

**Charter and Ordinance Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2009**

The Bethany Beach Charter and Ordinance Review Committee held a meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2009 in the Town Meeting Room.

Members Present: Chuck Peterson, Chairman, who presided; Mike Boswell; Lonny Moore; and Mary Sue Forestieri.

Also Present: Town Council Member, Lew Killmer; Jim McGrath; Carol Olmstead; Bill Dowdell and Lindsey Shallcross, Assistant Town Clerk.

Call To Order

Mr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Forestieri and unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes from the August 20, 2009 meeting

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Forestieri and unanimously approved.

Review of the Parking Section of the Code (continued)

Mr. Peterson addressed two issues to send to the Council:

1. Over 5,000 permits are issued each year and there are only approximately 570 permit parking spaces, which results in too little spaces for too many people.
2. There are over 70 parking spaces that are 38-42 feet long, which is big enough for two cars. Mr. Peterson suggested we should consider striping that.

He also stated that every time a new house is built, we lose five to six parking spaces.

First, Mr. Peterson stated that Mr. Dowdell suggested adding one sentence to Code 321.15 section A to define what is considered a parking space for parallel metered parking. The committee agreed the parking spaces are to be considered between the two meter poles.

Second, Mr. Peterson suggested that the Town police department should check the parking on the West side of Bethany on Route 1, around the pools and common facilities.

Mr. Killmer asked if we are suggesting to eliminate selling Third Parking Permits to individuals or increasing the price of them.

Mr. Moore suggested that selling three different types of parking permits to one person is too abundant. Ms. Olmstead stated that 689 parking permits were sold.

Mr. Peterson addressed that we should consider how many we sell.

Distribution of New Code Books

Mr. Peterson stated that the Code Book needs to be divided into two separate books (Volume I and Volume II) to minimize what is required of the members to carry to meetings.

He asked the Committee members to read the Charter and Chapter 1 of the Code Book in able to familiarize the material and check for errors, which can be discussed at the next meeting in November. (There will be no meeting in October).

Mr. Killmer acknowledged that the Code Book is also online, and that it can be corrected at any time.

Committee Membership

Ms. Forestieri asked if there is a minimum number to be on a Committee. Mr. Killmer responded that there must be at least three members in a Committee.

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Forestieri and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.