

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, JANUARY 10: The commissioners passed an ordinance forbidding vehicles on the ocean beach except for police, emergency vehicles, and government vehicles engaged in maintenance or cleaning. After discussion as to whether construction of boat slips on the Sound or the canal should be regulated or restricted by the Town, the matter was referred to the planning board which was requested to study the question and report at a future meeting.

Our commissioners were represented at a county-wide meeting regarding a water and sewer authority. Our board expressed its interest in joining the authority but did not make any financial commitment, preferring to wait until a financial set-up is worked out at the county level.

The commissioners also voted to retain the 45 mile speed limit on Salter Path. They approved purchase of a police car.

NEXT COMMISSIONERS MEETING: Mayor Jim Redfield announces that, at the regular board meeting on February 14, Col. Paul Dennison of Henry Von Oesen and Associates - and, possibly also Professor W.W. Woodhouse of the Dept. of Soil Service, N.C. State University - will propose and discuss an experimental marsh grass planting project for beach stabilization along the Sound. All who are interested are urged to come and hear these gentlemen.

ANOTHER CIVIC PROJECT: Plans have been made for joint meetings of the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment on the last Monday of each month at 8pm at the Atlantis Lodge. The two groups will work together to plan for growth and its management in the best interest of our town. Property owners are invited to attend these meetings and to contribute ideas or suggestions which will lend themselves to improvement in any area.

OUR POLICE: All of us have reason to be grateful to our police officers and to Rudy McBride, Commissioner for Security and Public Safety. In one month, the officers answered thirty-five calls while on duty and twenty-three while off duty. They were contacted by twenty-six residents regarding residence security. They spent over fifty hours in further school training. They work long hours and do a conscientious job, and we want them to know we appreciate it.

BOGUE BANKS HISTORY: Few of us who have moved here from other areas of North Carolina or from other states know that an Indian burial mound was discovered in 1968 near Salter Path in the section that is now Indian Village. The mound was discovered by George E. Thompson and his son Wayne Thompson when George Thompson cut into the mound while digging a boat canal for use by residents of the mobile home park he was developing. Someone not as interested in Indian history and not as aware of Indian relics might have missed the find entirely because the bones were chocolate brown and looked like tree roots. The Thompsons also noticed red earth (ochre) which evidently had religious significance and was used as war paint. Aware of the historical importance of their find, the Thompsons stopped work on their project and notified the office of the State Archaeologist, Dr. Joffre Coe. The archaeologists sent here from his office believed that the mound was in use about 500 to 800 years ago. The Indians were ancestors of one of the Algonquin tribes. Bogue Island marked the southern extent of the Algonquin tribes who occupied the coast area when Europeans first came. They lived by hunting and fishing and had small gardens.

The burial mound was located on the Sound about 75 to 100 feet from the water. As successive burials were made, the mound surface was prepared by adding a clean layer of sand. Then the body and ritual objects were laid on the sand and covered with additional sand. In this mound two complete skeletons were found and parts of five or six more. Spear points and pottery were also found, and drinking vessels made of conch shells. The weapons were polished, not made by the chip and flake method, and the one Wayne Thompson showed us is smooth as satin in your hand.