

**TOWN OF BETHANY BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 21, 2022 –MINUTES**

Members present for the hearing were: Rosemary Hardiman, Mayor; who presided; Lew Killmer, Jerry Morris, Patrick Sheplee, Rob Calef and Mickey Hinman.

Excused Member: Scott Edmonston

Also present were: Cliff Gravier, Town Manager; Terry Tieman, Assistant Town Manager; Molly Daisey, Administrative Assistant and Will Wharton, IT Director.

Mayor Hardiman called the hearing to order at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Hardiman read into the record:

The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on the following zoning amendments to the Bethany Beach Town Code:

An Ordinance to Amend §425-2 by adding the terms Natural Area and Pervious Materials in the Definition and word usage in Section §425-2.

An Ordinance to Amend §425-27 by adding an additional paragraph to address ground covering restrictions on Residential Lots.

The proposed ordinances were, and still are available for inspection at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (except on scheduled holidays), and also available on the Town's website www.townofbethanybeach.com.

The hearing was advertised as follows: Posted on the Town's website on September 20, 2022; Published in the Cape Gazette Newspaper on September 20, 2022; Published in the Coastal Point Newspaper on September 23, 2022; Posted on the Town's bulletin boards and outside of Town Hall and the Post Office on September 20, 2022. A notification also went out to everyone on the Town's Listserv email.

Ms. Hardiman reviewed the ground rules. Once this hearing is closed, the record will remain open to receive email or written comments until November 4, 2022. Email comments can be sent to admin@townofbethanybeach.com or mailed to 214 Garfield Parkway, P.O. Box 109, Bethany Beach, DE 19930 or delivered to Town Hall in person.

Mr. Killmer stated that he appreciated the email from Mr. Chris Brooks from McCormick & Taylor that he made regarding suggestions made that were very pertinent to the proposed changes and they should be considered.

Ms. Hardiman added that the Town Council will not vote on this until the next Town Council Meeting which is on November 18, 2022.

Mr. Sheplee asked if the Town Council could meet and make proposed changes to these two ordinances, to help move this along. Ms. Hardiman agreed and stated that a pending ordinance is only in effect for 31 days.

Mr. Gravier suggest the Town Council discuss this at a Workshop to be held the week of the Town Council Meeting.

Mr. Sheplee had several suggestions, definitions needed for both. He will go into more detail at the Workshop.

Hearing no comments Ms. Hardiman closed the hearing at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Molly Daisey,
Administrative Assistant