

PINE KNOLL SHORE LINE

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LAND USE PLAN meeting at the Marine Resources Center, May 19

In 1974 the N.C. Legislature passed the Coastal Area Management Act, providing assistance for developing plans and systems for better management of our fragile coastal areas. At the PKS meeting, Larry Jerome presented the revised 1976 Land Use plan for the town. A large number of interested citizens were there to discuss the plan. Mr. Paul Foster, consultant and advisor, also came for this important meeting. The plan, copies of which are available at the Town Hall if you have not yet read it, reflects the desires of the voters as indicated in replies from questionnaires sent out previously. Pine Knoll Shores recognizes that much of our town lies within fragile areas of environmental concern and will take necessary measures to protect ocean and sound shorelines, dunes, salt marshes, maritime forests, and the quality of all waters. The plan incorporates the PKS zoning ordinances, the restrictive covenants of the Roosevelt interests governing land use, and the recommendations of the Coastal Resources Management Commission. Questions were raised about the adequacy of the water supply for the Outer Banks, and Chairman Jerome told the meeting that the Coastal Resources Commission has recommended further study of this problem.

Following adjournment of the meeting, the PKS Board of Commissioners met to take action on the Land Use Plan. They approved unanimously the revised 1976 Land Use Plan for Pine Knoll Shores.

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COMMISSIONERS MEETING: The Board announced that the street leading from Bridges Street to the Marine Resources Center has been named Roosevelt Drive. The Roosevelt family, donors of the property, have written a letter of appreciation and acceptance of the action of the Board. Chief Overman reported on the condition of the police cars and asked permission to enter negotiations for purchase of the next patrol car. Permission was granted. Possibility of lowering the speed limit on Salter Path Road was discussed. Such a change would have to come from the N.C. State Department of Transportation and is not likely to be made in the near future, according to Commissioner Browne.

Mayor Haller reminded citizens present that trucks and heavily loaded equipment may not use the Oakleaf Drive Bridge and asked that violations be reported. Repair or replacement of this bridge would be a major expense for the town.

The budget meeting has been cancelled until discussions with the Atlantic Beach Fire Department are completed. Date for the budget meeting will be announced later.

Two requests for funds were received and taken under advisement. First was an appeal for funds to carry on the work of the Carteret Council of Aging, region P of the Neuse River Council of Governments, in their program which serves 5,000 aging members of whom 62% are in the low income group. Money would be used for bus transportation to and from doctors, etc., and could be handled through "Community Action." The second appeal was a one-time request for financial aid for the Morehead Little League.

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MRS. JO JOHNSON (wife of REX, son of PKS's MARJ and FRANK), Beaufort, is the new director of the county's Voluntary Action Center, operating out of Beacon House on Evans St. The program is possible through a Manpower Grant administered by the county and serves as a clearinghouse for volunteers in nonprofit organizations. Through this newsletter Pine Knoll Shores residents are urged to "put themselves on file", as it were, with Jo, and they will eventually be placed in work that will suit them best. Voluntary Action Centers are being created in many communities and are proving most successful in guiding the right volunteers to their kind of volunteer activity. ...Like Beacon House, VAC needs funds to keep going; many PKS'ers have left behind favorite charities and may discover that one of these two organizations may be a terrific spot to center their donations on - drop in at Beacon House some day soon and see.