

Holden Board Bounces Rezoning Request

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Holden Beach commissioners sent one rezoning request back to the planning and zoning board Monday night, set a public hearing on another request, and approved one amendment to the zoning ordinance.

Approved was rewording of the ordinance on C-1, commercial property, allowing single-family, two-family and multi-family dwellings, except mobile homes, to be built on the classification.

Bounced back to the planning board was a request to rezone property at 107 Ocean Boulevard West from R-1, residential, to C-1, commercial.

A public hearing was set for August 5 on a request to rezone property at 110 Ocean Boulevard East from R-1, residential, to C-1, commercial.

Rezoning of both pieces of property has been recommended by the planning board, but both are located in Block A, a section commissioners eliminated when they rezoned a large portion of property in that area for commercial development last month.

Block A was also among property included in the land use plan for commercial development.

"We pulled it out," Commissioner Hal Stanley remarked, explaining that he wants to be sure the same limitations are placed on commercial development as on residential.

There is no side setback on commercial building, Stanley said, and he wants to be assured the same restrictions apply before considering rezoning of any property on Block A to commercial.

The motion to deny the request was made by Commissioner Graham King, who remarked that Block A was eliminated when the area was rezoned commercial because we might find ourselves "up to our elbows in pizzas and hot dogs."

Commissioner Gloria Barrett noted that there was no opposition to the rezoning at a public hearing earlier.

Although they denied this request, commissioners decided after some discussion to proceed with the public hearing on the request to rezone 110 Ocean Boulevard East, although they view this request in the same light as

they do the one just denied.

Diane Holden Appointed

A vacancy on the Holden Beach Board of Elections was filled with the appointment of Diane Holden, a Democrat. She succeeds John Bramer, who was chairman of the three-member board. The chairmanship was given to Mabel Dutton.

Alternates on the board of adjustment will continue to serve on a rotating basis when a regular member is absent, the board decided. It had earlier designed alternates as number one and two, with the number one to be first to serve in the case of an absence.

Other Business

In other business, commissioners: •Approved a preliminary assessment resolution for paving of Tuna Drive, with the \$4,050 cost of completing a bulkhead at the end of the street included;

•Accepted two paved streets, Clippership Drive and Frigate Drive, into the town system;

•Authorized purchase of a new copier at a cost of \$3195 for the town hall;

•Learned from Administrator Bob Buck that the draft of the land use plan update has been received and is ready for their review;

•Instructed Buck to check on the progress of the project to codify the town's ordinances;

•Discussed traffic problems, noting that all the problems will not be solved with completion of the new bridge since traffic is already backing up on the causeway.

Reports Are Heard

Permits were issued in June for construction of eight new houses valued at \$497,724, according to the report of Dwight Carroll, building inspector. This compares with 10 permits for new houses the same month a year ago.

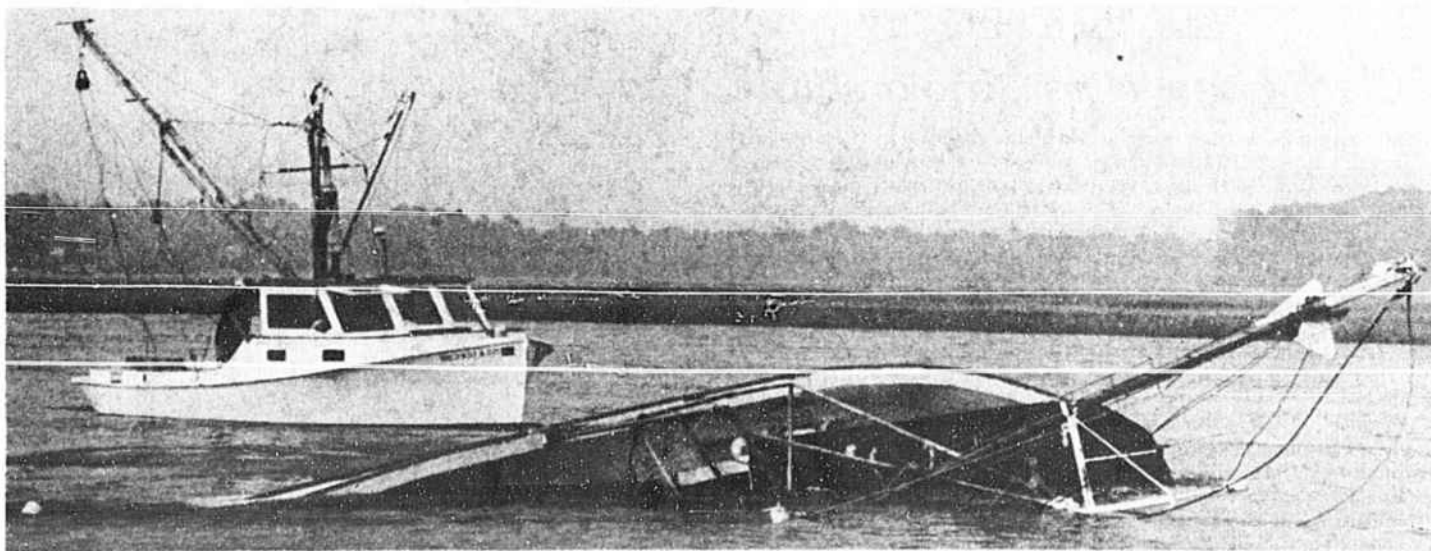
There were 28 repair and bulkhead permits issued for construction valued at \$58,107, building permit fees totaled \$1,500.69, and 11 CAMA permits were applied for.

At the end of the month there were 52 houses and one condo unit actively under construction.

Public safety commissioner Gloria Barrett reported that police officers were busy during June when 177 service calls were answered, 20 investigations conducted, one arrest made, and 29 citations issued. Six were for state violations and 23 for town violations.

Officers drove 8,538 miles using 605 gallons of fuel at a cost of \$738.71 and worked 720 hours.

The police department was placed under the supervision of Town Administrator Buck, with six guidelines, which were not disclosed at the meeting.



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Shrimp Boat Sinks

The "Little Princess," a shrimp trawler owned by Arden Moore of Supply, sank in the Shallotte River last week. Workers were able to upright the

vessel Saturday and later towed it upstream on high tide early Sunday morning to a Shallotte welding and machine shop for repairs.

Calabash Keeps 28 Cents Tax Rate

Calabash town council members voted Monday to keep its 28 cents per \$100 valuation tax rate after no residents spoke at a public hearing before the 1985-86 budget was approved.

No changes were made in the proposed budget prepared last month by Town Clerk Janet Thomas. The \$297,129 budget is based on a town tax base of \$5,644,191 and ad valorem tax revenues of \$15,803 based on an anticipated 80 percent collection rate. The tax rate was also 28 cents last year.

Calabash will maintain a water and sewer budget next year and will also set aside \$21,000 for the construction of a new town hall.

Town Clerk Thomas said at Monday's meeting, the board agreed to prepare specifications for bids on a 30x50 foot metal building, to determine what will need to go into a new town hall if one is constructed of metal. When the information on such needs as heating and air conditioning and a fire-proof vault is compiled, the board will then decide if it wants to seek bids.

The budget places all of the town's \$12,550 in revenue sharing funds

available toward building a new town hall. It also includes revenues of \$183,000 in water and sewer fees, plus state and federal bonds and grants.

In other business Monday, the board heard from Elnita Bottomley, who plans to construct a small apartment building within the town limits. She first contacted the town with plans several months ago.

Before the building can be constructed, the land must be rezoned from R-15 to R-8, residential, to accommodate multi-family units. The board agreed to set a public hearing on the rezoning of the property that is now a mobile home lot.

The board also agreed to set a public hearing on several ordinance amendments that have been requested for the sanitation department to regulate private dumpsters and 35-gallon trash containers.

Under the changes, the weight of trash cans will be limited to 50 pounds while the type of trash and debris that can be placed in the dumpsters will also be regulated, Ms. Thomas said. Violations will require the owners to dump their own containers at the county landfill in Supply.

The board also agreed to meet with Shallotte Engineer Jerry Lewis and Les Hall of Wilmington to discuss the town's proposed water system. The meeting will be held July 22 at the town hall.

Also Monday, the board agreed to begin purchasing gas for the town's garbage truck from the A & B Mart in Calabash bi-monthly, along with

Simmons Beverage Mart and Grocery. The price for the gas is the same at both stores.

A&B owners contacted the town last month and requested the town begin purchasing gas from their store. In a compromise, town officials voted Monday to begin purchasing gas from both stores on even terms.

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Summer Weather's Still Here

Typical mid-summer weather's on tap for the South Brunswick Islands over the next few days, says Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady.

Temperatures should range from around 70 at night to around 90 during the day, with about three-quarters inch of rain.

Rainfall fell short of average during the period of July 1-8, with

Canady recording two-tenths inch in his gauge.

For that period, the maximum high reading was 97 degrees, recorded on the 3rd, with a minimum low of 67 degrees recorded on July 4th.

An average daytime high of 94 degrees combined with an average daily low of 69 degrees, for a daily average temperature of of 81 degrees, he said.

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