

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, 14 MARCH 1974

The Commissioners heard a proposed ordinance which would designate the Building Inspector as Zoning Administrator as well. This would further empower him to enforce the Town Zoning Ordinances. This ordinance will be brought up again at the April 11 meeting because at least a two-thirds majority vote is needed for the adoption of an ordinance the first time it is acted upon, and the full Board was not present to vote at the March meeting.

The question of street lights for which the town pays versus lights for which Pine Knoll Association or PIKSCO pays was discussed. The question revolved around one particular light which, although near the road, was pointed away from the street. According to Carteret Craven Electric Membership Corp., such a light which is turned away from the street cannot be considered a Town light. Mr. Hicks was asked to work out this matter with the group concerned and report back to the Board.

Mosquito Control was also discussed, and Mr. Burnett was asked to work with Commissioner Ramsey to try to develop some way of solving the problem. Mr. Ramsey has been trying to get in touch with officials of Carteret County with the understanding that the County is supposed to take care of mosquito control.

At this meeting, the Mayor read a letter he sent to the North Carolina Dept. of Transportation endorsing the plan to widen Salter Path Road to a two-lane, twenty-four foot road with four foot paved shoulders. The reply from the Department indicated that long range plans may include widening of Salter Path to a five lane road, but that the public will be involved in the planning process before any further widening is initiated.

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Since our last issue went to press early, it did not include the following item....

A memorial ceremony honoring State Trooper Bill Smith was held on Sunday, February 24, 1974 at the State Highway Patrol headquarters, Morehead City. Mayor Redfield could not attend because of illness in the family. At his request, however, Police Chief Overman read to the assembly the following tribute to Bill:

"Everyone in Pine Knoll Shores knew Bill and respected him. He was well known by everyone as one of the best State Troopers. He was even better known in our community as a good and friendly neighbor. Always, during his walks along Oakleaf Drive, for example, he would stop and chat with the people he met. And, if there was any way he could help anyone, he was the first to volunteer. A little story, I think, will tell how we saw Bill. Having just moved into our new house, we were putting in our first garden. Bill came along, saw what we were doing, and asked if we would like some plum trees. The next thing we knew, Bill was there with two small cuttings from his own trees, and we planted them. These two trees now stand tall and sturdy. They represent, I think, one of the best mementos to Bill -- as we knew and remember him."

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BULKHEADING -- the bulkhead along the Oakleaf Drive channel is now completed, and the late winter storms have shown us how much erosion the bulkhead prevents. Carl Hammon, Chairman of the project, and Jim Burnett who gave so much help and time both report that residents along the channel are satisfied and pleased with the work done by Eure Construction Company on this bulkhead. As a further protection against erosion, the North Carolina University Department of Soil Service recommended planting marsh grass. The University has agreed to plant some of this grass on an experimental basis, particularly along the golf course where there has been considerable erosion in spots. The planting should begin this month, and we will be as interested as the scientists from the University to see how this works out.

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CAMPERS - Betty and Carol Hammon are back from their camping trip to the Virgin Islands National Park on St. John. (Thank you, Cres Yaeck, Marge Johnson, Louise Aponyak and Nell Crumley for putting out the Shore Line while Mary and Betty were both away.) The rented tent at Cinnamon Bay Camp was separated from the beach only by sea grapes, and the first thing you see in the morning is the blue-green water and, across the bay, another mountainous island. Flocks of small yellow and black birds, bananaquits, come to eat sugar from a coconut shell practically beside you while you sit at the table outside the tent. And special treat -- dinner with Margarate and Walt Wilcox's son Glen and his beautiful wife, Inez. Glen is an artist who was having an exhibit of his paintings in St. Thomas while the Hammons were there.

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