

Finally, a special thanks to Dave Hartman of the State Highway Patrol for his special help.

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Following a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance concerning signs in the industrial zones, the commissioners held their October meeting. Guest speaker at the meeting was Haskell Rhett of CAMA who outlined the organization of CAMA and explained its reasons for requiring a land-use update. Later, Commissioner Libby reported on the first public meeting held by the Land-Use Update Committee on October 1st at which some 30 citizens added their input into the subject of what the Committee should be considering as they work up their plan. Some items, such as access to both the ocean and the sound, are required by the State. Others, such as the flooding in low-lying areas of the town, are peculiar to the Town itself. The speakers at the meeting raised such subjects as solid waste disposal, inter-community cooperation and the possibility that the third bridge could still be built to come into Pine Knoll Shores. There will be more public meetings. Rhett emphasized that citizen participation is a very important part of the process. Look for the next one to be in December.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER: The next commissioners' meeting, preceded by a hearing on a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance will be held at 7:30 in the evening on November 12th. Candidates' Night will be on October 30th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

There are six candidates for the three vacancies coming up on the Board. They are: Aubrey Johnson, Harry Schlimper, John Shedd, Dan Sotir, John Sullivan and Jack Thompson -- the last two are incumbents. Each will have about five minutes to outline his interests and experience and his objectives for the town, after which there will be questions from the floor. Voting date: November 5th.

Editor's Note: We are indeed fortunate to have six people willing to give their expertise and large blocks of their time to further the interests of the town. Come hear what they have to say and cast your vote on election day.

Other announcements made at the meeting were: The State Budget Management made a certified estimate of town population for revenue sharing purposes of 763 permanent residents. Our unofficial census, when it is tabulated, will probably show more in which case we will request an adjustment.

The DOT will shortly begin to modify drains discharging into the canal to reduce the rate of flow.

Appointments recently made: Jack Green to the Planning Board; Mary Korff and Bill Bosse reappointed to the Board of Adjustment; Ken Haller and Luke Hargroves appointed to fill the vacancies left by Dan Vaughan and Ken Knight.

Citizens are reminded to heed the warnings and evacuation requests made when a hurricane threatens. Remember that in case of emergency evacuation municipal services of fire and rescue cease and police leave the island at the last minute. There is no help available to persons remaining behind.

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* SAVE YOUR RE-ENTRY PASSES AND KEEP THEM AVAILABLE. THEY CAN BE REVALIDATED *
* NEXT YEAR. HAVE IT DONE BEFORE A DISASTER IS THREATENED. THERE MAY NOT BE *
* ENOUGH TIME OR PERSONNEL TO PREPARE AND VALIDATE THEM AT THE LAST MINUTE. *

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