

**Town of Swansboro
Planning Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2026**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:47pm. Board members in attendance were Tom Pieratti, Frank Tursi, Doug Rogers, and Sherrie Hancock. Jamie Petani, Frank Jones and Christina Ramsey were absent.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Tursi, seconded by Mrs. Hancock the July 7, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

Business

Employee Introduction

Town Manager Jon Barlow introduced the new Town Planner, Mikey Tata, describing him as energetic, hardworking, and committed to pursuing a career in planning.

Town Manager Barlow explained that there was no business requiring Board action due to limited planning activity in recent months. He anticipated an increase in activity in the near future and thanked the Board for its patience.

Chairman/Board Thoughts/Staff Comments

The Board discussed concerns about excessive flashing and blinking signs and lighting throughout Town and asked whether an ordinance could be developed to regulate their brightness, direction, appearance, and flashing frequency due to the potential discomfort they could cause viewers.

The Board discussed concerns regarding property maintenance, development activity, and code enforcement within the Town. The Board requested that staff review current code enforcement practices and explore a more consistent approach to identifying and addressing potential violations. Concerns were also raised that relying primarily on citizen complaints placed an undue burden on residents and could lead to inconsistent enforcement, particularly between property owners who complied with permitting requirements and those who did not.

The Board further discussed the importance of holding scheduled meetings during periods of limited business and using the time for educational discussions on planning topics, zoning, and the Board's responsibilities. Members emphasized the importance of remaining involved in discussions regarding the proposed Emergency Operations Center (EOC) property, including responsible development, protecting wetlands and waterways, and exploring appropriate development practices and grant funding.

Town Manager Jon Barlow advised the Board that staff did not have information available on these topics at the time but could provide updates at future meetings.

Public Comments

Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the Board. No public comments were made.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Tursi, the meeting was adjourned.