

Beaufort Reassigns Personnel On Zoning, Planning Commissions

Beaufort's zoning and planning commissions were defined, as to personnel, Friday night at a meeting at the town hall.

Members of the zoning commission are J. O. Barbour Jr., chairman; D. F. Merrill, Dr. David Farror, Earl Mason, and J. H. Davis.

The zoning commission also will act as the board of adjustment. As a zoning commission it will keep the zoning ordinance up to date, recommend when changes should be made and how.

When a zoning problem arises, the town board is required to hear the zoning commission's recommendations, but law does not require the town board to accept those recommendations.

The foregoing are the duties of the zoning commission as defined by Leigh Wilson, League of Municipalities.

Hears Appeals Acting as the board of adjustment, the zoning commission hears appeals on special cases.

In many cases, where a builder cannot comply with the zoning law, he has gone to the town board in an effort to bypass the court by getting the town board to revise the zoning ordinance.

Members of the planning commission are H. D. Paul, chairman; O. S. (Tobe) Clawson, W. H. Muse, Rufus Sewell, and Mrs. G. W. Duncan, who will serve as secretary.

Mr. Wilson, when he appeared before the town board last August, defined the planning board as the "big thinkers". Their duties not only include planning future streets, sewage treatment, etc., but can also study salaries to be paid town employees and other projects affecting the town's future.

Mr. Wilson specified that the planning board and the zoning commission should not be the same group of persons.

Moore Street Problem Relative to dead-ending Moore Street, various opinions were expressed. No decision was made, but it was recommended that the persons living on Moore, between Broad and Cedar (the new highway) be invited to the meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday when the problem will be discussed with R. Markham, highway engineer.

Those in favor of keeping the street accessible to the new highway, said

1. It took a long time to get Moore opened on to Cedar (water used to be at the north end) and it would be a mistake to close it.

2. Don't allow two-way traffic on Moore, just allow traffic to go from the highway south on Moore.

Those in favor of dead-ending Moore at the highway, said

1. To leave it open, even to just one-way traffic, would create a safety hazard. Cars going west would have to wait until east-bound traffic cleared, to make the turn south on Moore.

2. A large amount of fill would be needed because Moore is 4 1/2 feet below the highway grade. This would mean that Moore Street would be higher than the houses alongside it. In that case, a car careening off the highway could possibly land on top of one of the houses.

3. To allow traffic flow from the highway to Moore would require condemning property which would cost up to \$15,000. Of that amount, the town would have to pay a third.

4. The state is considering putting a turn table at the north end of Moore to allow traffic to turn easily.

5. It was recommended that steps for pedestrians be put at the

end of the street to allow access to the highway by foot.

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Atlantic Beach Will Break Ground at 1 for Town Hall

Ground for the Atlantic Beach town hall will be broken at 1 p.m. today.

The beach town board has awarded the \$20,000 contract to Earl Dunn, Atlantic Beach. It will be located on the Salter Path Road east of Fleming's Motel.

Chief of police Bill Moore was named chairman of the ground-breaking ceremony at the beach town board meeting Saturday morning at Fleming's.

The building will be of concrete block. In the central section will be the fire station; on the west at Raleigh Avenue will be a vacant store rental space and on the east of the fire station will be the police department and the town board meeting room.

A detention hall will be located at the back of the fire station. The \$20,000 figure is expected to cover cost of the property, the building, sidewalk and curb and a parking area.

Contract Drawn The building is being put up by the Atlantic Beach Improvement Corp. The town board has entered into a contract with the organization to rent the fire station and municipal office for \$50 a month.

The contract also states that when the town has the money, the building will be sold to the town at cost of construction.

Beach residents are buying stock in the improvement corporation at \$100 a share. Approximately \$7,000 has been raised. The town board passed a resolution thanking those who have already bought shares and expressed the hope that more will take an interest in the building and buy stock.

The town also expects to borrow funds. Mr. Dunn said that he hopes to have the building completed in six weeks. The board has given him seven.

Preliminary Report The beer and teen-age dancing committee appointed at the last meeting has met but its complete report will not be available until next month.

The committee was appointed by Mayor A. B. Cooper to look into complaints about teen-agers at beach dance spots, drinking beer. Preliminary findings of the committee show that persons under 18 have not been sold beer.

Committee members stated that the trouble lies with the law, in that persons 18 are permitted to buy beer. They recommended that police pay strict attention to law enforcement and decided that a meeting relating to the matter shall be held early this summer.

Attending will be the town board and beach businessmen. In connection with a recommendation by Mrs. Etta Willis, committee member, that an area be made available where no beer is sold, Mr. Cooper reported that a beach is to be opened northwest of Dom-El's drive-in.

Designed for Families It will be designed specifically for family use. No beer will be sold. The beach will cover several See GROUND-BREAKING, Page 2

County Toastmasters To Meet at Cherry Point The Carteret County Toastmasters Club will meet at the staff NCO club at Cherry Point tomorrow night. Club members will meet at the main gate at 7:15 p.m.

Prepared speakers for the meeting will be Jasper Bell and T/Sgt. Paul Bray. Their critics will be Dr. Russell Outlaw and Clifford Eaglie. P. H. Geer Jr. will be master critic.

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The fish house was valued between \$18,000 and \$22,000 and was insured for about a third of its value. It is believed that the fire was caused by persons stealing gas.

The sheriff and the FBI are investigating. The fire was discovered by Ronald Lawrence, Winston Cornelius, Lloyd McCabe, Lonnie Hyatt and Jack Lawrence, members of the Morehead City Road Runners Auto Club, about 1 a.m.

Three of the men went to arouse neighbors while two