

# TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

## Planning Commission Regular Meeting

March 11, 2020 – 1:30 PM

Town Hall, Council Chambers  
2001 Seabrook Island Road



## MINUTES

Present: Stan Ullner (Vice Chair), Wayne Billian, Jim Newton, Sharon Welch, Joe Cronin (Town Administrator)

Absent: Ken Otstot (Chair)

Guests: Katrina Burrell (SIPOA)

Vice Chairman Ullner called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance. Vice Chairman Ullner stated that Chairman Otstot would be unable to attend the meeting. Town Administrator Cronin confirmed that the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act were fulfilled, and the meeting agenda was properly posted.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Regular Meeting: February 12, 2020:** Mr. Newton made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2020, meeting as submitted. Ms. Welch seconded the motion. The motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4-0.

### OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

*There were no Old Business Items.*

### NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **Temporary Use Permit: Bohicket Marina Billfish Tournament:** Town Administrator Cronin provided a brief overview of the request, the purpose of which was to review and provide a recommendation on a temporary use permit for the 2020 Bohicket Invitational Billfish Tournament. This year's tournament was scheduled to be held from May 6-9, 2020, at Bohicket Marina and Market (1880-1882 Andell Bluff Boulevard). Similar to previous years, the applicants were proposing to install a temporary stage, vendor and sponsor tents, and signage for the duration of the event. All stages, tents and signage would be located on the back side of the marina, between the marina buildings and Bohicket Creek. During the Billfish Tournament, two officers from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office were proposed to be on-site each day between 5:00 PM and 2:00 AM. Fipps & Sons Towing was proposed as the 24-hour towing and wrecker service. The vacant lot on Seabrook Island Road (across the

marsh from the marina) would be used for overflow parking. Staff recommended in favor of approval of the request, with the following condition: For public safety and emergency access purposes, no vehicle parking shall be permitted on Seabrook Island Road or Andell Bluff Boulevard during the Billfish Tournament, with the exception of existing marked spaces.

Ms. Welch disclosed that she has a vested interest in the marina and, therefore, would recuse herself from voting on this matter.

Mr. Billian asked if there was a public safety issue with the boardwalk on the backside of the marina. Town Administrator Cronin responded that he was aware of some ongoing maintenance which has taken place on the boardwalk, but he had not received any information from the Charleston County Building Department or any state agency regarding any specific activities or concerns related to the safety of the boardwalk.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Newton made a motion to recommend in favor of approving the temporary use permit, with the condition recommended by town staff. Mr. Billian seconded the motion. The motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 3-0, with Ms. Welch recusing herself from voting.

#### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

- 1. Text Amendment: LED Signs:** Town Administrator Cronin stated that he had an opportunity to meet with the Mayor and Town Attorney to discuss language for a draft text amendment. He stated that if LED signs were to be allowed, the best approach would be to allow them as a "Special Exception." As a special exception, the DSO could outline general criteria for such signs, but grant the Board of Zoning Appeals to consider the appropriateness of each sign on a case-by-case basis. He stated that he will be working with the Town Attorney to draft proposed language, which will be presented to the Planning Commission for review at a later date.
- 2. DSO Rewrite:** Town Administrator Cronin stated that the DSO Advisory Committee was making good progress on the DSO rewrite. He added that he didn't expect a final draft to be completed until late 2020.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Ullner asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Welch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Billian seconded the motion. The motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 PM.

Minutes Approved: August 12, 2020



Joseph M. Cronin  
Town Administrator