

# The SHORE LINE

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Alcohol and ammonia shared the spotlight at the Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, May 14, at Town Hall. A. C. Hall, owner of the Atlantis Lodge, acting as spokesman for the Atlantis, John Yancey, Holiday Inn and Ramada Inn, asked the Board to call for a referendum as soon as possible on liquor by the drink. He pointed out the financial hardship on the town's motels and inconvenience to guests who take their dinner business to Atlantic Beach and Indian Beach where restaurants offer cocktails. He suggested that a "yes" vote would encourage better restaurants to locate in Pine Knoll Shores and said the motels would bear the cost of the referendum.

## LIQUOR BY THE DRINK REFERENDUM REQUESTED

Maureen Parker, speaking in opposition to the referendum, questioned if liquor by the drink would enhance or erode our neighborhood quality. She expressed concern that such an action would increase commercial zoning and bring a flood of bars, night clubs, and drinking establishments to Pine Knoll Shores.

Mayor Ken Hanan agreed to call a Town Meeting to get the opinions of residents on the proposed referendum. (See notice following this article).

In answer to a request from the Planning Board that the town go on record as opposed to the ammonia storage facility being considered for Radio Island, Mayor Hanan announced that it seemed fair to give its proponents a chance to present their side of the issue. He asked Commissioner Fred Libby to introduce John Carpenter of Texasgulf Chemicals. Mr. Carpenter reminded those in attendance of Texasgulf's 15 years in Carteret County, employing 90 people and its economic impact on the area. He stressed the safety features that would be incorporated in the facility and that 177 such storage tanks are already in operation throughout the United States.

Mayor Hanan announced that the Board of Commissioners had decided against opposing the facility as the governing agent of Pine Knoll Shores, but that individuals could make their opinions known by writing to the Carteret County Board of Commissioners.

Earlier in the meeting Mayor Hanan announced that this week has been declared Town Clerks' Week in North Carolina and he commended Corinne Geer for her service to Pine Knoll Shores and recent completion of a Municipal Administration course at Chapel Hill.

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