



# Planning Board Meeting Agenda Item Submittal

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Item To Be Considered: **Staff Report**

Board Meeting Date: **July 1, 2025**

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**Overview:** Please see the report below on recent/upcoming activity regarding the planning board.

- **Planning board vacancy:** Due to the recent resignation of a swansboro historic preservation commission member who served as the SHPC representative on the planning board, there is now a vacancy on the planning board. Since Christina Ramsey serves on both boards, she resigned from her regular seat on the planning board to become the new SHPC representative. She will remain chair of the planning board, and her voting privileges will not change. The board of commissioners will conduct board appointments for the vacant ETJ seat and vacant regular seat during their meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Update on agenda items heard by the planning board at their Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting:** The ETJ expansion/rezoning request for 106 Belgrade Swansboro Road and the rezoning request for 1476 W. Corbett Ave was recommended for approval by the planning board. The applicant recently decided to pull the application from being heard by the board of commissioners so as of right now, the rezoning/ETJ expansion is on hold.
- **Upcoming text amendment project:** It was recently brought to staff's attention by the town attorney that we have outdated code enforcement penalty in our town code. Back in 2021, there was a decriminalization effort in North Carolina that prohibited development regulations to be enforced criminally like it was done in the past. Under this Senate Bill 300, a local government must amend local ordinance to specifically identify violations that may be enforced criminally and for planning and zoning, the law prohibits the enforcement with criminal penalty entirely. This project will be a large undertaking and the text amendment to update our code will be brought to the planning board for their recommendation to the board of commissioners soon.

**Background Attachment(s):** None

**Recommended Action:** None

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**Action:** \_\_\_\_\_

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