



**Important  
DATE!**

*if you missed this*  
**From July 5<sup>th</sup>  
Cobblestones**

**tues. july 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

**City of New Castle Delaware Regular Council Meeting at Town Hall**

**201 Delaware Street - New Castle**

**Agenda**

**Roll Call**

**Consent Agenda**

**Minutes:** 6/5 – Sp. Mtg.; 6/9 – Regular Mtg.; 6/17 – Sp. Mtg. Budget Workshop;  
6/22 – Sp. Mtg. Budget Workshop; 6/30 – Sp. Mtg.

**Staff Reports**

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

**Report from the City Administrator & Staff**

**Council Communications**

**Business from the Mayor**

**Business from the Council Pres.**

**Business from the Floor** (concerning agenda items only)

Presentation of Resolution No. 2015-27, Honoring **Reverend Albert Clinton Gaither, Jr.** on the occasion of his retirement. (Councilperson Petty – Posted 7/7/15)

#### **Old Business**

1. Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution 2015-30, a Resolution supporting a proposed **Fishing Pier at the "fishing beach" south of Dobbinsville** on Route 9 within the City of New Castle. Pier to be constructed and maintained by Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife. (Council Pres. Ratchford – Posted 07/07/15)

Guests: **Larry Horan**, Construction Project Manager, Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife; **Bernie Pankowski**, Chairman, Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing

Funding

2. Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution 2015-31 – Approving the **Verizon Tower** at Municipal Boulevard Contract. (Council Pres. Ratchford – Posted 07/07/15)

3. Discussion of **Truck Traffic** through Dobbinsville. (Council Pres. Ratchford – Posted 07/07/15)

4. **Meadow Update** (Council Pres. Ratchford – Posted 07/07/15)

#### **New Business**

1. **CWSRF – DWSRF\* Presentation by Terry L. Deputy of DNREC**

(\*Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds)

\* CWSRF and DWSRF Programs – Brief Overview

\* 2% Interim Interest Policy

\* Land Conservation Loan Sponsorship Program

\* Water Quality Improvement Loan Sponsorship Program

\* Asset Management Development Assistance Program

\* Project Planning Advances, and Matching Planning Grants

2. First reading of **Ordinance 503**; to revise and restate City Code Chapter 140 – 18:

**Prohibited Growth of weeds and grass**, to prohibit any weeds and grasses exceeding 6 inches in height, and prohibiting meadows, all within 1000 feet of a residential or commercially zoned property. (Councilperson Megginson – Posted 7/7/15)

3. Discussion of **Parking Recommendations and Resident/Business Input** on Downtown Parking – all are welcome and encouraged to attend and make suggestions/ comments. (Council Pres. Ratchford – Posted 07/07/15)

4. Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution 2015-32, Approving **Mayor's appointment of Gail Seitz** to the Planning Commission. (Council Pres. Ratchford – Posted 07/07/15)

5. Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution 2015-33, Approving **nominations to the Tree Advisory Commission**: Council's Recommendation – **Marco Boyce**. (Council Pres. Ratchford – Posted 07/07/15)

#### **Comments from the floor**

Executive Session to discuss AFSCME contract and personnel matters

Next Regular Meeting Date: **August 11, 2015**

Posted: **Posted 07/07/15**

*Note: This agenda as listed may not be considered in sequence, including executive sessions.*

**Looking at**  
**to meadow or not**  
**both sides...**

**Tall grass, weeds, minimal mowing and...meadows** are words that have been buzzing all over town in recent weeks.

The Trustees, in an effort to reduce cost of minimal mowing, introduced Pollinator Meadows to the landscape of the City. Original sites were behind Bull Hill, Ward Triangle and Dobbinsville. Some City Council members strongly opposed the meadows, as do some citizens. The Trustees were invited to Council to present the meadow planting and that's when it appeared the planting was going to be plowed under. Council member Ted Megginson said the residents don't want them and wasn't going to vote for them. The size of the Dobbinsville proved to be the controversial point. Originally a small area had grown, encroaching on space where neighborhood children play.



*Recently planted seedlings.*



*On 7<sup>th</sup> Street Council member Megginson says no flowers here.*

Concerns included ticks, snakes and assorted native vermin. Robert Collins of Dobbinsville said his neighbors aren't opposed to the idea but that they were too close to play areas. The suggestion was made that Penn Farm would be more suitable. Mr. Wilson and Mr. DiMondi are working together on a revised Dobbinsville approach. "We are eliminating the front meadow on the south side expanding the play area and reducing the southwest side by about 3,000 sq. ft." Mr. Wilson reported to Cobblestones.

In a recent letter to the WEEKLY resident Russ Smith said, speaking of the Broad Marsh meadow, "I'm sure the meadow will



*This is how entering New Castle from Rt. 9 could look like according to the Foresite Associates presentation.*

bring ecological diversity to an area that serves as a gateway to New Castle. I'm sorry to hear there are folks in town who seem to be afraid of meadows." Alert Cobble Barb Winkler sent the picture on the left from Lake Heron Liverpool, Pa.

