

Charter and Ordinance Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2012

The Bethany Beach Charter and Ordinance Review Committee held a meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Meeting Room.

Members present: Chuck Peterson, Chairman, who presided; Bruce Frye; and Fulton Loppatto.

Excused members: Mike Boswell; Mary Sue Forestieri; and Lonny Moore.

Also present: Councilperson, Margaret Young; Administrative Secretary, Lindsey Good.

Call to Order

Mr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Frye made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Loppatto seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2012 Meeting

Mr. Loppatto made a motion to approve the minutes dated January 19, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Frye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Recycling Containers

Mr. Peterson explained that the Committee is addressing the issue of recycling containers in the Town. He received input from Mr. Boswell and Mr. Frye, and found that it appears that Town of Bethany Beach is the only community that could be found that has two separate bins for recycling and trash. In addition only Delmarva and New Jersey beach towns have the issue of curbside containers for trash.

Mr. Frye questioned if the if trash and recycling bins have wheels.

Mr. Peterson stated that the recycling bins are fifty (50) gallon bins that have wheels.

Mr. Frye questioned what the significance is of there being two (2) separate bins for trash and recycling.

Mr. Peterson said that the Code has different regulations for trash, recycling, and yard waste, noting that there were particular complaints from residents about the color and placement of the recycling bins at the recent Coffee with Council event. He doesn't feel that there should be separate restrictions for the three (3) types of pick-up because it relates to leaving containers curbside or requiring containers to be taking in after trash day. In coastal communities, there are many property owners who don't live there year-round, so they are unable to put the bins away after pick-up times.

Mr. Loppatto advised that if the ordinance is amended for recycling, it will also need to be amended for trash and yard waste. He added that if there were complaints on the colors of the recycling bins, then it would be a good idea to require that that recycling be placed in a biodegradable bag.

Mr. Peterson stated that the following issues need to be addressed:

- Are residents going to be mandated to put the trash, recycling, and yard waste containers away after pick-up times?
- Should there be separate requirements for trash, recycling and yard waste?
- Should trash, recycling, and yard waste containers be permitted to be left out on the curbside?

Mr. Frye suggested that separate regulations for recycling bins could be established, since the bins be kept behind homes and the recyclables would not go bad.

Mr. Peterson explained that there are similar issues with all three (3) types on bins:

- Color of the bins
- Bags vs. bins
- Misplacement/blowing around of bins

Residents have made complaints about all three (3) types of bins, but this Committee was advised by the Town Council to address the issue with recycling bins.

Ms. Young expressed that she has experienced frustration with one of her neighbor's, since they do not live in the Town year-round, so they leave many recyclables behind when they return to their fulltime residence.

Mr. Peterson is going to draft a white paper on recycling bins, and he will e-mail it to the members to review and make any appropriate modifications. Then the white paper will be discussed, reviewed and voted on by the Town Council.

Mr. Frye questioned if the Council has any additional issues for CORC to address.

Mr. Peterson replied that the issue of "Permanent Obstruction" is the only other item that CORC was advised to address.

Adjourn

Mr. Frye made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Loppatto seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lindsey Good, Administrative Secretary

