

Planning Board

Topics of discussion included:

1. The Planning Board conditionally approved a request to rezone a tract of land north of Christmas By the Sea from commercial to multi-family 1 and subdivide this lot and a lot adjacent to Crystal Coast Resort. The request was then forwarded for Public Hearing and the consideration of the Board of Commissioners.
2. The Planning Board also considered a request to change the ordinance with restrictions on open house signs, after consideration the members voted for the ordinance to remain as written.

Community Appearance Commission

The Community Appearance Commission is delighted to announce that the Town of Pine Knoll Shores has passed its first test in our goal to become certified as a Tree City USA.

Through the good direction of Roy Brownlow and the cooperation of the Board of Commissioners, the authority at the North Carolina Division of Forestry has approved our voluminous application.

The Final stamp of approval is expected from the National Arbor Day Foundation in the spring of 2001.

Thanks to all citizens who assisted in this endeavor, or urged us on toward the attainment of our goal!

Submitted by: Bob Curry, Jr., Chairman

From the Desk of the Commissioner of Streets and Public Property

Occasionally this office fields questions and comments that are of general interest. Such is the situation as I leave this job. As you read this consider how you can help the Town look better and also decrease the cost of government.

There have been concerns relayed to this office about sand in the street. This usually occurs after a rain event and produces a sand layer of a dusting to as much as half an inch to an inch, usually flowing from unpaved driveways.

Our beach sand is comprised primarily of quartz particles, which have been rounded by past wave action to roughly spherical shape. As a consequence, they behave like tiny ball bearings, causing skidding of a

vehicle while braking or when rounding a curve too rapidly. Therefore, be aware of the danger.

The paved surface is comprised of various petroleum compounds (tars), larger aggregates (stones) and also sand. The softest component of the 4 surfaces involved is your tires, which will wear the fastest under skidding and rolling conditions. Roads also wear but non-highway roads almost always fail some other way first, e.g. cracking or damage. It is usually interstate and federal highways that get enough traffic to worry about serious wearing of the surface.

We have to pay someone to sweep away the sand and collect it if it is not done by citizens. Consequently, it is to your advantage (safety and monetarily) to remove sand from the streets, that has migrated from your driveways. You will help yourself, your neighbors and your town.



Squad #65

Your EMS squad is in urgent need of individuals who are willing to be trained and equipped, at town expense, to serve on our squad, hopefully by the end of this year. We ask for a minimum of two years of service, which you will find personally worthwhile, interesting and rewarding. If there is no **meaningful response** to this plea our volunteer squad, as we know it, could cease to exist. Those who have used our service know how reassuring it is to have people you know responding to your 911 calls.

If the town has to field a fully paid EMS squad it is estimated that the cost, for a home assessed at \$200,000, would be an additional \$250 per year in taxes, not to mention the loss of free transports to out of county hospitals example Duke. Citizens of Pine Knoll Shores – **DECISION TIME IS NOW!** We who are serving do not accept the idea that volunteerism is dead. Surely there are those in our town who will respond to this call for help. If you are willing to step up to this plea call and register your name at the town hall or call Ted Lindblad 240-0580 and let him know.

The next class will be given in the fall at Carteret Community College, more information to come.

Squad 65 responded to 9 medical emergencies and 5 fire calls.

Submitted by: Maureen Danehy