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**Planning Board**

Topics of discussion included:

1. Commercial Property Aesthetics
2. Ordinance Change regarding Planning Board
3. Due to the holidays, there will be a combined meeting for the months of November and December instead of the regular scheduled meetings. The combined meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5 at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

**Community Appearance Commission**

Topics of discussion included:

1. Tree City U.S.A regarding the Davey Tree Group doing a tree inventory.
2. Adopt-A-Highway
3. Painting of Town Hall Exterior
4. Due to the holidays, there will be a combined meeting for the months of November and December. The combined meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

**News from the CAC-**

1. We wish to thank Pine Knoll Shores Realty Company for their willingness to join us in keeping our town as presentable as possible by joining the Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program.
2. It is with great pleasure that we advise you that the N.C. Division of Forestry has agreed to provide us with a supply of free seedlings trees for the year 2001. We expect to announce the give-away program shortly after February. Many thanks to the N.C. Division of Forest Resources!
3. Our tree inventory on town property and rights-of-way required for "Tree City U.S.A." has been delayed momentarily. It is expected to begin about mid-November (so if you see arborists moving around our town with clipboards and pocket computers, that's what they are doing.)

**Town Hall will be closed**  
**Friday, December 22, Monday, December 25**  
**and Tuesday, December 26**

**In observance of the Christmas Holiday!**

**Also closed**

**Monday, January 1, New Years Day!**

**Squad #65**

The health topic this month concerns drug names. There are more than 10,000 names for the prescription drugs marketed in the United States. Plus, there are thousands of names for over-the-counter drugs.

- ◆ Problem: Many of these names sound the same, and can be confused by doctors, pharmacists and patients.
- ◆ Examples: Amrinone and Amiodarone; retrovir and ritonavir; and celebrex and celexa. The similarity in the names of the first two drugs has already resulted in several deaths.

It is hoped that new computer programs can give the U.S. Food and Drug Administration more ammunition when debating proposed drug names with manufacturers and help flag potential problems.

Make sure your doctor clearly types or prints the name of your prescription drug on the prescription form and notes what it is for. Be clear, yourself, exactly what you are taking. Source Journal of American Medical Association, Vol. 281, No. 15.

Product concerns may be reported by calling toll free 1-800-487-7776 U.S. Pharmacopoeia.

Squad 65 responded to 16 medical emergencies and 2 fire calls.

Submitted by: Maureen Danehy

**Notice to Taxpayers**

**The holiday season is upon us. With all the holiday festivities, taxes may be the last thing on your mind.**

**If you have not paid your Town Taxes, please do so before Christmas week. January 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day to pay taxes without a penalty.**

**Connie G. Shelton, Tax Collector**