



**Town Meeting**  
**Saxis Town Hall**

**Monday, July 3, 2023 @ 7:00pm— Weather- Hot & Humid 93' Storms & Rainy**

**Council Members Present: Lee Miles, Bryan Shreaves, Denise Chance, Darrell Marshall, and Wayne McCleary**

**Council Members Absent: Donna Croushore,**

**Mayor Denise Drewer- Absent-Sick**

**Town Clerk Mariann Miller-Present**

**Town residents present: Ellie Payne, Debbie Hohman, Bill Taggart, Tammy Miles, Maureen & Patrick Dipuppo, Martha Jane Linton, Lou Ann & Jan Foerster.**

*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Denise Drewer and Mariann Miller opened with the Lord's Prayer.*

*The June 5, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed. Wayne motioned to accept the minutes as written and Lee. seconded the motion. Minutes accepted. Unanimously passed.*

**Public Hearing Opened:**

*The 2023-2024 Town of Saxis Budget was advertised in "The Eastern Shore Post" two consecutive weeks:*

*June 23 and June 30, 2023, prior to this Public Hearing.*

*Mayor Drewer presented copies of the budget to the council. She reviewed each item again to all in attendance and asked if anyone had any questions. No one responded.*

*A motion was made by Darrell Marshall to approve the 2023-2024 Town of Saxis Budget as written and Denise Chance seconded the motion. All council members agreed. Unanimously passed.*

**Public Hearing Closed**

**Regular Scheduled Town Meeting Opened.**

**General Business:**

**Early Bird Oyster Roast Tickets:** *This year's Oyster Roast will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 3pm to 6pm* DJ Terry Collins will be playing. Mayor suggested offering Early Bird Tickets this year. She has a list of people who come every year. If we make a flyer for Early bird and include that in the mailing or emails, we may get more people to attend with the lower price of \$45.00. September 1, 2023, would be the cutoff date. We need to get the tickets printed in a different color than last year. We plan to have corn on the cob again and possibly French Fries if we can get the potatoes. We used 14 dozen last year and we need to place the order early.

**Banner Replacement:** Some of the banners are torn and faded. The mayor has contacted all the people who purchased them in the past to see if they wanted to re-order. Mayor suggested that we use the Food & Beverage monies available to us to purchase banners for all the businesses since they must pay the Food & Beverage tax monthly. Everyone Agreed to do this.

**Air B&B's:** Currently Air B&B customers pay a 5.3% tax to the county when they rent. The mayor talked to The Town Manager of Onancock. She stated that the monies they pay are a constant nightmare to deal with. They have a transit Occupy Tax for every short-term rental, and they do not receive any money from the county or state. Mayor said she can't speak for other Air B&B owners, but she pays 5.3 % tax to them. Mayor will talk to Debbie Midgett at Accomack or Kim Satterwhite, to see what they can do legally to try to get the money to come to the Town instead of the county. Tabled for next meeting.