

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA
January 11th, 2016**

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**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
January 11th 2016**

Mr. Lawson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Committee members present included Mr. Lawson, Chairman, Deborah Ball and Paul Kelley.

Also present: Jim Hudson, Mayor; Bub Shreaves; Town Council Member; John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Holly McGowan, Director of Community Development and Tim Sawyer, Building Inspector.

I Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

December 14th, 2015

Deborah Ball made a motion to adopt the minutes of December 14th, 2015, seconded by Paul Kelley. Upon a unanimous vote the motion was approved.

III. Zoning Text Amendment – Related to Commercial Pier Width

Mr. Edwards advised that the Zoning Administrator is currently reviewing a commercial POD for a seafood business at 7th Street that includes a request for an eight foot wide pier. The Town Ordinance does not allow any pier over six feet in width. The Zoning Administrator is requesting that Town Council send a referral to Planning Commission to review the ordinance with a ten foot pier for commercial property.

Mr. Lawson asked what width is allowed.

Mr. Edwards advised that commercial property is allowed up to twelve feet.

Mr. Lawson suggested that the ordinance be reviewed with up to twelve feet for a pier and not Ten feet.

The consensus of the Committee is for the Zoning Text Amendment to be placed on the Town Council agenda for a referral to Planning Commission to review the Commercial Pier Width up to twelve feet.

IV. Phragmites

Mr. Edwards advised that VMIS has completed their review of the phragmites and presented a map showing phragmites areas in Town. Mr. Edwards also stated that there is approximately 83 acres of phragmites in a six mile radius of Town. VIMS is advising that phragmites does not survive when it's flooded and that it can stabilize wetlands with other forms of growth therefore the Town should not consider any action to control the phragmites.

Mr. Hudson stated that the Town paid for the survey and that most of the phragmites is located on private property. Mr. Hudson suggested that members of the public can review the folder of information that the Town Manager has with treatment options and that it would be up to the property owners to take action on the property they own.

The consensus of the Committee members present is that if a property owner wants phragmites treated, they would be responsible for any such action.

V. 2016 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Edwards presented the Community Development Meeting Schedule for 2016 and January 2017. Mr. Edwards stated that the October meeting would be on Columbus Day and suggested that the meeting be brought forward to October 3rd 2016.

VI. General information

1. Library

Mr. Edwards advised that the possibility to relocate the Library to the old Radio Shack building would not be cost effective. The figure to renovate Radio Shack then relocate the Library is approximately \$600,000. The cost of repairs at the current location is approximately \$250,000.

2 February Committee Meetings

Mr. Edwards advised that he will be attending a conference February 17th through the 19th and that he will reschedule the Committee meetings for that week.

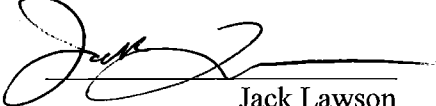
VI. Town Council Agenda

Mr. Lawson asked the Town Manager to place the Zoning Text Amendment on the Town Council agenda as a referral to Planning Commission.

VII. Next Meeting Date: February 8th, 2016.

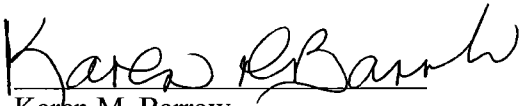
VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Jack Lawson
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk