

they feel an appeal from the assessment is warranted, they may call the tax office and request an on-site appraisal or discuss the assessment with an evaluator.

CAMA MEETING . A standing room only crowd met at the Town Hall January 28, to hear a presentation of the Planning Board's CAMA Land Use Update survey.

ATTRACTS CROWD Chairman Curt Johnson presided and was assisted by members of the Board along with Gaile Pittman, Coastal Land Planner from the North Carolina Department of Natural and Community Development, and Paul Foster, land use planner for Pine Knoll Shores.

Former Commissioner Art Browne presented his review of changes in zoning and other developments since the original land use plan was prepared in 1975. In his resume of the results of the questionnaire sent to all property owners last October, he said that 51 per cent had responded. Of those responding, he said 83 per cent liked the way the town is developing and 91 per cent approved of present zoning regulations, and the atmosphere that has been created through a well-planned community was liked by some 74 per cent of the respondents. For what was liked least, by only a relatively few respondents, was a need for a new bridge to the mainland and too many condominiums. Suggestions for improving the town included reduced density and a need for a village shopping center.

With respect to future year-around residence in the town, Mr. Browne reported that more than 53 per cent of part-time residents and owners of undeveloped lots plan to make Pine Knoll Shores a year-around home. One half of the owners of single family homes, and three-fourths of the lot owners plan to make the town their permanent residence. By contrast, two thirds of the part-time condominium owners have no plans to make this a year-around residence.

Commissioner of Planning, Larry Jerome, presented a review of population trends and projected growth of the town over the next 20 years. He said the peak summer population in 1980 was approximately 3,400; by 1985 this would increase to about 4,700, by 1990 to 6,300 and by the year 2000 the population would be about 8,900. However, he said, the year-around population is expected to be considerably less. In 1980, he said, the full-time population was 775. In 1985, this will grow to 1,300, by 1990 this number could jump to 1,900 and by the year 2000 the full-time population could be as high as 3,000 persons. On the basis of present trends the population of single family residents will always exceed that of the condominiums.

Discussing projected growth trends Commissioner Jerome said there are a total of 1,103 single family lots in town on which 357 have a house erected. With respect to condominiums present zoning allows a maximum of 1,700 units, of which 280 units have been erected.

With reference to the protection of our water supply Commissioner Jerome reported that during the past five years one major change has taken place. That was the abandonment of the proposal to install a sewer system in favor of septic and tertiary systems. Based on the town's present zoning laws, this type of system will be adequate without polluting the water system and waterways. He said the town will continue to monitor the system periodically, including the water ways and Bogue Sound to assure its safety.

With respect to long-range projections and related growth, Mr. Jerome said that any major expenditures in the foreseeable future would likely be for new town equipment and possibly a third bridge.