



**Town of Beaufort NC**

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**Town Of Beaufort Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting  
MINUTES**

**3:00 PM Monday, May 20, 2019 - Town Hall Conference Room**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Newton called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present for the meeting.

2. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The vote was 4 to 0 in favor.

3. Presentations

A. Economic Impact Study of the Proposed Gallants Channel Project

Gerri Sutton began the meeting by introducing James Stevens of ConsultEcon, Ken Howard the NC State Museum Director and Ed Robbins of the Maritime Heritage Foundation.

Mr. Stevens gave the slideshow presentation of the Gallants Channel Project and the proposed economic impact. Mr. Stevens indicated some of the considerations addressed during the study were how to strengthen the capacity of the organization, how to strengthen the short and long term plans and how to strengthen leadership and organization.

Mr. Stevens presented the concept of an 80,000 square foot Museum Maritime Campus with programmed outdoor areas and docks costing approximately \$60 million dollars. He indicated the one time economic impact to North Carolina was estimated to be \$107.2 million, one time impact of jobs to be 703 part time and full time, and one time impact of state income tax revenue to be \$1.0 million.

Further, Mr. Stevens reported the anticipated visitors on a yearly basis would reach approximated 234,000 resulting in the need for 28 full time employees and 27 part time or seasonal employees and requiring an operational budget of \$2.4 million.

The projected economic impact to Carteret County is \$46.3 million adding a projected 456 full and part time jobs across the county with an estimated fiscal revenue of \$1.0 million.

The proposed funding is two thirds from the State of North Carolina with the other third coming from outside donations and fund raising. All commissioners present were concerned over the moving of the museum from the downtown Beaufort area and the economic impact it would have on the waterfront business district. Additionally, they were concerned with how the project developers were proposing to deal with the wayfinding between the museum and downtown Beaufort.

#### 4. Mayor and Commissioner Comments

No closing comments were made.

#### 5. Adjourn

Commissioner Hagle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 4 to 0 in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Mayor Everette S. (Rett) Newton

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Michele Davis, Town Clerk