

**EWAB Meeting Minutes,
River Bend Municipal Building, 51 Shoreline Drive
Monday August 7, 2023**

Meeting was Called to order at 7:00pm by Paige Ackiss

In Attendance:

Jim Stevens
Paige Ackiss
Karl Lichty
Jon Hall
Ray Jaklitsch
Patty Leonard
Councilperson Brian Leonard

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Paige Ackiss.

Motion by Patty Leonard and second by Jim Stevens to approve Minutes from June 5, 2023 meeting
Approved unanimously.

Council Report:

There is a vacancy on Town Council created by the resignation of James Castranova. The Council is accepting applications for the vacancy. The cutoff date to submit an application is August 11, 2023.

The Town has received a request to rezone the "Davis Property" to R-15. It has gone through the planning board who recommended the Council adopt the rezoning request. The Council will have to schedule a public hearing before the vote.

Conditional zoning is being brought back up at the next Council meeting to consider. There will have to be another hearing scheduled before the Council adopts it.

In regards to the Plantation and Anchor Way medians, the CAC did an excellent job with doing their study/assessment and have presented 4 options to the Council. The Council will have to agree on one of the recommendations or not take any action. Currently there has been no money allocated in the 2023-24 budget to take any action at this time.

Old Business

Ray Jaklitsch reported on his findings regarding alligators in waters of River Bend. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has said it is illegal to harass, feed, or transport alligators as they are a protected species. It is a \$250-\$500 fine to do so. They do issue permits to hunt them but the permit costs \$500 which is intended to discourage the practice. Ray will pursue publishing this information on the Town website.

New Business

1. There is a drainage tile washout at the end of the canal on Plantation, affecting the swale.
2. There is report of water in a ditch at 300 Tar Landing. It was discovered that a resident's geothermal unit was being dumped into the ditch and someone clearing property was putting refuse into the ditch. Paige will call Delane/Public Works to take a look at it.

3. Email was received from the Town Clerk asking if EWAB wanted to man a table for the National Night Out event in October. Karl Lichty made a motion to buy a banner/sign not to exceed \$100 and to direct Paige to work with Delane on acquiring the funds and sign. Seconded by Jim Stevens, unanimously approved.

4. Election of officers was held.

Paige Ackiss was nominated and accepted for Chair

Jon Hall was nominated and accepted for Vice Chair

Patty Leonard was nominated and accepted for Recording Secretary.

All nominees were accepted by acclamation.

Volunteer hours:

Paige Ackiss – 5 hours

Jon Hall – 4 hours

Jim Stevens – 1 hours

Karl Lichty – 1 hours

Ray Jaklistch 3 hours

Patty Leonard – 5 hours

Motion was made by Paige Ackiss to cancel the September meeting due to Labor Day. Motion was seconded by Jim Stevens and was approved unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2023, at 7 pm in the small conference room at 51 Shoreline Drive.

Motion was made by Patty Leonard to adjourn, seconded by Jon Hall and motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Leonard

Paige Ackiss