

**Town of Swansboro
Planning Board
Special Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2023**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Board members in attendance were, Scott Chadwick, Christina Ramsey, Edward Binanay, Ed McHale, and Joseph Brown. Absent Sherrie Hancock and Clara Abalos.

Business

Text Amendment to 152.179 Table of Permitted/Special Uses

Projects/Planning Coordinator Brehmer reviewed a request from Swansboro High School to allow the replacement of the existing band tower in the front yard of the High School.

In response to inquiries from the board Christine Thompsom representing Swansboro High School

- The tower is currently 20 feet tall the new band tower will be 35 feet.
- Band tower Will be constructed in three levels.
- The contractor estimated that construction could take up to two weeks to complete.
- The materials that will be used will withstand storm/hurricane.
- Materials used will be wood and the stairs will be steel.

A motion by Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mrs. Ramsey, the text amendments related to 152.179 Table of Permitted/Special Uses was unanimously recommended for approval to the board of commissioners.

Amendment to the CAMA Land Use Plan

Planner Correll reviewed land use amendment is to clarify the recommendations from Appendix A concerning environmentally sensitive areas. Change to the wording on page 29 to “Isolated Wetlands” (*As reference, Appendix A pages 29-30 attached hereto*)

In response to inquiries from the board the following clarifying points were made by Planner Corell:

- On page 30 of the Swansboro CAMA Land Use Plan, updated changes have been made in order to clarify environmentally sensitive areas.
- This is the policy we are developing to protect the Wetlands.
- After the amended Land Use Plan has been approved by the Board of Commissioners, the update will be forwarded to CAMA.
- The creation of a Wetland Review Board would be considered If necessary.

After acknowledgement of attendance Mayor Pro Tem Frank Tursi stated that the change of language from Isolated Wetlands to Environmentally Sensitive Areas is acceptable, as long as Environmentally Sensitive areas are clearly defined.

A motion by Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. Binanay, the Amendment to the CAMA Land Use Plan was unanimously recommended for approval to the board of commissioners.

Board Comments

Mr. McHale wanted to state for the record that he was not coerced into making any decisions on the changes to the Table of Permitting by the Planning Board Chairman. A subcommittee was created and worked together on the recommendations.

Mr. Chadwick acknowledged the comments made by Mr. McHale and was uninformed of the comments created from the recommendations the subcommittee made.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Binanay, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm