



TOWN OF NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH  
Board of Aldermen  
Agenda Item

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**Issue:** Committee Reports: Planning Board  
**Department:** Planning  
**Presented by:** Gary Rowland, Chairman  
**Presentation:** No

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Planning Board and staff discussed various opportunities for improvement through the use of zoning. Ms. Hill stated that the Board of Aldermen approved the latest three rezoning requests on August 5. The consensus of the Planning Board is that the Board of Aldermen approve the reprint of the Zoning Map. Staff recommended a Public Hearing to consider a text amendment to adopt the digital, electronic form of the Zoning Map. Adoption of the geodatabase would provide for a continued, up-to-date Zoning Map that would be consistent with County property records. Additionally, it would preclude inadvertent boundary adjustments and other errors, as has happened in the past. Lastly, accurate digital information would be available to the public.

For adoption of the simple reprint of the Zoning Map as the "Official North Topsail Beach Zoning Map," there appears to be no requirement in Sec. 7-123 for a public hearing, although it may be prudent to do so. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on September 9th to consider a proposed amendment to Sec. 7-123 Zoning Map to adopt the digital zoning format, shifting the authority from hand drafted maps to an electronic version, called the zoning geodatabase maintained by Onslow County GIS. Pending approval of the Board of Aldermen, this would negate the need to adopt the paper copy and solidify the County's geodatabase as official. Clarification of preferred method – paper or digital – is requested of the Board of Aldermen.

The Planning Board continued their discussion regarding other areas of concern:

- 1) Stormwater;
- 2) Signs;
- 3) Bike path;
- 4) Underground utilities;
- 5) Dimensional nonconformities; and
- 6) Inconsistency of the lists used for privilege licenses, table of uses and the fee schedule. Staff is developing a single list using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) to be used for all three.

Staff briefed the Planning Board on the 2010 legislative updates regarding permit extensions and video sweepstakes.