

Other business was not finalized. The Board is concerned about refuse collection containers and that is under study. The Board also gave notice to the person violating the zoning ordinance by cutting down twelve living trees. Subsequently a summons was issued and the Building Inspector will appear in court on February 18th. The violater was renting and has left town. It is doubtful he will appear, but it is important for us to follow through on this.

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

The commission members have been busy with inspections. Eight new building plans were approved, two after the escrow deposit which had been taken earlier was returned.

The commission is also concerned with the tree removal ordinance before the Commissioners, a need for uniform trash containers, obstructions on the right-of-ways, and unsightly accumulation of trash on certain properties.

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EX MAYOR TURNS HISTORIAN

Ken Haller stepped down as mayor some four years ago but since that time he has not been idle. He has continued to make his contribution to the Town -- this time in the form of a history of Pine Knoll Shores. We have been hearing many allusions to the difficulties of organizing the town, many accounts of the combined efforts of its citizens to create things we now take for granted -- such as the Town Hall -- to the point where many of us have said, "Where can we read about it?" Up until now there was no one place where this information could be found. Now, we have available for your perusal a 67 page document called simply: "TOWN OF PINE KNOLL SHORES, 1973-1985". Just to whet your appetite here is how it starts:

"Although Pine Knoll Shores was not to become a town until 1973, the area in which it was ultimately to be located had always been one of the finest sections of Bogue Banks. The elegant brochure offering lots for sale said: "Pine Knoll Shores is about a 10-minute drive from the coastal town of Morehead City. The area is comprised of 2,000 acres owned by the Theodore Roosevelt family. The 500 acres devoted to homesites occupy the choicest property on Bogue Banks."

From there you read about the beginnings and development -- covering the incorporation in 1973 through the years 1980-1985. After that are chapters devoted to the Town Boards, the Police, Fire and Rescue Squads, the Shore Line, Home Owners Associations and other good things.

We talked to the former mayor about his project on the telephone one day. Here is what we learned.

Why did he undertake such a project? Well, let's face it, it just happens to be the kind of thing he likes to do! He saw the need for putting together the information about the beginnings of this town into one volume. He knew what documents to use. He had experienced the events. He felt that he now had the time and the interest to do it.

All in all it took him about six months. This was with interruptions for trips and other diversions. The most time, of course, taken up with tracking down and studying the sources. He went to the Carteret-News-Times for the information about Mrs. Hoffman, the original owner of the property. They were very helpful, he said. Gave him a room to work in and supplied the microfilm of early publications containing stories about her. What they did not do was find out if he knew how to work the machine. They left him on his own and he did jut fine for the first page. Then all engines stopped. But all was not lost! Just then who should come along but Tabbie Nance, the reporter who has covered PKS news for several years, to show him how to operate the machine.