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PINE KNOLL SHORES COMMISSIONERS MEETING

By Sarah Williams

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on December 7 at 6 p.m. at town hall. There were two members of the public in attendance.

Mayor Jones made several announcements: the offsite retreat for the Board of Commissioners will be February 9-10. He also congratulated the Pine Knoll Shores History Committee for being awarded the Albert Newsome Award for their exhibit, "Beach Town in a Forest," that is on display at the History Museum of Carteret County in Morehead City.

Walt Zaenker, chairman of the History Committee, spoke to the board about displaying an exhibit in the board room at town hall. In March, when the exhibit at the History Museum of Carteret County is finished, the committee would like to move the panels to town hall. They would like to add additional panels that show the timeline of Pine Knoll Shores, display the pictures of the past town boards that include both the board and the mayor, and give a fresh coat of paint to the walls. The board voted unanimously to approve the concept.

Town Manager Brian Kramer reported on a number of items:

- He has met with CCEC, which is open to discussion on alternatives for trimming vegetation on the south side of Highway 58. CCEC is planning its annual tree trimming for the beginning of the new year. After this winter, the town and CCEC will reassess the situation.
- The Bogue Banks Water connection project should begin in March. The town is waiting for approval from the board of Bogue Banks Water before it can move forward.
- The vegetation has been cleared and construction on the sidewalk from Mimosa Drive to Arborvitae Drive has started.
- Both Reefstone and Bermuda Greens are interested in a second water line to the country club ponds. They are working with their attorneys to see what is needed for them to be able to sign contracts on behalf of the HOA. Town Manager Kramer is working with them to assist in any documents/drawings they might need.
- There are two opportunities with the School of Government at Chapel Hill that Mr. Kramer would like to pursue: an intern for the summer, and to work with the Development Finance Initiative on attracting private investment to Pine Knoll Shores. There would be no cost to the town. If chosen, it would be part of the graduate student's coursework.

Mr. Kramer gave several additional quick updates: canal dredging will start immediately; he and Natalie Gible met with FEMA representatives, and the town should be getting some reimbursement; Assistant Town Manager/Finance Officer Julie Anderson will schedule a Finance Committee meeting for January or February; Chief Thompson has moved the Face Behind the Badge event to January 28 due to scheduling conflicts.

Town Planner Scott Sherrill reported that the Planning Board is still looking into zoning issues with 114 Salter Path Road and that while Richard Seale is out of the country, Joanne Shallcross will serve as chair for the Board of Adjustment, with John Tilyard serving as vice-chair.

There were two public hearings: one dealing with the Technical Corrections Ordinance and a text amendment for Roosevelt Beach.

Under Unfinished Business, the Technical Corrections Ordinance and the text amendment for Roosevelt Beach both passed unanimously, with minor changes to the Technical Corrections Ordinance, giving the Planning Administrator or the Zoning Director authority. The draft gave the Planning Administrator authority.

Under New Business, the changes to the water fee schedule passed unanimously and items for the January board meeting were discussed.

The next regular Board of Commissioners meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, at 6 p.m. at town hall.

The full minutes of Board of Commissioners meetings are included in the agenda packets that are publicly available through the calendar on the town website (townofpks.com) and are sent out via email prior to the next month's regular board meeting. If you have questions about access to the minutes, contact Town Clerk Sarah Williams at 247-4353, ext. 13.