



Caswell's Zimmerman Wants Other Point Of View Heard

BY SUSAN USHER

Two incumbents, Duncan Stuart and Robert N. (Bob) McCracken, face a third-party challenge from William F. Zimmerman for the two seats available on the Caswell Beach council in the Nov. 5 election.



Stuart

Successfully balancing the needs of a small, but growing residential community with its fiscal resources is the overall challenge facing the town of less than 100 permanent residents.

Zimmerman says he's not satisfied with the current board's decision-making, citing an 87 1/2% jump in the tax rate from 24¢ in 1982 to 45¢ in 1985 as one example. "They're not being careful with our money," he said. "The town's spending a lot of money for a town hall. We need a place to meet, but we don't need a real expensive, great big town hall."

Stuart, 66, moved to Caswell Beach permanently five years ago but has voted there 14 years, commuting to his work as professor of architecture and design at the N.C. State University School of Design.

On the board, his role has been to help with things like the building code, inspections, and more recently, plans for the town hall, with bids soon to be let.

McCracken, 64, is seeking his second four-year term. He's proud of the five public beach accesses completed during his first term, including one that accommodates 50 cars, and of plans to build a town hall. He said a 13¢ tax rate increase was necessary to hire a full-time police chief and provide him with an auto.

As for problems facing the town, he said the current board "violently opposes" plans by Oak Island Golf and Country Club for a 120-unit motel-munium and wants to maintain its zoning control over continuing construction of Caswell Dunes project.

A retired heating and electrical contractor and furniture and appliance dealer from Hamlet, he has lived full-time at Caswell Beach for six years. He served 14 years on the Richmond County Board of Elections, four as chairman.

Caswell Beach residents will vote at the Long Beach Recreation Center both in the town election and in the Doshier Hospital Board of Trustees election.

Seven Seek Election In Calabash

BY DAWN ELLEN BOYD

Six Calabash citizens are running for five seats on the town council, and R. Douglas (Doug) Simmons is unopposed in his bid for the mayor's seat.

Simmons, 50, a lifetime Calabash resident, has previously served as mayor.

He said, "I had quite a few projects started when I was mayor before, like getting water for the town and dredging the Calabash River. I want to see them finished."

Calabash's present mayor, Sonia Nance Stevens, is running for a council seat.

Stevens, 30, a Calabash native, graduated with honors from Southeastern Community College in 1972. She attends Beulah Baptist Church.

Stevens said she would work on the same projects as councilman that she has as mayor. She lists dredging the river, getting water and sewer service, a new truck for the sanitation

department and keeping taxes low while maintaining town functions as her priorities.

Mayor Stevens said, "I will still listen to people and take action when needed."

Suzy H. Moore, 26, is the only incumbent council member running for re-election. She was appointed to Michael Frink's vacated seat in February.

Moore, a photographer and native of Calabash, has an associate's degree in photography. She is a member of the Brunswick County Council on the Status of Women and the Professional Photographers Association.

Moore says her reason for running for re-election is "working with other people for the town's sake."

John H. Johnson, 64, of 7 Village Green, has one campaign promise: "The board has trouble reaching quorum now," he said. "I will attend the meetings."

A retired packaging engineer from

Buffalo, N.Y., Johnson is a member of the Calabash Elks Club and the town's planning board. He graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo and served in World War II.

Johnson has lived in Calabash for two years.

Patricia Lewellyn, 33, of Village Green, moved to Calabash from Boone 12 years ago.

She owns and operates Lewellyn Realty and serves as a consultant to Lewellyn-Lewis Builders.

Lewellyn is a member of the Coastal Business and Professional Women's Club, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the Brunswick Islands Board of Realtors.

She said, "I think Calabash is really experiencing a lot of growth. I like the small town atmosphere. I'd like the growth not to spoil that atmosphere."

Linda Roberts, 21, of Route 7, Calabash, would also like to preserve

Calabash's small town atmosphere.

A Calabash native, Roberts works as a secretary at Tru-Value Hardware.

She said, "Basically, I want Calabash to have the advantages it should, like water and sewer, but not a lot of formal rules."

Robert Weber, 66, of 13 Village Green, retired in Calabash in December 1981.

He worked for 18 years as plant manager at Texize, owned by Dow Chemicals, in Greenville, S.C.

Weber, a graduate of the Newark College of Engineering, is active in the Calabash Elks Club.

He said, "I'm interested in getting water and sewer for Calabash. I'm also interested in dredging the Calabash River, and I don't think we need a city hall."

Calabash voters can cast their ballot for the candidates of their choice on Nov. 5 at the Calabash Volunteer Fire Department.

Lakes Hopefuls Seek Good Roads, Planned Future

Boiling Spring Lakes residents will have a choice on Nov. 5 when they will elect a mayor and two commissioners.

Seeking the mayor's post now held by George Ball are Elinor (Ellie) Handler, 66, and Lester W. Beal, 66. Three candidates are seeking the seats now held by Commissioners Florence Anderson and Thurston Cumbee—Eleanor Ensminger, 64, Herbert C. Buntin, 62, and Tom Simmons, 42. All are first-time candidates for town office.

A committee has formed to elect Handler, Ensminger and Buntin as a group.

"I plan to talk a little and listen a lot," said Handler, of North Shore Drive. She has lived in the town since 1973, coming from Silver Spring, Maryland, where her late husband was employed by the federal government. She has been active in the Boiling Spring Lakes VFD Ladies Auxiliary, the Woodbine Garden Club and has served as disbursing treasurer for St. Philip's Episcopal Church and as treasurer of its women's group.

She advocates orderly growth, improvement of the police department and keeping town roads in good shape.

"I have the time to give to it. As happy as I am here, I would like to do what I can to help others be happy here."

Beal, who retired as an inspector with Rockwell International in Columbus, Ohio, has lived in Boiling Spring Lakes since 1979. He's running at the urging of friends and neighbors and cites the need for attention to town roads and lighting, as well as a need for better water service and a sewer system. Beal said he thinks his experience with Rockwell and with the Columbus and Southern Electrical Co. could help fill the void he sees in town leadership. A 32nd degree Mason, he was in the U.S. Naval Reserve in World War II and also served in the Civilian Conservation Corps in Yellowstone Park.

"I like to keep busy," he said.

Ensminger, who moved to Boiling



Handler

Beal

Ensminger

Simmons

Buntin

Spring Lakes from Connecticut in 1974, has served as chairman of the community appearance committee, and president and secretary of the property owners association. She has also served as a Brunswick County Library trustee, as a United Way board member and as secretary of the local country club.

A Pratt Institute graduate in industrial design, she worked 10 years as business manager of the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford, Conn., with responsibility for budgeting, accounting and facilities management.

"I think that with my business experience as well as my training I have a lot to offer."

She said the town's continuing growth should be planned for so as to retain the "nice, rural small town atmosphere" and character a majority of its current residents prefer.

"We can avoid the ugly commercial center that usually crops up when growth is rapid and unplanned."

As a frequent visitor to town meetings, Buntin said he sees a lot of "disappointment," and thinks he can give the people more of what they want: "I believe they're looking for better communications and better enforcement of the present laws—it's been quite lax, I feel."

"Stretching" the budget to enlarge the police department might help, added Buntin, a former criminal investigator with the U.S. Immigration Service in Long Island, N.Y., before his retirement to Boiling Spring Lakes three years ago.

But whatever services the town provides will depend upon the citizens' willingness to pay for them, he added, especially with the possible loss of federal revenue sharing dollars in the near future.

Buntin also worked with the U.S. Public Health Service for seven years and was in the U.S. Navy for 20 years. He was president of the property owners association in 1984 and is currently president of Chapter 1894 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and second vice president of the Brunswick County Shrine Club.

Simmons, a Boiling Spring Lakes resident for 10 years, wants to see general improvements in the community, including better road maintenance and use of the lakes.

A Wilmington native reared at the Boys Homes of North Carolina at Lake Waccamaw, he graduated from

Hallsboro High School and earned a B.A. degree in physical education from UNC-Wilmington.

A resident of Brunswick County 15 years and an educator for 14 years, he teaches physical education at Union Primary School in Shallotte.

He is active in professional organizations, formerly county and district NCAE president and a member of state and national committees. He is working on a master's degree in educational administration from the University of South Carolina. In Boiling Spring Lakes he is Democratic precinct chairman and former vice chairman.

Two other candidates for commissioner have withdrawn—Eric (Rick) Eckstein, and more recently Stephen L. Moore, whose name may still appear on the ballot.

Boiling Spring residents will vote at the town hall.

No Races In District Election

It's not a municipal election, but voters will still elect five members to the quasi-governmental Leland Sanitary District Board on Nov. 5.

Unopposed in seeking the five seats are Leo Nowak, the current board chairman; Ava V. Thomas, the current board secretary; and newcomers George Mintz, Patsy Elliott and Boyd Williamson. Members serve four-year terms.

The district was established in 1976 to provide water to a specified service area, but has most of the powers of a municipality. It can charge for services and levy taxes to pay for services.

A contract to construct a water

distribution system for the district is expected to be advertised in the near future and the board has signed a contract to buy its water from Brunswick County when the county's \$24 mgd water treatment plant at Malmo and segment I of Phase II of the county water system is completed.

Polling places for district residents are as follows: In Woodburn Precinct, at North Brunswick High School; Leland Precinct, at the Leland Volunteer Fire Department; that portion of Belville in the district (south to Jackey's Creek), Belville Town Hall; Navassa, at the town hall.

Pups Available at Shelter

Mixed Chow and German Shepherd puppies are among the pets of the week recommended by the Brunswick County Animal Control office.

The puppies are about six weeks old, according to Zelma Babson, animal control supervisor.

Other recommended pets include a

male six month old black, brown and white mixed bull dog, a male sable and white mixed breed, and medium-haired black cat.

These animals and others may be seen at the Brunswick County Animal Shelter Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The shelter is located off N.C. 211 south of Supply.

Three Unopposed In Navassa

The only mayor the town of Navassa has ever had—Louis "Bobby" Brown—is unopposed in his bid for re-election.

Incumbent Edward Williams also is seeking re-election and Therman Mosley Sr. is seeking election to the seat to which Dixie Mapson was elected in 1981. Both are unopposed also.

Brown, 55, has served as mayor since the town was incorporated in 1977. He is a member of the Brunswick County Board of Social Services and the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Board, a former member of the



Brown

Brunswick County Hospital Authority and has held several appointive positions at the state level. He is a longshoreman by trade, a member of the town fire department and is active in local recreational/sports activities.

Williams, 41, is a tool and die maker at General Electric. A U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam war, he is seeking his third term on the board. He was initially appointed and then elected in 1981.

Mosley could not be reached for comment.

Said Williams on redevelopment, road construction and other town projects under way or recently completed, "I see a lot of things that need to be done still."

One of those projects is an elevated water tank.

Town residents will vote at the Navassa Town Hall.

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