

**TOWN OF OCEAN ISLE BEACH
THREE WEST THIRD STREET
OCEAN ISLE BEACH, NC 28469**

**OPEN FORUM MEETING
APRIL 13, 2015
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Debbie Smith	Mayor Pro Tem Dean Walters
Commissioner D.B Grantham	Commissioner R. Wayne Rowell
Commissioner Betty Williamson	Daisy Ivey, Town Administrator
Sue Stuhr, Town Clerk	Larry Sellers, Assistant Town Administrator
Ken Bellamy, Police Chief	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Bob Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

8 Property Owners/Guests

CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Smith called the Open Forum to order and stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear comments, concerns and issues from residents. Mayor Smith stated all issues would be taken under advisement; however, no official action would be taken during the meeting.

OVERVIEW OF COMMENTS/UPDATES

Bob Mayhew, 24 Dare – Mr. Mayhew complimented the Town’s beautification efforts suggesting an increase in the planting of perennials. Mr. Mayhew recommended the Town consider increasing the summer recycling schedule to combat the overflow of trash cans during the busy summer weeks. Mr. Mayhew also noted that trash cans are not being pulled back from the street, particularly on First and Second Streets, suggesting the Town request that Waste Industries pull the trash bins back from the street. Mr. Mayhew also stated that speeding seems to be an issue recently, suggesting the Town monitor this with radar trailer as it has in the past.

Mayor Smith responded, noting the Town has recently been incorporating more native plantings in the Town’s landscape plan. Mayor Pro Tem Walters agreed speeding is an issue we all need to be conscious of, particularly in the summer season. Mrs. Ivey advised that Waste Industries does not offer a pull back service for trash bins; however, staff will continue to monitor the situation. Commissioner Williamson commented the local property management companies offer their cooperative efforts assisting with the return of carts from the street.

Frances Mayhew, 24 Dare - Mrs. Mayhew suggested recycling containers be placed at beach access areas due to the large volume of bottles and cans placed in the trash. Mrs. Mayhew also suggested the Town check the dog bag dispensers due to the fact some are not dispensing properly. Mrs. Mayhew also complimented the Town’s streetlight upgrade project noting what a nice improvement it was to the Town’s streets.

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Being no further comments were heard, Mayor Smith thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the Open Forum meeting adjourned.

DATED: _____

SIGNED: _____
Debbie S. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sue Stuhr, Town Clerk