

**TOWN OF BOGUE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
October 20, 2025**

The Town Council of Bogue met on Monday, October 20, 2025, at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road.

Mayor Robert O'Chat called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor O'Chat led a prayer.

Town Clerk Owens took roll call; all the Council Members were present.

Council Members present; Mayor O'Chat, David Padgett, Albert Taylor, John Dale, Mike Crose and Allison Cannon. Also, present Attorney Donna Boggs and Town Clerk Barbara Owens. Also present representing the Carteret County Comprehensive Transportation Plan for the NCDOT were Len White, Amanda Killian, Hasan Sabouri, and Hemal Shah along with Mickey Anderson from DERPO. Rhonda Murray, Cherry Point Liaison, attended. Caitlyn Sabadish, Carteret County Director of Elections, was present to provide a 2025 Municipal Elections tutorial.

**Agenda**

Mayor O'Chat asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**Council Member Crose made a motion to accept the agenda. Council Member Dale seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Minutes**

**Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve September 15, 2025, regular meeting minutes Council Member Padgett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor O'Chat said the next item is Citizen Comments. Clerk Owens stated that no one has signed up to speak in Public Comment.

**Unfinished Business**

Mayor O'Chat stated there was no unfinished business to discuss.

**New Business**

Mayor O'Chat said that Caitlyn Sabadish, Elections Director for Carteret County, is here to give a presentation on 2025 Municipal Elections. (See Attached documentation). Upon completion of presentation Ms. Sabadish opened up a Q&A. Councilmember Cannon inquired about second homeowners changing their addresses to vote in Bogue at the polls. Ms. Sabadish said it is where does the person considers their permanent residence, if the change is made then their most recent record of voter registration will be removed. Councilmember Cannon asked is it the same for owning a business, Ms. Sabadish said it depends where they consider their residence. Mayor O'Chat inquired about owning a business but not a residential address. Ms. Sabadish added that any false information is a felony and would be turned over to the State Board of Elections. Mayor O'Chat thanked Ms. Sabadish for her presentation.

Mayor O'Chat advised the next item is the Carteret County Comprehensive Transportation Plan presentation by Amanda Killian. Ms. Killian stood at the podium, introduced her team, and proceeded with the presentation. (See attached). She indicated that this is twenty five to thirty years in the future, it has been developed by NCDOT, Counties, and DERPO with steering committees and public information sessions. Clerk Owens asked if this group had anything to do with getting traffic lights installed as the Town of Cape Carteret had done a study of Bayshore Drive and Hwy 24, Mr. White advised he had not heard any final determinations. Planning Board member Southard asked about the bike path locations on the attached map. Ms. Killian advised that it would be determined later. Councilmember Crose asked if the funding has been allocated? Mr. Anderson, DERPO, said this is a first step, if the project is not identified with this type of plan we cannot seek funding for it. The way the funding is distributed is competitive with multiple layers, a state level , regional level, and division level. Ms. Killian advised that they have had six adoptions of CTP so far. They are seeking adoption of CTP. She advised this is very early planning and all of the information can be found online. Mayor O'Chat asked if there were any comments. Mayor O'Chat asked Clerk Owens to draw up a resolution for the November meeting for adoption of CTP. Mayor O'Chat thanked the team and Ms. Killian for their presentation.

Mayor O'Chat stated that the last item on the agenda is discussion of the reply from Pittman Soil Consulting, Haywood Pittman, regarding the Bogue Sound Distillery septic permit. He instructed the Council to look in their packet for the operation permit with yellow highlights dated September 24, 2015, it shows septic system, building and parking area at Bogue Sound Distillery. This system has a five hundred (500) gallons per day capacity for usage. The reason we mentioned this is there was an application for another business there at the distillery, we requested the permit and received this (attached) and contacted the Carteret County Health Department inquiring if the permit would cover the businesses that are there currently. Carteret County Health Department advised that it requires more septic. The owner of Bogue Sound Distillery was contacted and in August of two thousand twenty four (2024) application was made for a new septic. The town did not receive the new septic permit from Carteret County Environmental Health. The Town did receive a permit from Mr. Haywood Pittman who is a soil scientist/engineer which is in the packet (attached). If you look at the drawing, this is the same system that was drawn up by the Carteret County Health Department in two thousand fifteen (2015). Pittman reviewed the original permit and amended it to increase the number of employees at the distillery from five to eight. The permit does not reference a bar area, the serving of mixed drinks, or the facility's two hundred-person capacity. The town contacted Pittman, the same person that the owner of the distillery hired to evaluate the original septic permit by asking him if the permit would cover the bar area, serving mixed drinks and would it be able to manage the capacity of two hundred person occupancy. Pittman responded that it should have twenty gallons of capacity per person the system that is there now is a five hundred gallon per day capacity according to Pittman, the system needs to be four thousand gallons per day capacity. That is three thousand five hundred gallons of sewer that is potentially not being treated, not being treated correctly, and we do not know where it is going. The system that is there is managing five hundred gallons per day and needs to be managing four thousand gallons per day. Most of you know there is a wetland area behind the distillery that flows out into Bogue Sound. The

five hundred gallon per day system that is in place will only allow twenty people and eight employees. This information has been sent to the program agencies and the capacity of people there will be dropped from two hundred down to twenty until a new septic system is put in place with a different gallon per day flow. Councilmember Crose asked about the letter (attached) that states about three tanks and one thousand gallons, how does that reconcile to the permit, are those existing things. Mayor O'Chat stated the only thing we have to go by is the septic permit, the original permit came from the Carteret County Health Department and then Pittman evaluated the same septic system and it is still a five hundred gallon per day system that is in the ground. This is the engineer that Mr. Chapman hired who is advising that it needs to be a four thousand gallon per day system. A significant volume of wastewater is being directed to a designated location, and to address compliance issues, the occupancy rating will be reduced from two hundred individuals to twenty. Notification of this change has been sent to the Carteret County Health Department, the Western Carteret Fire Marshal, and the Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) agency. Councilmember Dale said the tanks are not tied into anything we assume are just in the ground per this letter. Attorney Boggs said that Mr. Chapman represented this information in the letter to the Clerk of the current state of the septic, Mr. Chapman can answer questions about the current state of the septic on that property right now. Councilmember Cannon asked Mr. Chapman if he wanted to clarify the letter that he left with the Town Clerk? She asked, "are they in the ground, these tanks? Chapman said not yet. Are they hooked up to anything? Chapman advised yes, they are, that system is functioning six or seven years with no problem. Mayor O'Chat asked Chapman if Pittman is wrong, is that what you are saying? Chapman said Mr. Pittman is wrong. You will hear from Ward and Smith on this that is all I am saying. Chapman left Town Hall.

Mayor O'Chat said we will move on to department reports.

### **Department Reports**

*Finance: Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$700,547.06.*

*Budget: Clerk Owens stated that the sales tax has been received by the town through August, Property tax through September, vehicle tax through September and Utilities Franchise tax through the second quarter. The Town also received Powell Bill funds in September, \$13,537.35.*

*Planner: Clerk Owens stated three zoning permits have been issued; Accessory Structure/Shed 134 Hunting Bay Drive, Accessory Structure/Dock 136 Hunting Bay Drive, and Sign 5214 Hwy 24.*

*ILA: Councilmember Dale stated no report*

*Streets: Councilmember Padgett said the potholes on Chimney Branch need to be repaired. Mayor O'Chat stated that Simpson Construction is mobilizing and will be starting the rock project on Chimney Branch Road this week.*

*Emergency Manager: None*

*Town Hall: Councilmember Dale advised that the flagpole was delivered.*

Events:

**Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements**

The flagpole and the light were both delivered to Town Hall today.

**Adjournment**

**At 6:48 p.m. Council member Padgett made a motion to adjourn. Council member Crose seconded. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.**

Mayor O'Chat stated the next Town Council meeting is November 17, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_ ROBERT O'CHAT, MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_ BARBARA OWENS, TOWN CLERK