

We seem to be moving further along the road toward two new subdivisions in PKS. At its regular monthly meeting on March 28th, the Planning Board gave preliminary approval to a sketch plan submitted by the Taylor-Schrum interests for their proposed development immediately west of the Bogue Banks Country Club. The subdivision would include some 4.3 acres with perhaps 10 lots of not less than 10,000 square feet each.

PLANNING BOARD The Board also gave preliminary approval to an amended sketch plan for the proposed subdivision which contemplates a ten lot development at Cypress Drive.

A proposal to amend the Sign Ordinance was made by Board members Falkenberg and White. Their suggestion primarily contemplates a revision of the present Ordinance to include a separate section devoted solely to commercial signs. The Board decided to take no action on the proposal at this time, some members feeling that they wanted to study the matter further.

The Board meeting was interrupted by a call for the Rescue Squad. The beeper's insistent beep brought immediate silence in the meeting room. Members of the Board, the Town Clerk, the Police Chief and others responded. The Town Hall was practically denuded of its personnel so that Allen Mitchell, who just happened to be there, was dragooned into the job of answering the phone!

Incidentally, on the afternoon of April 6, the same drama reoccurred. Allen was, by chance, getting some xerox copies for himself when the Town Clerk et al. dashed out on another Rescue call, leaving Allen to answer the phone. This time he had help, however, from Emily White. She had heard the rescue call on her scanner and hurried from her home to fill the gap she knew would exist at the Town Hall!

At its meeting on April 5, the Board of Adjustment considered two appeals from determinations made by the Building Inspector.

The first was an appeal by a lot owner in Maritime Place involving the question as to whether or not he might disregard restrictions concerning set-back from the ocean.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT The basis of the appeal was the fact that the topography of the area had been considerably altered by the exceptional erosion wrought by the recent storms.

In the course of the discussion, the Board was advised of the intention to "nourish" the beach at Maritime Place (See "Beach Erosion" in this issue), with the expectation of restoring the frontal dunes. Board members recognized that all of the Maritime Place lots might be affected by their decision and gave careful consideration to each aspect of the argument. At the last, it neither granted nor denied the requested variance, but postponed decision until after the frontal dunes are reconstructed.

The second appeal was similar in nature. It raised an issue as to whether, because of the beach erosion and the consequent withdrawal of the toe of the dune, further building at Ocean Grove West would be required to be on pilings. A literal reading of the Town Ordinance would have necessitated it, but the Board granted the variance because of its finding that under the circumstances the intent and spirit of the Ordinance would not be violated.

As most of you know, separate communications systems are operated by Carteret County, by Morehead City, by Atlantic Beach and by Emerald Isle. PKS fire, rescue and police calls are presently handled through the County's operation. It has been suggested that a change be made and that PKS tie in to the Atlantic Beach system, but as of now there seems to be little prospect of any such move.