

**TOWN OF BOGUE
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
October 1, 2015**

The Town of Bogue Planning Board met Thursday October 1, 2015 at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road, Bogue. Chairman Bobby O'Chat called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with the following members present: Bobby O'Chat, Michael Panzarella, Shirley Page, John Goguen and Alternate Scott Leahy. Absent were Julie McSwain and Alternate Cecil Hurst. Also present was Mayor Mitchell Russell and Town Clerk Elizabeth Sweeney. Absent members had notified the Board and were excused from the meeting.

Agenda

Michael Panzarella made a motion to accept the agenda. Shirley Page seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes

Michael Panzarella made a motion to accept the August 6, 2015 minutes as written. Motion seconded by John Goguen. Motion approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Pastor Richard Franklin of White Oak Church of God was introduced. Co-Chairman Michael Panzarella stated he felt Bogue Day went very well with a good turnout in spite of the weather. He thanked everyone for their volunteer work involved. Chairman O'Chat brought the extra food to the fire department. They were very appreciative of it.

New Business

Member Update: There is one alternate application on file right now. There are potentially three openings on the board. O'Chat and Page have terms expiring December 2015 and after elections Panzarella may be elected Mayor and may choose to resign from the board. Page plans to request a reappointment to the board from the Town Council. O'Chat said he does not plan to request a reappointment. It would benefit the board to have another application on file in case they are needed.

O'Chat suggested the selection of chair and co-chair wait until the next meeting. There is no rule against a board member also serving on the Town Council. Michael Panzarella made a **Motion** to table annual selection of chairperson and co-chairperson until the November meeting. Motion was seconded by John Goguen. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Chimney Branch Road project is not completed. The new road has been built and is being used. More work still needs to be done. Three culverts will be put in. The turnaround at the end needs to be finished. There has been rain preventing the completion.

Bogue Day was a success in spite of the weather. Approximately 185 people attended. The gift of the flag from USMC at Bogue Field was unexpected and a great honor to the town. David Padgett did an excellent job on the planning and execution of the celebration. The history room set up at Town Hall was highly praised. As of the meeting time we had spent \$4515. All large bills have been paid and it is under budget so far.

Planner Report

We have a Zoning Permit application for an LED message board sign, from White Oak Church of God on Hwy 24. This type of sign is not specifically in our ordinance. The size and the zoning for the church are also to be considered after a decision is made regarding LED message board signs. The specific sign design the church has submitted has LED lighting throughout. The top section does not change, it has the church name. The bottom section is the community message board. The estimate for the sign is \$37,000. This is a large investment for the church. The current sign has deteriorated and

cannot be lit. It needs to be completely rebuilt. Scott Leahy asked if there are any residential properties nearby or houses that are close. Pastor Franklin said just the parsonage, on the same lot. The new sign is proposed to sit on the same spot as the old sign. He said it could be moved further back if necessary.

The first component to the permit is to determine if the Board is in approval of an LED message board type of sign. Other components are the size, height, setback for the zone. These other components were discussed. The property is zoned R-20. Leahy asked about the transition of the messages on the sign, sliding in and not flashing or blinking. Franklin said the frequency and brightness is controlled in the programming. Panzarella said the area around the church is well lit. He said he had no objection to the LED sign. Other town's local sign ordinances were discussed. O'Chat asked about a conditional use permit. Leahy asked how far you can see it down the highway. Franklin said the colors, frequency and transition can be controlled. He also stated since it is at the beginning of Bogue it could be used for community events. John Goguen noted the prohibited types of signs are flashing, blinking, pulsating, does this come under that. Franklin said it is all in the controls of the sign and the transition of the slides.

Other concerns were the zoning of the property as R-20 and would be better as B-1. There are conflicting statements in the sign ordinance over the type, size and setback for the same use. If the board is in approval of the sign type, LED message board, the other items could be addressed.

Panzarella made a **Motion** to send to the Council that the Board is not against the proposed LED sign for White Oak Church of God. Motion was seconded by John Goguen. Motion passed 4 to 1. Panzarella, Goguen, O'Chat and Page- Yes; Leahy- No.

Next Town Council meeting is October 19 at 6pm. Mayor Russell asked if all would please attend to give the approval. There will be a Public Hearing notice published in the newspaper on adding LED signs to the sign ordinance.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Festival of Lights will be on December 5 in Bogue and Cape Carteret. There will be a children's event at the White Oak Church called candy cane lane from 10am-2pm. Also a dog Christmas costume contest and dog parade at Lowes Foods parking lot 12pm-1pm. Residents and businesses are asked to put up lights beginning that weekend. The Bogue Christmas lights will be up by December 1.

Mayor Russell said on Bogue Day there was a sign up list for a history club to start in Bogue. He will be asking everyone interested to meet at Town Hall at a day and time to be determined soon. Lib Sawyer will help to facilitate the club and do research.

The website has gotten more traffic recently, 372 views in September, but only has four followers. All board members are encouraged to follow the site for updates on articles.

www.bogue-nc.org

There will be a Joint Land Use Study for MCAS Cherry Point meeting here in Bogue on Tuesday, October 13 at 6pm at the White Oak Church gymnasium/auditorium. It will be advertised in the newspaper.

Shirley Page asked about a sign for Bogue. There had been talk in the past. It will be put on the January agenda.

Adjournment

Michael Panzarella made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Scott Leahy. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

BOBBY O'CHAT, Chairperson

ELIZABETH SWEENEY, Town Clerk