

MEETING CONTINUES MONDAY

Groups Seek Share Of \$1.86 Million In Proposed Budget

BY DOUG RUTTER

There's no shortage of local service groups and non-profit organizations seeking a share of the \$1.86 million in Holden Beach's proposed budget for next fiscal year. Representatives of six groups met with town commissioners last Friday to request contributions totaling \$47,020 in the 1994-95 budget.

The requests include a major increase for Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad and a plea from the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce, which received only \$2,000 of the \$10,000 it was allocated this fiscal year.

Commissioners listened to each funding request but did not decide whether any or all of them will be included in the final budget, which must be adopted before July 1.

The town board plans to continue reviewing the spending plan on Monday, June 6, at 8 a.m. Commissioners also will hold their regular meeting Monday starting at 7 p.m.

Coastline VRS, which received \$2,000 from the town this fiscal year, has asked for \$10,000 next year.

"We do not have adequate funds to meet our needs and we are asking for an increase," Coastline Treasurer Virginia Parnell said.

The squad responded to 127 calls on Holden Beach in 1993, which accounted for about 45 percent of its calls.

Coastline VRS holds "bucket shakes" once a month during the summer to raise money and also solicits donations and holds other fund-raisers during the year.

Parnell said only about 5 percent of the people who are transported by ambulance give the squad a donation. Coastline's charter does not allow the squad to charge for its services.

The chamber of commerce is asking for \$10,000, but it's unlikely the board will approve that much.

A previous board of commissioners included \$10,000 in this year's budget for the chamber, but the current board recently voted to slash the donation to \$2,000. Town Manager Gus Ulrich included \$2,000 in his 1994-95 proposal.

Chamber president Joe Stanley said last week the chamber was counting on the \$10,000 from Holden Beach.

"It really put us in a bind..." Stanley said. "But I can tell you there's no ill will."

Most commissioners don't think the town should

spend a lot of money on tourism promotion because it benefits private businesses, but Stanley said the chamber does a lot more than promote tourism.

It is involved in transportation, education and sponsors events like the North Carolina Oyster Festival and King Classic fishing tournament, which will be held at Holden Beach in September.

"It's a community-based organization to make things better in the communities we serve," Stanley said. "I feel that we can do some positive things for this area."

Stanley said the chamber sponsors a scholarship at Brunswick Community College and recently gave money to help keep Shallotte's public library open during a period of renovation.

Commissioner David Sandifer, who serves on the chamber of commerce's board of directors, said underfunding by the town will not impact tourism promotion.

Sandifer said it is the other things the chamber does, like it's work in the school system, that will suffer.

Holden Beach's proposed budget includes \$20,000 for contracted fire protection services with Tri-Beach Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire Chief Doug Todd said the \$20,000 should be enough to meet the department's needs.

Commissioners Sid Swarts asked what would happen if there was a strong wind and a fire in an area where houses are bunched closely together.

"It's going to depend on what stage we get at the scene," Todd said. "If it's fully involved you'd probably have to write off two or three houses before we could stop it."

Swarts said, "Every time I see somebody barbecuing on their back porch with the big flames or fireworks it gives me the shivers."

Todd pointed out that Tri-Beach averages more manpower per call than any other volunteer fire department in the county. The department's average response time is less than 15 minutes.

Town officials are concerned about low water pressure at the west end of the island. The proposed budget includes \$5,000 to hire an engineer to recommend solutions and \$50,000 to make improvements.

"If we get a fire at that end of the beach we might have to haul water in from off the beach. There's not enough water," Todd said.

In addition to the \$20,000 for fire protection, the bud-

get includes \$5,000 for water rescue and \$1,500 to paint the outside and repair the fire department substation on Starfish Drive.

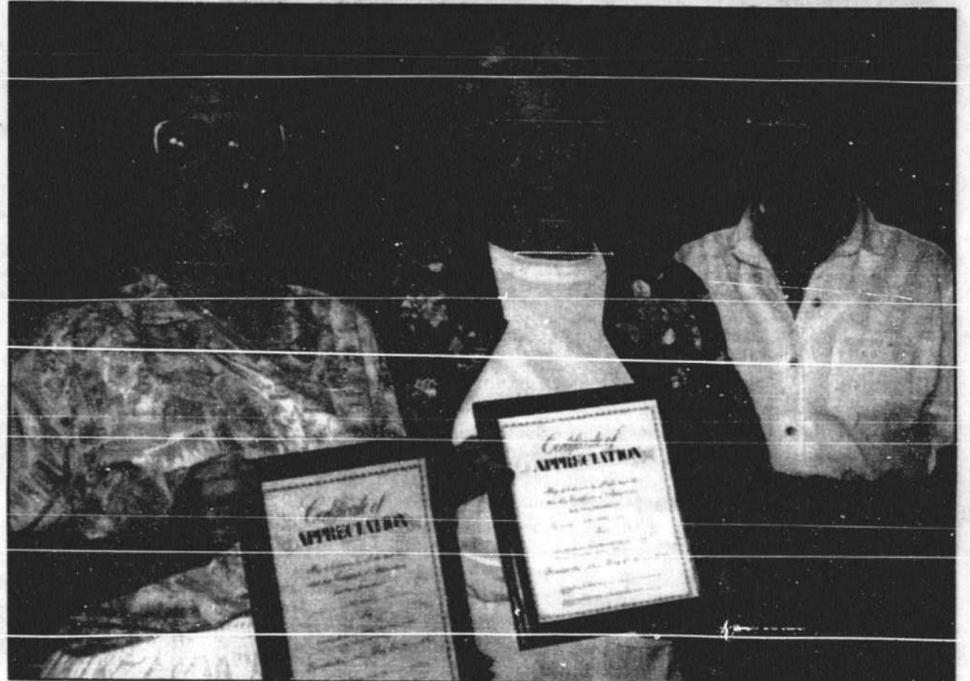
"It looks like it's been abandoned," Mayor Gay Atkins said, noting that several broken windows need to be replaced.

Commissioners also met last week with representatives of the Holden Beach Beautification Club, Brun-

wick County Volunteer and Information Center and Greater Holden Beach Merchants Association.

The proposed budget includes \$4,020 for the beautification club, \$500 for VIC and \$2,500 for the merchants' group.

The town also proposes \$500 contributions to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, Hope Harbor Home and the Brunswick County Literacy Council.



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Beautification Club Members Honored

Holden Beach Mayor Gay Atkins (right) presented certificates of appreciation to Holden Beach Beautification Club members Janie Steerts (left) and Daphne Fournier at the May 25 town meeting. Steerts served as club president last year, and Fournier was first vice president. Newly-elected officers installed May 11 are Myra Burke, president; Janet Shafor, first vice president; Betty Arnold, second vice president; and Charlotte Pringle, who was re-elected as secretary/treasurer. A meeting of the new officers and committee chairpersons will be held June 14 at town hall.

BCC Offers First Summer 'Ed-Ventures' Day Camp For Rising 7th, 8th Graders

School's out and it's time for Summer Ed-Ventures.

That's right. Summer Ed-Ventures is the name of BCC's first summer day camp for rising seventh and eighth grade students.

Offered by the Department of Continuing Education, Fun Ed-Ventures will offer a triple educational adventure in Wildlife, Computers and First Aid in two four-day sessions, June 20-23 and June 27-30, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BCC's main campus north of Supply.

Each day of Ed-Venture will combine wildlife awareness and comput-

er experience. Field trips and laboratory, classroom and hands-on experiences will add variety to each day's activities.

Campers will:

- draw using the computer, manipulate computer graphics, use the computer to improve writing and math skills, and visit a local computer operations center;

- participate in bird banding, study animal habitats, collect specimens, look for endangered species, learn about carnivorous plants, identify butterflies and insects, use microscopes, and discover ecology;

- learn basic first aid, including what to do for injuries, choking and other emergency situations.

Each session is limited to 20 participants. The \$50 cost per session includes lunch. Some scholarships and reduced fees are available for campers with financial need.

To register a child or find out more about summer day camp, contact the BCC Continuing Education Department at 754-6900, 343-0203 or 457-6329, Ext. 384. June 10 is the last day to register. Students were to receive camp applications through their schools this week.

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