

COMMISSIONERS and town committees have been busy all month holding frequent meetings. Our summary is brief and can only outline the amount of work accomplished. At the November 2 meeting the firm of Neighbors and Neal presented the town's audit report. Mr. Neighbors commented on the town's 100% collection of taxes, saying that he had never in years of auditing run across a town that had collected 100% of its taxes before. Commissioner McCulley reported that a survey of town streets will be conducted before bids are let for repair and construction. Provision was made for the town to match 5% of each town police officer's salary for his retirement account.

On November 3 a public hearing on proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance was held. Mayor Haller, at the opening of the meeting, announced the death of Dean Brossman, a long time member of the planning board and a Pine Knoll Shores citizen who will be greatly missed. The mayor then turned the meeting over to Larry Jerome, who presented the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance affecting commercial property zones. Among proposed changes was establishment of a Community Appearance Commission which shall attempt to assure "that proposed construction will make effective use of the terrain and environment.... preserve to the extent possible existing trees and vegetation, and advise on exterior design and materials that harmonize well with the natural environment...." Town Attorney Taylor points out that such a Commission can advise only. A new provision, while maintaining the allowable density of ten living units per acre, permits density to be varied on specific lots in a subdivision up to a maximum of 15 living units per acre in order to achieve best use of land and terrain, provided the average density of the entire subdivision does not exceed 10 living units per acre.

At their November 17 meeting, Commissioners decided to appoint seven members to the Community Appearance Commission, four to serve two years and 3 to serve three years. Other suggestions brought up at the November 3 hearing were read but no action taken. Bill Robbins, chairman of the committee appointed to investigate all aspects of Fire and Rescue Squad protection for the town, recommended the formation of a new Committee to be known as a Fire and Rescue Study and Action Committee charged with organizing and staffing a Fire Department and a Rescue Squad whenever that becomes practical and, in the meantime, to move toward that end in all ways feasible. Chairman Robbins has resigned from the Committee. Co-Chairmen of the new committee are Bill Uebele, and Jack Goldstein. Other members are John Thompson, Bill Mueller, Natalie Hiltz, Kenneth Kirkman, and James Lewis.

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FROM THE MAYOR --

Sorry to appear here again, but problems do arise.

A number of citizens have complained to their being bothered by dogs which are permitted to run loose. We have a "Leash Law" which is being violated whenever a dog is allowed to roam off his owner premises. No one wants to be unfair to our canine population or to their masters (your Mayor is both a dog owner and a dog admirer), but the rest of our people are also entitled to consideration. So - may we have the cooperation of dog owners? We who have dogs owe it to our friends and neighbors not to subject them to the annoyance of free-roaming dogs and we owe it to the Town to comply voluntarily with our own ordinances.

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Nonchoppers of wood might like to know that they can buy either a half cord or a cord by calling JOEY OLSCHNER, 726-2662. He is the brother of our Bogue Banks Country Club tennis pro, Barbara.

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Can top students from West Charlotte Open High School find happiness boarding in PKS homes? You bet! Five pairs of them have refreshed the lives of five of our families these past weeks. The ROBERT ARCHIBALDS and MILTON YAECKS had pairs of boys, while the ROBERT ARMSTRONGS, CARL HAMMONS, and BILL ROBBINSES housed pairs of girls. Each experience lasted a week, and it looks as if the whole thing was such a success that everybody wants it to happen again. Actually, this is quite possible, according to DEMPSTER WHEELER, Education Director.