

**Charter and Ordinance Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2009**

The Bethany Beach Charter and Ordinance Review Committee held a meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room.

Members Present: Chuck Peterson, Chairman, who presided; Mike Boswell; Fulton Loppatto; Mary Sue Forestieri.

Excused Members: Lonny Moore.

Also Present: Audience member, Jim McGrath; Lindsey Shallcross, Administrative Secretary.

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes from the September 17, 2009 Meeting

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

Follow-Up on Parking Recommendations

- Mr. Peterson stated that there is a consensus for the Town to limit to two parking permits and the cost for the second permit to be the same.
- The Council is reviewing the definition of parking between poles. They are going to look at this to consider changes. Mr. Peterson added that the Council did act on the recommendations that were made.
- The Committee made a suggestion to the Council to increase police enforcement on the West Side of Bethany on Route 1.
- Ask citizens to report abuse of parking permits.
- Consider hiring additional seasonal police officers.

Mr. Loppatto reported that he brought up two issues to discuss at the previous Planning Commission meeting:

1. Consider possibly updating the Code Section regarding regulating driveways.
2. The Planning Commission's purpose is to look at the future of where the Town is going.

However, Mr. Loppatto said that the Planning Commission decided to take no action in possibly updating the current ordinance(s) regulating driveways. He added that they will probably address it in the future, but not at this time.

Mr. Peterson agreed that they will eventually have to solve the issue, since permit spaces are being lost each year

Mr. Loppatto made a point that he saw in the newspaper that Ocean View addressed texting while driving in their ordinance. He expressed that Bethany Beach has more of an issue than Ocean View, especially with the pedestrians in the summer. He recommended to wait and see what Ocean View will do.

Mr. Peterson explained that it is not approved in the Charter and the abilities that are given to the Charter. He continued that the State has an ordinance that the Town has to follow, but if the State disregards it and the Town has it written in the Charter then they can address it. However, he doesn't believe it is written in the Charter.

Review of the Town Charter and Chapter 1 of the Code

Mr. Boswell commented on sections 45-2 and 45-4 of the Code but Mr. Peterson clarified that the Committee is to only be reviewing the Town Charter and Chapter 1 of the Code at this meeting.

There were no comments on the Town Charter and Chapter 1 of the Code.

Mr. Peterson addressed that the Committee needs to decide what to discuss at the next meeting. He made a suggestion to review Chapter 9 through Chapter 23, up to Section 123, Part I and Part II of the Code Book for the next meeting.

The Committee will meet again in January.

Motion to Adjourn

Ms. Forestieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Boswell seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Shallcross, Administrative Secretary