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At the Board of Commissioners meeting held on August 9th, Commissioner Bill Dixson expressed his deep concern at the practice of throwing grass clippings into the canal. He stated that it is being done in quantity, that it is a hazard to boat engines, promotes algae and is extremely unsightly. As pointed out in the ShoreLine's July issue, such practices are in violation of Town law and of applicable covenants. The Commissioner added that he "hopes" such dumping is being done by persons "who don't know better", but that "if they do", their acts are simply "malicious". The Mayor stated that such conduct must be stopped. He requested that anyone seeing such dumping report it promptly to the Police.

It was pointed out that this year tax bills will be in the form of a card, partly to decrease the cost of postage. Half of the card is to be returned with payment and the other half retained for the taxpayer's records. Although mailing of the tax bills will be later this year than formerly, it is hoped that they will be sent out in September. Preparation of the bills involves use of the County's computer, which means that certainty as to date of mailing is and impossibility.

COMMISSIONERS

MEET

Commissioner Gibson reported that installation of the watering system at the Town Hall has begun. (This is good news to all of us interested in maintaining the beauty of the place - which means all of us.) He also recommended that the proposed parking lot for boats and trailers, to be located at the rear of the Town Hall, consist of "open turfstone" covering the septic tank area, surrounded by marl. It was suggested that the parking area be built to accommodate about 25 such boats and trailers, recognizing that there is plenty of room for expansion, if needed. The Board authorized proceeding with construction.

Preliminary approval of the Taylor-Schrum subdivision was considered by the Board, having already been before the Planning Board as reported elsewhere in this issue. Commissioner Dixson stated that despite various opinions to the effect that approval could not be denied, he was "most disturbed" by the proposed development. He expressed the belief that a subdivision such as that which is contemplated will change the character of an area near the Country Club to the detriment of everyone. He felt that the subdivision is "a condo type operation", with grounds maintained by an association, which approaches commercial utilization in a residential area. He said that in his opinion approval would border on "spot zoning". Bill Ballantine, the Building Inspector, spoke for the Planning Board and

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