



Town Council MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 28, 2024 - 4:00 PM
Council Chambers, Easton Town Office
14 S Harrison Street

4:00 PM Workshop:

Council President Frank Gunsallus
Ms. Maureen Curry
Mr. David Montgomery
Rev. Elmer Davis

Mayor Megan Cook and Donald Abbatiello were excused.

Also present was the Town Manager, Mr. Don Richardson, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, Mr. Tom Diem, Building Official/Code Enforcement and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy M. Ruf.

Call to Order by President Gunsallus.

At 4:01 PM, President Gunsallus called the meeting to order.

Discussion

Memo Discussion

Town Attorney, Mrs. VanEmburch, discussed what is currently in the Town Code, what is being considered and if there should be new legislation. She stated what is on the books now can be enforced.

Mr. Diem stated he has pictures of the truck. He stated the occupancy is deemed legal at that site. He discussed the history of the odor issue. Mr. Diem discussed recent visits to Mr. Mitchell Hughes' site. Mr. Diem stated the odor today was not offensive. Mr. Diem stated what we have in place for enforcement is adequate if we use it. Mr. Diem cautioned new nuisance legislation.

Rev. Davis thanked Mr. Diem for addressing the situation. He stated the individuals that live in that area need to know what the town is doing to resolve the situation. He suggested working with the rules we have and assessing the situation at a later time.

Mr. Richardson stated that we will package the information for the council.

President Gunsallus stated that with Mr Diem stepping into this role and being proactive, there have been less complaints.

Mr. Montgomery stated he trusts Mr. Diem's judgment.

Mr. Diem stated that if complaints still come in, the steel receptacle may not be working but he intends to stay on top of it and other correction action can happen. President Gunsallus discussed fines. Mr. Diem stated fines can be imposed.

Ms. Curry joined the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

President Gunsallus outlined the workshop for Ms. Curry.

Mr. Montgomery asked if zoning should be looked at for other areas to make sure other places in the zoning districts close to residential are not subjected to these same problems.

Mr. Richardson discussed zoning amendments close to residential areas.

Adjournment.

At 4:24 p.m., upon motion by President Gunsallus seconded by Rev. Davis and carried unanimously, President Gunsallus adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk
