

East Of Town Limits

Yaupon Board Hears Of Five-Story Condominium

The supply of water to two five-story condominiums proposed for the oceanfront east of Yaupon Beach was reviewed Friday morning by the town board.

A maximum daily requirement of 31,000 gallons "will float on the existing capacity of Yaupon Beach," Paul Denison of Henry Von Oesen and Associates told the town commissioners.

The present system provides 225,000 gallons per day, and the town's present obligation includes water for the newly-annexed area around the golf course.

Commissioner Bill Smalley said the town was "about to our limit now," but Denison replied, "I don't think that's the case at all," adding that current Yaupon Beach usage is less than 50 percent of capacity.

The Von Oesen firm of Wilmington is supervising the installation of the Yaupon water system, as well as serving as engineer for the

Venture Management condominiums.

Attending the Friday morning "work session" were Venture representative Steve Cumbee, architect Bob Sawyer of Ballard, McKim and Sawyer in Wilmington, Denison, and Lumberton attorneys Obie Lee and Woodberry Bowen whose firm has drawn zoning plans for the town.

The 78-unit condominium and townhouse complex will be constructed on land leased from John Barbee.

"To some people, 'condominium' is a bad word," Cumbee started. "It's all in the way you approach it."

Venture's approach will be to keep construction off the front dunes, causing the "least disturbance possible," said the architect. "It will not be high-rise, of course."

Cumbee told the board, "We think you'll find we'll be in compliance" with recently-enacted Coastal Management regulations.

Sawyer said the moderate-density complex will consist of "residential character buildings" with mansard roofs. The five-story buildings are necessary, he added, because it would be "impossible to fill the site with townhouses without a conflict with the site."

Fire hose fixtures will be provided on ever floor, Sawyer noted, and if there is a pressure problem then pumps will be added. Plans will be okayed by the state.

Cumbee said that load-bearing masonry walls are under consideration for the buildings, set on concrete pilings. A minimum 100-foot setback from the water is planned.

Sewerage is planned for a separate waste treatment plant, proposed for location at Oak Island Golf Club. The "extended aeration" unit, which Denison described as about the size of the small Yaupon Beach meeting room, would return the water "relatively clear, relatively clean." State rules, Denison said, "are extremely stringent."

Denison later said about one and one-half acres would be required for the waste treatment facility.

"Do you intend to annex to the city," Attorney Lee asked the developer.

"Once complete, we have no intention to keep this out of the city," Cumbee said, and upon further questioning said the developer would have "no objection" to annexation before that time.

The site to be developed, though in the town's extra-territorial zone, was excluded from the newly-annexed area. The area across NC 133 is part of Yaupon Beach.

The matter of zoning was complicated later in the meeting when representatives of a local group told of plans for a motel between the planned condominium and the town limits. "We bought the land strictly for commercial use," Joe Wiggs told the board, and the group would like the area zoned appropriately.

Board members recalled that the area was described as a single unit when zoning for the condominium was considered. To put the adjacent area to commercial use, they noted, might draw criticism from 78 separate property owners in the condominiums.

Smalley termed "misleading" Denison's suggestion that "a number of advantages will accrue to the town" from the condominium development. Denison said additional water customers would result; building inspector, etc., John Thompson noted that the water tank holds only 75,000 gallons. Denison said the town keeps on hand one-half of one day's water supply.

Yaupon Beach "citizens shouldn't support a big condominium with their own tax money," Thompson said, to which Denison replied he thought the developer would share in the cost of extending service lines to the site.

The attorney, who called for a private meeting between the condominium developer, the prospective developers of the motel, the engineer and the architect, told the board "the beach is still public domain" and that stringent consideration should be given to any development.

Flat Roofing Code Is Aired

Whether or not Long Beach roofs should be flat was a topic of discussion at the Long Beach town council meeting Thursday night.

Town Manager Frank Kivett said there is a conflict with the state building code — "one of a discriminatory nature" — and recommended that the local ordinance no longer include the phrase "not permitted" in reference to flat roofs.

Councilman Ellis Dudley asked that the town attorney check to determine if there is a conflict; "If not," he said, "we have a point to argue." Spectator Woody Venell noted that "flat roofs," which reportedly have been prohibited at Long Beach the past two years, are like "airfoils in high winds."

Another spectator said flat roofs are okay if built to specifications, and that if construction is in accordance with state building codes the town should not restrict architectural design.

Venell expressed the opinion a state code could be made more restrictive locally.

Joint Board Is Suggested

The Long Beach Planning and Zoning boards met last week with Jim Farr of the N.C. Dept. of Natural and Economic Resources, who recommended the dissolution of the two boards and creation of a 5 to 7-member joint body.

He also recommended reactivation of the board of adjustments.

Establishment of the new board, Farr said, should be completed by July 1, at which time the town's contract with the state agency becomes effective.

An indication of the state commitment should be known next week, Farr indicated.

Yaupon Selects Board Members

The appointment of a board of adjustments, a new planning board member and the selection of an accountant were among the orders of business at the Friday morning meeting of the Yaupon Beach town board.

Mrs. Richard Appling was named to the planning board to replace Howard Pinkerton, whose term has expired. She joins John Thompson, Doug Aman, John Barbee and Paul Swinell on the board.

Board of adjustment members include Ralph Cammack, Clyde Gilbert, E.W. Rees, Carl Sugg and Wayland Vereen, and alternates George Massengill and Merle Russell.

Selected as town accountant was the Southport firm of James, Collins and Berry, represented locally by James Berry.

Cherry, Bekeart and Holland of Wilmington, which was paid \$650 last year, has withdrawn its accounting services. "We've got to have one we can get in here every once in a while without costing us an arm and a leg," said commissioner Bill Smalley.

The service will come at a reasonable rate, according to another accountant, and the total is not to exceed \$1,000.

The increasing complexity of local government has prompted the town board to look for an attorney.

No decision was made at the board's Friday session.

The town has "just called when we needed him" Tom Horne of Southport. "I think we ought to have an attorney at every meeting," said Commissioner Bill Smalley.

Board Member Bill McDougle said the board should conduct "no business without legal help right in the meeting, every meeting."

A new member of the town's board of adjustments said his board will need legal help, "and I don't want any \$150 bill, either."

The board has pending \$300 in legal fees due Horne — including \$150 for attending a meeting. Horne, who has no contract with the town, was paid \$650 last September.

"I don't know what that was for," said a member of the board.

UMW Group Plans Bazaar

The Rev. E.R. Shuller led the devotional at the May meeting of the United Methodist Women of Ocean View United Methodist Church, Yaupon Beach.

There were 23 members and two visitors present at the meeting in the fellowship hall on Monday evening at 7:30.

Mrs. Margaret Harris welcomed two new members — Mrs. Gloria Summerour and Mrs. Rose Chasteen.

Following the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report, reports were made on shut-in members and get-well cards were signed for mailing.

A secret ballot was taken for a member to be honored with the gift of a United Methodist Women Pin. Announcement will be made at a later date. The group decided to keep a scrapbook of events and Mrs. Laura Smittle was appointed for this duty.

Plans were discussed for a reception following the Boy Scouts Court of Honor on May 14 at the Church. A Reception Committee was appointed of the following: Mrs. Barbara Warren, Mrs. Judy Wiggs, Mrs. Blanche Broadway, Mrs. Elizabeth Pickett and Mrs. Genia Adams.

Saturday, November 16, was the date set for the Annual Bazaar. The following committees were announced: BAKED GOODS — Mrs. Mabel Bailey, Mrs. Vada Day, Mrs. Sadie Hendricks, Mrs. Ethel Darden and Mrs. Esste Millard; HANDWORK — Mrs. Thelma Smith, Mrs. Lillian Baker, Mrs. Lina Moss, Mrs. Penelope Price and Mrs. Lucy Ritchie; WOODWORK — Mrs. Bernice Rushing, Mrs. Keith Honeycutt, Mrs. Joanne Barnes and Mrs. Jane Minard; DECORATIONS — Mrs. Mae Barbee, Mrs. Gay Omirly and Mrs. Barbara Warren; FLEA MARKET — Mrs. Carolyn Kirshen, Mrs. Carolyn Helms and Mrs. Mary Highfill.

Following the benediction, Mrs. Elizabeth Pickett and Mrs. Carolyn Helms served refreshments.

Beach Store Owner Cited

U.S. District Judge Algernon L. Butler has signed a judgment permanently enjoining John W. Vereen, Jr. of Long Beach from violating the minimum-wage, overtime-pay, record-keeping and Oppressive Child Labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

The defendant waived defenses and consented to entry of judgment and is further enjoined from withholding \$3,500 in minimum-wages and overtime compensation due 32 employees under the Act.

Costs of the action, filed by Secretary of Labor Peter J. Brennan, were taxed against the defendant.

Legal action followed investigations conducted by the U.S. Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division.

Council Okays Home Numbers

A house numbering system that would provide better direction and possibly home delivery of mail for Long Beach was approved Thursday night by the town council.

Wilmington Postmaster Ross Edwards had met with the Town board last October 18, saying that street delivery "can be extended if" the town provides the postal department with street addresses and a map of the town with these numbers.

"It was dependent on this that we get mail delivery," said spectator White Heath at the Thursday night meeting. "Either that or a first-class post office," another spectator recalled.

Councilman Russ Morrison described the unanimous action of the board as "the first step for us to get a first-class post office."

There will be both a junior and senior contest. The juniors will be judged on talent and the seniors will be judged on poise and beauty.

Tickets are for sale from members of the Y.I.A., including Karen Mayhew, 278-6838; Thomas Smith, 278-6798; and Glenda Jones, 278-5408.

Tickets are \$1.50 advance for adults, \$1.75 at the door; \$1.00 advance for children, \$1.25 at the door.

Oak Island Pageant Set

The Youth In Action will present the Miss Oak Island beauty pageant May 18 at 7:30 p.m., at Fort Caswell Baptist Assembly, old auditorium.

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Women's Golf Tourney Set

An Invitational Golf Tournament is scheduled next Wednesday by the Women's Golf Association of Oak Island Golf Club.

Fifteen clubs in neighboring areas have been invited to participate. The host club will serve lunch, award prizes to the winners and distribute door prizes donated by local businessmen.

The tournament committee members are Ann Donnell, chairman; Tardy Willing and Amaretta Prvatte.

Island Homemakers Meet

The Oak Island Extension Homemakers Club held its April meeting in the Fellowship Hall of Ocean View United Methodist Church.

Hostesses Mary Alma Connor, Ethel Clark and Carolyn Kirshen served refreshments to 15 members and one guest, Mrs. Mary L. Russ.

Mrs. Clark called the meeting to order and Mrs. Lucy Ritchie accompanied the group on the piano as they sang their hymn of the month, "This Is My Father's World."

Mrs. Juanita Jones gave the devotional, taking her scripture from the 53rd chapter of Isaiah from the "Living Bible."

After prayer, President, Mrs. Clark turned the program over to Mrs. Russ, Brunswick County Home Economics Extension Agent.

Mrs. Russ presented slides and gave comments on her demonstration of dangers in the home. Her theme was "Who's Guilty?" She gave out pamphlets for "build-it-yourself" storage cabinet plans for locked up poisons. These pamphlets can be obtained at the Agricultural Service Building in Supply through Mrs. Russ.

After the program was concluded, Mrs. Connor, secretary, called the roll, asking each member present to answer by naming her favorite flower. Then the secretary read the minutes of the March meeting. Mrs. Daisy Slate gave the treasurer's report.

Program or work chairman gave their reports. Mesdames Julia and Harriet Seibert, Family Committee chairmen, gave a report on

the gardening workshop that was held for the public. As a project for the club it was decided that the "I Can Do" books would be paid for by the club and distributed to all Day Care centers and churches in the area for use in nursery and primary of beginners departments.

It was noted that the kindergarten department at the Methodist Church had already put the material into use.

There will be a workshop at Mrs. Frances Harrelson's April 29 at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Dorothy Bloomfield, Educational Chairman, gave remarks on food stamps to stress the availability of food stamps to those who are qualified for them. She also had purchased books for the Oak Islanders Club to be read and passed on to children either retarded or mentally disturbed.

Parents of such children would receive benefit in reading these books as written by a parent who had been through similar experiences herself.

The May meeting will be a picnic at Mr. and Mrs. Cotton's pink house at 27th and Yacht Drive. The members will start picnicking at 12 o'clock.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Esther Cotton, Juanita Jones and Maxine Swartz. Each member will bring a covered dish.

For Long Beach

Street Paving Plan Reviewed

A two-fold plan of street paving has been suggested for the town of Long Beach.

Town Manager Frank Kivett, addressing the town council at its regular meeting Thursday night, recommended that the town (1) initiate a program wherein property owners on any street could petition for street paving and share in the cost; and (2) continue present town policy of paving streets with available funds.

He suggested that the total-paving plan continue "because a precedent has been set."

Town Councilman Ellis Dudley disagreed with Kivett's plan to pave two streets a year starting at the east end of town, recommending that the town first pave the streets where the most taxpayers live.

The town manager said this was "within the general outline of the concept."

Because local street money

provided by the Powell Bill has been allocated this year, the matter was tabled.

The property owner - town arrangement would make it possible for streets further west on the beach to be paved. The property owner would finance one-half, and be given 10 years to pay.

Kivett said the town is "more than morally committed to pave two roads a year."

A beach realtor noted that considerable development has occurred on the third row of the oceanfront section; the use of Yacht Drive as a main traffic artery also would require paving.

Comments were noted concerning surveyor damage to Beach Drive; the motor grader that is currently out of service; and badly needed drainage at 23rd Street East and Beach Drive.

Further discussion is planned at a called May 16 meeting of the council.

Board Names New Attorney

Yaupon Beach has selected the Southport firm of Frink, Foy and Gainey as new town attorney, ignoring claims by a member of the town board that the hiring constitutes a conflict of interest.

A.H. Gainey, Jr., of the local law firm was chosen 3-2 over Obie Lee of Lumberton. Commissioner William Smalley insisted that a conflict of interest would exist because another member of the Southport law firm, Henry Foy, is a part-owner in a 200-foot strip of land east of Yaupon town limits that plays an important role in a pending zoning controversy.

The board has expressed a need for an attorney to be present at all town meetings.

Noting that "legal fees represent a lot of money to this town," Smalley nominated Lee. Lee had drawn up the town zoning ordinance and Friday told the board he would serve the town one year for a maximum of \$4,000, excepting any time spent in court.

Gainey's base fee will be much lower. For \$100 a month he will attend one meeting and land general advice, and would field questions from two town representatives.

Smalley's preference of Lee was based on his agreement to meet with all Yaupon town boards and answer questions from any town employee, and his familiarity with the zoning ordinance.

Lee is now contracted through May, and presumably could be retained on a month-to-month basis. Commissioner Bill McDougle preferred to keep Lee through the zoning discussions, voting with Smalley for the Lumberton lawyer.

Mayor C.E. Murphy noted the apparent cash difference between the two candidates' fees, and expressed a preference for a local person. Commissioners Jack Allen, Gib Barbee and Marvin Watson concurred, voting for Gainey.

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who was the subject of disagreement.

Foy is a partner with several others in a proposed motel project, to be located out-of-town but within the town's extra-territorial zoning limit. Smalley introduced a motion to declare illegal the hiring of Gainey, but the motion died for lack of a second.

In other business conducted Monday night, D.R. Andrews was awarded the used police car for 102.50, and Ted Wood a tool box for \$90.

An application for extension of water lines into the newly-annexed area of the town was signed to be submitted to the State Board of health.

A motion was approved thanking Robert Sellers and John Thompson for the flagpole and Commissioner Allen for the use by the town of his lawnmower.

The board voted to donate \$10 to Friends of the Library and named Mrs. Mary Appling as a representative to the organization.

Zoning coordinator John Thompson will confer with the town attorney concerning non-conforming signs on Yaupon Drive. The appearance size and setback of signs is noted in the new zoning ordinance; existing signs have a period of time during which they must be exchanged.

Thompson asked for and received permission to spend up to \$150 for a trailer hitch, light and pipe vice for a new town pick-up truck. Also, Thompson cited the need for a battery charger and the recapping of tires on the packer truck.

Merle Russell noted the danger of concrete pilings on the oceanfront that came from construction of the new Oak Island Bridge. "Kids are using them as sliding boards," he said.

The town reportedly plans to construct jetties with the pilings, but is awaiting the delivery of about 500 more during the next week. "It's an eyesore now," Commissioner Watson said.

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Yellow Banks Access Noted

Public access to the "Yellow Banks" at Long Beach should be made safer with the removal of damaged stairs now serving the popular swimming area.

Noting that "the town has made it very convenient for it to be accessible," Town Manager Frank Kivett suggested the town either repair or remove the steps.

Mayor E.W. Morgan noted that the north end of Middleton Street adjacent to the Yellow Banks was placed under supervision of the Long Beach Recreation Committee so the town would not have any liability.

There is a barrier on the site, but not warning signs noting the potential danger of the stairs. The steps are located in the easement for the Intracoastal Waterway. The replacement of the stairs will be discussed with representatives of the Recreation Committee.

April Reports Show Activity

Following is a summary of activity during April of the Long Beach police and volunteer fire departments and the town rescue squad:

POLICE
Arrests for breaking and entering, 7; (B&E cases known, 8); arrests for driving under the influence, 1; citations for speeding, 3; stop sign violations, 1.

Arrests for assault, 1; arrests for larceny, 2; (larceny cases known, 6); arrests for escaping, 1; arrests for worthless check, 3; runaways locked up, 2.

Calls answered, 55; houses checked, 835; businesses checked, 1,305; juvenile offenses, 9; complaints, 64; messages delivered, 28; houses under surveillance, 35; dog cases, 3; domestic calls, 3; drug traffic, 3;

Permits Issued

Building statistics for Long Beach during the month of April were reported Thursday to the town council.

28 permits were issued with a value of \$175,000. Nine were for single-family residential, five mobile homes, one residential garage, three storage buildings, five alteration and repair to residences, one commercial and four renewed permits.

Fees collected totaled \$366. There were 10 plumbing permits issued, and \$123.50 in fees collected.

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vandalism, 3; warrants served, 18 (for other agencies); other misdemeanors, 1.

Burning permits issued, 240; driver licenses checked, 736; cases in court, 15; hours in court, 30.

Trips to Southport, 35; miles on trip, 386; total hours, 1,028; total miles, 8,389.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Two fire calls were answered during April, plus one false alarm. 21 man hours were spent in service, another 20 in training. 34 man hours were devoted to business meetings.

RESCUE SQUAD
The rescue squad answered 17 calls during April, requiring 510 miles of travel and 153 man hours. Two man hours were spent in training.

Squabble Over Town Engineer

Authorization to hire a Long Beach town engineer was deferred Thursday night after another town council squabble.

Town Manager Frank Kivett suggested the employment of an engineer who "would pay for his own services," but four members of the six-member body preferred to wait until budget time to commit funds for his salary.

Councilman Russ Morrison introduced the motion that Kivett advertise for a town engineer, saying, "We've went this far, and if he's (Kivett) made the request I'm sure he's researched his budget."

The motion was seconded by Mayor E.W. Morgan, who said "we don't have to hire the man" and the "manager thinks it's necessary."

Nobody, either on the council or in the audience questioned the need for an engineer, but Councilman Ellis Dudley attempted to introduce a secondary motion to delay the decision until budget time.

Kivett asked "for the sake of harmony" that Morrison withdraw his motion, but the councilman refused.

Morgan said he didn't have to entertain Dudley's secondary motion; Morrison said, "Let's really complicate the matter" by making a third motion, but Morgan ended the nit-picking by withdrawing his second of

the first motion.

The vote in favor of tabling the matter was 4-2, Morgan and Morrison voting against.

Kivett said he made the recommendation because the town is actively seeking a water system and "on the heels of that" a sewer system. Also, there are other "purely engineering problems" of the town, and the manager suggested interviews starting July 1.

The suggested salary would be \$12,000, part of which, Kivett said, could be paid with Powell Bill funds.

Dudley asked that the town wait until "after we find out where the money's coming from." Already earmarked for next year's budget, the councilman added, is \$43,000 the town didn't spend last year.

Morrison said that last year's town budget was poorly spent.

Kivett said he had not reviewed the upcoming budget, but from the review of past budgets could see where an engineer could save the town money.

He added that the authority to create the position would show "clearly the intent" to hire an engineer.

At least one spectator concurred with the postponement of a decision. "If taxes go up, you know what they'll say" (about the passage of a water bond issue), said one woman.