just considering the enclosed area because how does that impact people that don't have mega houses. It restricts your ability to build outside of your house. She stated she would like to give homeowners with older homes the same benefit that new construction homeowners have had for the last couple years.

**Motion** made by Mayor Morey to adopt the staff version of ZTA-22-01 dated 2-15-2022, Seconded by Mayor pro tem Neal. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Mayor pro tem Neal, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

#### 11. Small Cell Wireless

##### Consideration of TCA 22-03 Undergrounding Requirements

The proposed amendments to Town Code Chapter 8 and Chapter 32 are being proposed by Town Staff to prevent the installation of utility facilities and structures above the ground. In March, 2018, ZTA-18-02 was adopted which amended Town Code Section 36-175 to allow small wireless facilities and the use and installation of utility poles in accordance with Session Law 2017-159. Session Law 2017-159 declared that wireless services providers and wireless infrastructure providers must have access to the public rights-of-way and have the ability to attach to poles and structures in the public rights-of-way to densify their networks. It amended existing Statutes to include small cell infrastructure and wireless support structures to ensure that wireless providers have access to public rights-of-way. Recently, Town Staff learned that other jurisdictions have been prohibiting the installation of new utility poles for small wireless facilities in Town rights-of-way by adding them to undergrounding requirements.

Mayor Morey asked if there was any way to know if cell service was being impacted in town. Planning Director Haskett stated that they could replace existing poles, there are a few poles left in the town along the avenues. They could also replace other facilities but as far as improving the signal, he could not say how much affect it would have on it. The provider could claim there is a hardship and apply for a variance. This would apply to the town right of way only. The Town cannot regulate NCDOT rights of way.

Mayor pro tem Neal asked if they could attach to existing poles? Planning Director Haskett stated yes, they can attach to existing poles.

Mayor pro tem Neal asked how many new poles were currently in town rights of way? Planning Director Haskett stated two poles have been permitted by the town.

Council Member Holland asked if staff has heard any pushback from any providers. Planning Director Haskett stated staff has not hear from any providers.

Mayor Morey stated the General Assembly adopted this legislation without consideration of the fact that our town is primarily served by underground utilities. She has not seen any data that indicates that cell service has improved since the new poles were installed. She further stated she prefers utilities underground, and providers can apply for a variance later down the road if necessary.

Mayor pro tem Neal stated it is more of a bandwidth expansion, not a new subscriber expansion.

Mayor pro tem Neal asked if the providers ever shared a future expansion map? Town Manager Ogburn stated that they have not. This amendment puts the brakes on just a little and provides the town a little more say in where the poles would be located.

**Motion** made by Mayor Morey to adopt TCA 22-03 as written, Seconded by Council Member Holland. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Mayor pro tem Neal, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

Public Hearing-ZTA-22-03, a Zoning Text Amendment application submitted by the Town of Southern Shores to amend Town Code Section 36-175, Wireless Telecommunications Sites, Facilities, and Towers

Attorney Robert Hobbs opened the public hearing and called on Planning Director Haskett for the staff report.

Planning Director Haskett stated this zoning text amendment goes hand in hand with TCA-22-03 that Council just adopted. The only amendment staff is requesting is on page three, the reference to the underground requirements established in section 32-13 that was just adopted.

Erik Nohre-256 Woodland Drive-cell service is a necessary infrastructure. This ZTA purposely exploits the cell providers. The waiver process is unfavorable.

Tony DiBernardo- 32 Ninth Avenue-does not know why the providers have installed poles where they have, as the service has not been an issue in that area. The providers can apply for a variance and show that service is indeed being affected and cell service is a hardship in that area.

Attorney Robert Hobbs closed the public hearing and called on Council to deliberate.

Mayor Morey stated it is ridiculous that in 2022 we are still having these issues, that our internet service is so bad. The cell service providers do not have to communicate with us and can provide us very limited if any information, and that is the problem. The statute was passed and placed in the ordinance because we were told by our attorney, we had no other choice. The General Assembly ~~They~~ passed the statute without considering the impact to local communities who are utilizing almost all underground utilities. Other municipalities did not do this and went with the underground option. Mayor Morey further stated that there isn't any information available indicating their cell service is any worse or better than ours.

Council Member Batenic **moved** to adopt ZTA 22-03 as written, Seconded by Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Mayor pro tem Neal, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

**Mayor Morey called for a 10-minute recess  
Council reconvened at 7:36 p.m.**

12. Solid Waste-Trash & Recycle

Bay Disposal Contract Renewal Trash-

The Town's current contract with Bay Disposal for collection and disposal of solid waste will expire on June 30, 2022. The contract states that it will automatically terminate at midnight on June 30, 2022, unless the Town elects to renew under negotiated terms and conditions. Bay Disposal has no objections to renewing the contract with a term expiration of June 30, 2023 with a 6% increase (\$5.59/unit to \$5.93/unit for residential and from \$4352.25/month to \$4613.39/month for commercial). The 6% increase can be attributed to the recent CPI-U rating of 7.9% and we believe that 6% is a fair increase as opposed to 7.9%

**Motion** made by Council Member Sherlock to renew the solid waste contract, Seconded by Council Member Holland. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Mayor pro tem Neal, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

Bay Disposal Contract Renewal-Recycle-

The Town's current contract with Bay Disposal for recycling collection and delivery will expire on June 30, 2022. The contract states that the term shall commence when executed and shall continue until midnight on June 30, 2022. The contract also states that it may be renewed by mutual agreement of the parties for consecutive additional one (1) year periods. Bay Disposal has agreed to renewing the contract for another one-year period until June 30, 2023, with a 6% increase (\$5.21/unit to \$5.52/unit). The 6% increase can be attributed to the recent CPI-U rating of 7.9% and we believe that 6% is a fair increase as opposed to 7.9%

Mayor pro tem Neal asked to confirm that landfill tipping fees are still paid direct and that the Bay Disposal CPI would not apply to them. Finance Officer Bonnie Swain stated that is correct.

**Motion** made by Mayor Morey to renew the Bay Disposal recycle contract, Seconded by Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Mayor pro tem Neal, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

Consideration of TCA 22-02 Chapter 26. Solid Waste-

At the February 1, 2022 Town Council meeting, Chairperson Ward presented the Planning Board's suggested improvements to Town Code Chapter 26, Solid Waste and Council directed Town Staff to draft a TCA that included recommended amendments to Chapter 26. Town Staff submitted TCA-

22-02 to Council for the March 9, 2022 Town Council meeting and Council provided feedback on the recommended amendments. The 3-31-22 draft of TCA-22-02 addresses some of the improvements suggested by the Planning Board as well as other recommended amendments from Town Staff and Council.

Planning Director Haskett reviewed the revisions as presented by staff in TCA-22-02 (copy attached).

Council Member Batenic questioned if these would be enforceable?

Planning Director Haskett stated if Council passes the rollback service, it will be less time needed by staff to enforce the "trouble area", which would help as we do not have a large staff.

Mayor pro tem Neal stated TCA-22-02 started with Mr. DiBernardo wanting to correct out of date information and modernize it. He stated that he feels a lot of the concerns have been addressed and is happy with the text amendment as written.

**Motion** made by Mayor pro tem Neal to adopt TCA 22-02 as written, Seconded by Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously (5-0). Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Mayor pro tem Neal, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

#### Consideration of Cart Rollback Service

In response to concerns relating to the appearance of the right-of-way along NC 12/Ocean Blvd due to the abundance of trash and recycling carts not rolled back to the houses in a timely fashion, town staff requested a vendor provided cart roll-back service.

Bay Disposal has confirmed that they are now capable to provide recycling pickup service on Friday throughout the summer along with trash pickup service on Monday and Friday. By moving recycling from Wednesday to Friday, there would only be two days of the week that carts should be left by the right-of-way for service.

There are several scenarios in which the Town can implement this service.

Monday Trash Pickup -

1. Vendor will roll the carts from the property to the street edge Sunday evening
2. Vendor will roll the carts back to the property Monday morning

Friday Trash and Recycling Pick up - edge

3. Vendor will roll the carts from the property to the street edge Thursday evening
4. Vendor will roll the carts back to the property Friday morning

The cost for each of the four days of service is \$1,119.50 per month. The Town could modify the above in order to accomplish its goal.

- One option is to provide the service all four days. In order to get the full benefit of this service, the Town would need to get property management companies cooperation to impress upon their cleaners and visitors to leave the carts on the properties side of the right-of-way and not roll the carts all the way to the street for pickup on Sunday and Thursday evenings. This would likely be difficult and take time to gain compliance.
- Another option, as a starting point, would be to hire the vendor to roll the carts out of the right-of-way only on Monday and Friday after they are emptied.

The Town has the authority to charge the approximately 260 property owners who receive this service an amount equal to the cost. The service would run for approximately 4 months at a cost of \$8,956 or \$35 for two days of service and \$17,912 or \$70 for all four days.

In addition to the above, Trash Detail will also report damaged carts that need to be replaced or repaired to the appropriate party. They will also place bagged garbage left on the ground into emptied carts.

Town Manager Ogburn further stated it is important to know what the goal in providing this service is. If the goal is to keep the carts off the edge of the right-of-way as much as possible, then the service should be provided all four days. This requires the cooperation of everyone involved with the rental of each property to not roll the cart to the street. Staff is concerned that this is an unrealistic expectation.

Carts rolled out of the right-of-way Friday morning will likely be rolled back on Saturday and Sunday after the houses are cleaned and be there until Monday morning. If the goal is to try and reduce the time the carts spend by the street, then by moving recycling to Friday and rolling the carts back after being emptied is a good start. There is a learning curve with his program, and it will take time for the property managers, cleaners and renters to adjust. Staff feels that the service should be offered consistently for both days of service. If the Council chooses to provide the roll out service on Sunday evening, staff suggests the same be done on Thursday evening. Alternatively, starting this service with just rolling the carts out of the right-of-way after they have been emptied on Monday and Friday morning might be a good way to test the program for effectiveness.

Mayor Morey asked if there is a sense of where the problems are, locations? Council Member Sherlock stated south of the split.

Town Manager Ogburn stated if you are doing this for aesthetics purposes, it makes sense to do it to the split. He stated it would be a good start.

Town Manager Ogburn stated if this service is only being offered to property owners along Ocean Blvd., then the town can charge them. It would be about \$35 per homeowner for the full four months but he cannot say for certain that everyone would pay their invoice. He further stated that the rollback service is just an option and Council does not need to do it. They can lean on staff and take an educational approach for the summer, but *Trash Detail* can start in June.

Council Member Sherlock asked what the reaction from the rental companies was and why do the cleaners roll the carts out on Saturday? Town Manager Ogburn stated the cleaners remove the leftover debris from the tenants and empty the refrigerator. They are told to roll the carts out.

Council Member Batenic stated he drove Ocean Blvd/Duck Rd. this past weekend and carts from the rental homes were overflowing, and close together. This went all the way up to Hickory, although there was fewer of them after the split.

Council Member Sherlock stated if we are going to try this, she would want to try it in a minimal way as far as a financial commitment because it may not work, or it could be great.

Mayor pro tem Neal stated he did not want to do this at all and is a waste of taxpayer money, but he understands the aesthetics and would agree to Monday morning only. Then you can measure the success of that. He further stated if this is being done for the beauty of the town based on complaints from larger groups in the town, then it should be taken care of as a town and not bill individual homeowners for the service.

Mayor Morey asked Mayor pro tem Neal if he would be willing to give the manager flexibility. Mayor pro tem Neal stated his preference is Monday only but asked the manager what his preference was.

Town Manager Ogburn stated he would prefer not to bring this back and would like a budget amendment approved up to \$10,000 with Monday and Friday rollback service up to Hickory, and then we can work back from there.

Council Member Sherlock stated she would like for the Town Manager to resolve this.

**Motion** made by Council Member Sherlock to allocate \$10,000 for the purpose of directing the Town Manager to initiate a roll back service, Seconded by Mayor Morey. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Mayor pro tem Neal, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

Town Manager Ogburn stated the since funding is only needed for the month of June (end of fiscal year) it should not be more than \$2500.

Mayor pro tem Neal stated that is better and a budget amendment will not be needed.

### **General Public Comment**

None

### **Council Business**

Council Member Holland provided the Tourism Board report for the month of January; meal collections were down 1%, and occupancy was up 43%. The park service reported almost 4 million visitors last

summer, camp sights reserved at Cape Hatteras National Seashore were up 58%, and the Wright Brothers Memorial reported 489,192 visitors.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Mayor Morey to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m., Seconded by Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

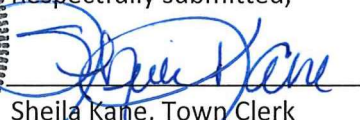
Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Mayor pro tem Neal, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

ATTEST:

  
A. Elizabeth Morey, Mayor



Respectfully submitted,

  
Sheila Kane, Town Clerk

The attached documents are incorporated herewith and are hereby made a part of these minutes.