

PINE KNOLL SHORES COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

By Yvette Bannen

Mayor Jones presented Derryl Gardner, who had been mayor of Newport for 36 years, a proclamation in his honor.

There were four public hearings on the new fee schedule, fee-related ordinances, setbacks for single-family homes in multi-family zoning districts and for debt restructuring, but nobody had any comments.

The consent agenda was approved and one of the items was the advertisement of tax liens in the March 23 *News-Times*.

Town Manager Kramer gave his report on various ongoing projects. The State Revolving Fund of the Division of Water Quality has approved the East-End Storm-water project, and it is hoped that the project will be completed by the end of March. The town is considering selling the oceanfront lot on Knollwood Circle by sealed bids. There will be a meeting on March 18 with NCDOT regarding Phase II of the sidewalks. The test automatic water meter readers are communicating directly with the tower in Newport, but we are still waiting for further information from Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative regarding the cost. There will be a meeting in a week with NCDOT regarding crosswalks. This led to a discussion about reducing the speed limit on Highway 58 from April to October, but no decision was made.

Deputy Town Clerk Sarah Williams outlined a program to put recycling containers at the public beach accesses. There is a grant available from the NC Department of Environmental and Natural Resources that would cost the town less than a \$300 match to purchase the special containers to help reduce waste at these sites. It was agreed to go ahead with the application.

George Greene presented the final draft of the strategic plan to the commissioners and it was approved. Further discussion was planned for the next BOC meeting on February 27.

It was decided that there would be no further action on the boat trailer parking situation at this time because no suitable location was found.

The updated fee schedule and ordinance amendments were unanimously approved.

The setbacks for single-family homes in multi-family zoning districts to comply with CAMA regulations were unanimously approved.

Finance Director Julie Anderson presented a follow-up to discussion at the retreat at the end of January regarding debt restructuring. She has started the application process with the state treasurer's office to refinance the two loans that had been obtained from the USDA to a commercial loan to pay for the purchase and improvements to the public safety building. The refinanced debt will be carried by BB&T for 14 years at 2.9%. This was approved by the Board of Commissioners. There will be no change to the water bond debt because the town has already commenced paying down the debt with extra payments.

The town has been reviewing the Board of Adjustment Ordinance in response to new legislation, and a draft has been approved by the Planning Board and the attorney. The draft is now ready for a public hearing at the March 13 BOC meeting.

A resolution authorizing a sealed bid sale of the oceanfront lot on Knollwood Circle was unanimously approved. Bids will be accepted until May 8.

Pete Trebbe presented a proposal to the commissioners regarding a heritage tree program in the town. Heritage trees are those that, because of their age, rarity, grouping, overall beauty or historical significance, represent an important aspect of the town's history or natural landscape. The proposal was approved unanimously and the Community Appearance Commission (CAC) will administer the program.

Police Chief Lepore proposed a change to the police employment contract to allow the town to require reimbursement for personalized equipment (uniform and bullet-proof vest) purchased on an officer's behalf if the officer leaves employment within two years. This was approved.

There was discussion about changing the regular BOC meeting schedule and, after deliberation, it was agreed to have the meetings on Wednesday night instead of on Thursday. This will necessitate a change in the ordinance and the new schedule will start with the new fiscal year in July.

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