

Chairman George Falkenberg asked board member Harry Schlimper to study the proposed change and report to the board's September meeting. If approved by the board, it would be submitted to the town Board of Commissioners which would have to hold a public hearing before taking final action.

In other action, the board discussed a rewrite of ordinance provisions dealing with beach access walkways, steps and raised platform overlooks being prepared by Clyde Lynn. The discussion dealt with the width of walkways and steps and the size of platforms and their height and the size of supports. The proposals would require the construction of walkways and steps to cross the primary dune because "pedestrian traffic at grade produces erosion damage and harms vegetation." Lynn said he felt the regulations should prohibit walking across the dune. He said he would continue his study of the matter and report later.

Falkenberg asked board member John Shedd to study a suggestion by Ballantine that he be given authority to deal with builders who permit workers to litter work sites. Under Ballantine's proposal he would have the authority to tell builders to either clean up the construction sites or stop work.

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Despite the efforts of the Town of Morehead City to block it, the State Board of Transportation has awarded a \$7.9 million contract to Gilbert Corporation of Delaware for a new four-lane high-rise bridge to replace the present drawbridge across Bogue Sound at Atlantic Beach. Construction of the new bridge is expected to begin in September, and it is scheduled for completion in August of 1987. It will run just east of the present bridge.

BRIDGE

CONTRACT

AWARDED

Morehead City, which wanted to keep the drawbridge and for the state to build a new bridge to the west, sought to deny the state the use of its streets for the new bridge. However the courts upheld the state in an action still being appealed. The Town of Pine Knoll Shores sided with Morehead City.

Secretary of Transportation W. R. Roberson Jr., said the board decided replacing the draw span was the best solution to the bridge problem along with another bridge to be built in the future farther west.

Roberson said during the summer, the Atlantic Beach-Morehead City bridge carries more traffic than any other two-lane bridge in the state. He said the board is concerned with eliminating traffic congestion in the area as well as the safety factor.

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Fred and Sally Woelker and their son, Christopher, have lived at 122 Mimosa Boulevard since May. This is a small household for the Woelkers. There are fifteen children in their family but all of them are gone now except Christopher, the youngest. He will be a senior at West Carteret High School this fall. After high school he may follow in the footsteps of eleven of his siblings who are presently, or have been, in the military.

OUR NEW

NEIGHBORS

The Woelkers come from Union Lake, Michigan, where Fred was in the field of recreation for many years. When they were ready to leave the Detroit area they decided that they would like to live in eastern North Carolina. They had come to know the area while visiting their daughter in Jacksonville. They lived in Emerald Isle for a while and moved to Pine Knoll Shores when Fred, who is with Marine Corps Special Services, became theatre Manager at Cherry Point. Sally worked for a time as emergency room clerk at Onslow Memorial Hospital.