

Charter and Ordinance Review Committee

September 6, 2016

The Bethany Beach Charter and Ordinance Review Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 9:30 am in the Town Meeting Room.

Members present: Rosemary Hardiman, who presided; Lonny Moore, Tempe Steen, Margaret Young and Chuck Peterson.

Also Present: Molly Daisey, Administrative Assistant and interested members of the public.

Members Absent: Mike Boswell and Carol Brigleb.

Call to Order

Ms. Hardiman called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Young seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes from the August 2, 2016 Meeting

Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Steen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business

- A. *Discussion, Consideration and Possible Vote On Proposed Exterior Residential Lighting Ordinance That Attempts To Reduce Problems Associated With Residential Outdoor Lighting By Regulating Both The Intensity and Location of Outdoor Lighting.*

Ms. Hardiman confirmed with the members that everyone received a copy of the lighting ordinance with the corrections from the last meeting. Ms. Steen questioned if there was a need to have the definition of indoor light. After reading the ordinance she feels it refers to outdoor lighting, which should be sufficient. Hearing no additional comments/question Ms. Hardiman will forward this to the Town Council.

B. Discussion of Possible Revisions to Chapter 530, Signs, of the Code of the Town of Bethany Beach.

Ms. Hardiman reported that she drove through the streets of Bethany Beach and does not think the Town has a sign problem. The most common sign in Town is the 'For Rent' sign. Most construction sites only have one sign, the builder. Most contractors advertise on their vehicles. Mr. Peterson agrees that there has never been a sign problem. The committee agreed, however, that the Town has to be sure that the ordinance does not conflict the recent Supreme Court decision. The committee has been working on temporary signs and has been focusing on duration and number of signs. Ms. Hardiman distributed to the members a hand out from the IMLA and a discussion followed. The committee agreed that it would be easier for a smaller group to work on a draft based on the IMLA model act. Ms. Steen and Mrs. Hardiman agreed to do that.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 am.