

# The SHORE LINE

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## COMMISSIONERS MEET

### Budget Hearing

Prior to the meeting of the Board, a hearing was held concerning the proposed 87/88 budget. Participation was minimal. One question was submitted in writing requesting information as to the need for the present tax rate since the amount of interest would indicate that there were considerable funds unappropriated. It was explained that the interest was on all funds available to the Town, appropriated as well as unappropriated, and therefore did not reflect a sum as large as was assumed.

No individual line items were challenged and the observation was made that the increase in expenditures was due to salaries and benefits and did not reflect major capital outlay. This increase was countered by increase in revenues. No increase in taxes was contemplated.

At the regular meeting of the Commissioners the budget was approved and a tax rate of .19 per \$100 will be levied.

The hearing was closed and before the regular meeting was opened at its scheduled time, Diane Warrender, Clean County Coordinator, made a presentation. Ms. Warrender, as a part time employee of the County, is charged with developing means to improve the appearance of the county. The first emphasis is on the control of litter -- not only clean-up but ways to prevent the proliferation of it. She has set up sub-committees to work toward more government regulation, education projects, recycling programs and public relations. Guidelines for this program are provided by the Federal -"Keep America Beautiful" system.

At the regular meeting the proposed Waterway Ordinance, subject of the hearing in June, was approved.

The proposed ordinance controlling building heights was the subject of much disagreement. The Planning Board had rescinded its recommendation when the specification of stories was deleted in the proposal made by Commissioner Sotir. It was decided that a work session between the commissioners and the Planning Board should be held in order to resolve these differences.

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