

Jack Thompson, Commissioner of Fire and Police, announced that Don McAllister, a PKS resident, has been hired as police officer to fill a vacancy on the force.

Libby moved that the Municipal Code, Section 21-6, regarding ocean setback regulations, be amended as follows: No structures permitted with 100 feet of frontal dune or mean high water mark unless a building permit is issued. Permits would be allowed for one beach accessway per single dwelling or for each 100 feet of multi-family, commercial, recreational or institutional property. Permits would also include temporary sand or snow fences. Access ways and overlooks must conform to other building and size requirements further defined in the amendment. The amendment passed.

In answer to other old business, Libby moved that the town issue no permits for erecting satellite dish antenna systems in a residential zone until September 15, 1985, or passage of preemptive legislation or rule by a federal agency. The motion did not prevent processing of any permit application submitted prior to the motion, as long as such applicants agree to modify any constructed system to conform with subsequent local, state, or federal requirements. The motion passed.

Mayor Hanan proposed that the board go on record as being opposed to removing C-Span from the local cable service and propose to Vision Cable a fully detailed postcard survey of Carteret County.

Following the meeting, punch and cake was served in the Town Hall lobby, congratulating Mayor Hanan and Commissioner Sullivan on their appointments.

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The public meeting on February 28 regarding the tussock moth problem, got off to a humorous start when a moth, complete with large cardboard wings and quivering blue-sequined antennae and looking very much like City Tax Collector Brenda Cox, came flitting through the meeting room with Mayor Pro-Tem Jack Thompson in hot pursuit carrying a can of bug spray

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Commissioner Ken Hanan gave a bit of history on the tussock moth, an insect native to the island, which has infested the area south of Salter Path Road very heavily the past two years. The caterpillar, or larva, emerges April through June and feeds mostly on hardwoods, especially oaks, but also attacked ornamental shrubs and even vegetable gardens the past year. He explained that aerial spraying by helicopter at the larva stage would be the best method to attack the problem. Dick Collins, Blanche Yancey, Joe Henyecz and Mary Kanyha all spoke strongly in favor of this approach, having suffered through severe infestations the past few years.

Dr. "Pete" Peterson inquired whether use of insecticide might disrupt the cycle of natural predators controlling the moth, or would be detrimental to people, animals, marine or plant life. Coleman Doggett, Senior Staff Forester from Raleigh, agreed that the tussock moth is more of a nuisance pest and is not likely to kill the trees in spite of several years of defoliation. He pointed out, however, that supervised spraying with Orthane, a chemical, or Bt, a bacterial insecticide specific to the tussock moth, would be safer and more effective than for individual residents to attack the larvae with various insecticides of their choice.

Hanan assured residents that only Bt, the bacterial insecticide is being considered and it is absolutely safe. It will not pollute shell fishing nor build in the food chain. Spraying will require permits from the N.C. Dept. of Agriculture and from the Federal Department of Aviation. If and when arrangements are completed, people living in the area to be treated will be advised.

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