

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
HYBRID MEETING
IN PERSON BY COMMISSION ONLY
ATTENDEES ZOOM ONLY
MINUTES**

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Krajewski, Commissioner Neal, Vice Mayor Robinson, Mayor Henderson, Attorney Denhardt. Absent, Commissioner Blackburn.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion – Repairs to Dock and Pavilions at Del Bello Park – This item was tabled due to Commissioner Blackburn being absent. Commissioner Neal stated he did go look at the dock and stated much more needs to be repaired and maybe everything should be completed at the same time.

NEW BUSINESS

Tropical Storm ETA Substantial Damage Discussion

Mayor Henderson stated we had approximately 200-homes damaged during Tropical Storm ETA. We did not have substantial damaged homes, as substantial damage you must have damage over 50% of the structure. To help are residents we are waving permit fees for the homes that need repairs and are expediting the process for these permits to help people to get back in their homes as quickly and safely as possible. Mayor Henderson stated what she would like further to help our residents in single family homes is to help them by modifying the code to include temporary occupancy after a storm, this would allow for minimum repairs necessary to make the home safe and sanitary for occupancy. We need to help the residents to recover from ETA and any future storms. This does not mean a major kitchen or bathroom remodels, only repairs that would bring the home to the before damage condition. This modification will not affect the town's standing with the NFIP.

Mayor Henderson would also like to discuss another way she would like to help the single-family home residents, which is the possibility of changing the 5-year culminative requirement. This requirement does not affect condominiums, only the single-family homes. Mayor Henderson stated she has been working with FEMA and the County for some time now, even prior to ETA on this. Mayor Henderson presented two options to the Commissioner (1) changing the five-year culminative to three year and keep our green energy and hardening exemptions, and the exemptions for repairs due to storm damage as previously discussed. (2) Change to a one year cumulative, with none of the green or hardening exemptions, and the only exemption is for the storm damage repairs. After one year, residents could start back over with enhancements to their homes. Permit to permit is consider phasing which is not allowed. Mayor Henderson stated she was on an ad-hoc call and received feedback from the state and these were the two options agreed upon. These are the two choices and would like to know how the commission feels about these options.

Mayor Henderson invited Lisa Foster to address any questions the Commission might have. Ms. Foster stated the goal is to get people back into their homes. Adding the additional exemption to the cumulative tally is still promoting the resiliency effort and commends Mayor Henderson for reaching out to the county and the state on this effort for the residents. Vice Mayor Robinson asked, if changing our cumulative year would have any impact on our CRS rating. Ms. Foster stated we do not have an answer on this since the town has not had a CRS Verification visit since the ordinance was amended to allow the green energy exemptions. Commissioner Neal stated most of the people would like to see the one-year cumulative.

After discussion, Mayor Henderson asked the Commission what option they would like to go. The consensus was to go to the one-year cumulative. Mayor Henderson would like to amend the code as quickly as possible regarding the storm damage exemptions. Mayor Henderson will send Attorney Denhardt the paperwork and wording she has received.

Legal Services Discussion

Vice Mayor Robinson stated he appreciates the services that have been provided to the town. As finance commissioner and the commission's fiduciary responsibility he would like to ask the Commission if they feel the need to advertise for legal services which has not been done for a long time. The Commission discussed the fact that now may not be a good time since we are in the middle of major litigation. After discussion, the Commission agreed to look at this later.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Neal asked why the town does not have Bruce Cooper as the building official anymore as he knew nothing of the change. Mayor Henderson stated we have two listed building officials per our contract. Mayor Henderson met with Attorney Denhardt and Safebuilt and the agreement from that meeting was to have Neal Mazzei as our building official. Mayor Henderson stated the commission had previously voted on these two building officials and there were several things that led to this decision. Commissioner Neal stated he will table for now and he will talk to Attorney Denhardt.

The Commission discussed and cancelled the December 30th workshop meeting.

Regular Meeting – Following Tonight's Workshop Meeting

Workshop Meeting – Wednesday, December 30, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk