



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018**

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were Mayor J. Alan Holden; Mayor Pro Tem Mike Sullivan; Commissioners Pat Kwiatkowski, Joe Butler, John Fletcher and Peter Freer; Town Manager David W. Hewett; Town Clerk Heather Finnell; Police Chief Wally Layne; Building Official Tim Evans; Public Works Director Chris Clemmons; Shoreline Protection and Recreation Manager Christy Ferguson; and Town Attorney Noel Fox.

Mayor Holden asked for a moment of silence and then called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Commissioner Freer to add agenda Item 14a, Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Resolution 18-02, Withdrawal of All Applications for Terminal Groin.

Commissioner Freer said the resolution was sent out as a supplement to the agenda and it is also in the back of the room.

Commissioner Freer repeated his motion; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Fletcher that on Item 18, Internal Control Assessment, he would like to delete Items a and c and consider only item b. Items a and c will be for future consideration; second by Commissioner Freer; approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Fletcher to adopt the amended agenda; second by Commissioner Freer; approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dolly Mitchell is a current member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB). Since she has been on the board, they have never been asked to perform any service for the commissioners. They are kept abreast of shoreline issues and beach nourishment by the Town team and they give input as needed. Mrs. Mitchell said it appears agenda Item 12 writes out input from the expertise of the staff. They have had their property for 40 years and over the past eight to ten years they have observed noticeable improvements in shoreline protection efforts. Mrs. Mitchell attributes that to the knowledge and efforts of the Town staff.

She suggested if the Board proceeds with this change in Section 35.02(C), line 1 should read proposed dredging project for beach and or dune (then continue the sentence). She said there is already a canal dredging working group in place. She said line 2 of this section shouldn't include canal bulkheads. In 35.03 Appointment and Terms, she is concerned about the wording appointed by commissioners. She inquired about the process.

Mr. O'Neal Varnam said he understands the Town is withdrawing the application for the groin. Mayor Holden replied the Board has not voted yet. Mr. Varnam said if you want to see what jetties and groins will do go look at Sunset Beach. He stated since they put their jetties in, the beach has built up over 900 feet. He stated that is what would happen to Holden Beach. It would catch the sand and the sand would help the whole beach. He said it used to be a 15 minute walk to the ocean; now all of that is gone. He said this is serious and we need to talk about this.

Vern Majors said he wanted to communicate how important the inlet is to our community. He said boats can't get into the inlet, so we lost a number of jobs in the area. He agrees a groin will help and that we need a jetty on the other side. He said he knows the initial costs are high, but it will save money in the long run. He explained the recent dredge job was pretty ineffective. Mr. Majors said we need jetties to protect our properties and way of life.

Olivia Gomez stated she is a current member of the PRAB and would like to express some thoughts about Item 12. She said in Ordinance 18-03, Section 34.01 reduces the number of members on the PRAB from seven to five. This particular board has members that are all committed and volunteer with events. Ms. Gomez talked about the events they participated in. She said being on the board doesn't require volunteering, but all seven members and their spouses are all invested in the board, programs and community. She stated that by reducing the amount of members, it would be reducing the amount of help the members provide. She is a member of the shoreline subcommittee. They rode the beach, participated in the coastal cleanup, visited the greenhouse and have been given assignments and tasks. They have never received any request or recommendations from the Board directly to the PRAB. She said the items proposed for the new board are items that the subcommittee is able to work on.

Becky Willis would also like to address Item 12. She was recently talking with a friend and was thinking about the one lane bridge that use to be to the island. She remembers when there were no mega houses and most of the houses were smaller than the ones they live in as permanent residents. She talked about her past experiences. Mrs. Willis said over the past 47 years she has walked every mile of the beach, watched the sand shift and nourishment keep the beach beautiful. She said the people on the PRAB have as much experience with the beach and knowledge of Holden Beach as any resident on the island. Our island is small, so there are a limited amount of people willing or able to serve on boards. She asked if it wouldn't be wiser to replace current members as their terms expire if there are people who have a greater skill set than the ones on the existing board. She stated it will also create more work for staff. She has always believed if it isn't broke, don't fix it. If it is broken, try to figure out how to fix it before you toss it aside and get a new one.

Karen Fleischhauer is currently the chair of the PRAB. She said the Inlet and Beach Protection Board has been on the agenda since January and the Board has had ample time to task the PRAB to do research and make recommendations regarding the inlet and beach issues. She stated the creation of the new board increases the workload of the staff and she believes it is redundant, unnecessary and irresponsible. The present members of the PRAB cumulatively have over 100 years of property ownership. Mrs. Fleischhauer

stated they know the beach and love the beach; you won't find a group of individuals more willing or capable of overseeing the health of the beach and inlets. She said the beach is our recreation and you cannot separate the two.

John McEntire asked the Board to enlighten people why they see the need for a new board to address beach protection concerns during their discussion on Item 12. The responsibilities of the boards overlap significantly. He said several members on the PRAB have asked repeatedly for an explanation as to why the proposed board is necessary when a simple change to the charter of the PRAB would seem to suffice. To his knowledge, none of the members of the PRAB were consulted about the existing or proposed structure. Mr. McEntire said at a recent meeting commissioners were present and he asked if they could provide input regarding the new board, but both declined to answer. He encouraged the Board to provide the public with rationale in terms of what went into the changes.

RECOGNITION OF JACK BOLDT FOR HIS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT COMPLETED ON HOLDEN BEACH

Shoreline Protection and Recreation Manager Ferguson recognized Jack Boldt for his work at the handicap access at Quinton Street. Mayor Holden acknowledged people in the audience that previously participated in the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ROADWAY WORK (MARLIN AND BOYD PAVING)

Shane Lippard from Right Angle Engineering explained that they were contracted to prepare plans and specifications for roadway work, paving improvements for Marlin and Boyd, pursuant to the Paving Assessment Report. They solicited bids informally to four contractors and received bids on April 10th. There was only one bid received this year. Highland Paving's bid total was \$92,050. The preliminary engineering estimate was \$94,000. Highland Paving has done several projects that Right Angle Engineering has been involved with. Mr. Lippard recommends the Board award the contract to Highland Paving. Town Manager Hewett added this is in keeping with the 10 year capital plan on street resurfacing.

Motion by Commissioner Freer to award; second by Commissioner Fletcher; approved by unanimous vote.

Town Manager Hewett, with Mr. Lippard in agreement, said the intent is to complete this before Memorial Day.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF LAYNE

- Made it through the winter with no break-ins. In the last five days we had five break-ins, simultaneously so has Ocean Isle Beach. We are working together and believe we have a suspect developed.
- Finishing up in-service training for this year. The goal was to complete it before the season started.
- Paperwork for the new hire is in the works. At the mercy of the state as to when we will be able to bring him on board. Cautiously optimistic we will have him ready to go before the season starts.
- Mayor Holden stated he understands Sergeant Dilworth's father passed away. Chief Layne responded that he passed away last Monday and the funeral was Friday. His father was an officer in Pennsylvania for 25 years before he retired.

- On Easter Sunday, we had a call about a suspicious package on the basketball court. Someone had left a briefcase on the court. Cleared the court and requested a bomb dog from the county. It turned out the briefcase was empty. Have cameras that cover the park area, but unfortunately the electronic controls are on the outside and the switch had been turned off. Will be working to secure it better for the future.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES OF THE VACUUM SEWER SYSTEM #4 STATUS REPORT

Public Works Director Clemmons said the budget for the project is \$1,413,000. We paid two payments to Green Engineering for plan design. We had one meeting with Green Engineering since the last meeting. At that time, the plans were not ready for review. The schedule for the plans to be delivered to us was March 16th, we received them on March 21st. It was advertised for bids on April 8th. We revised the timeline and tightened up the schedule so we shouldn't see any delays. Public Works Director Clemmons showed pictures of what the structure is proposed to look like. Commissioner Freer asked if we are on budget. Public Works Director Clemmons responded so far.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SCHEDULING OF A DATE TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR VACUUM SEWER SYSTEM #4 UPGRADE

Public Works Director Clemmons suggested scheduling a special meeting for May 14th. Town Manager Hewett added that they would also like to schedule the public hearing for item 19 for the same date. After discussion, a few members will be out of town on May 14th. After discussing dates, Town Manager Hewett said we will recalibrate and get back to the Board.

DISCUSSION OF EXISTING RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO EXISTING RULES

Commissioner Kwiatkowski explained the background on this item. She looked at the state's Suggested Rules of Procedure against the document that has been in place since the last Board took office a couple of years ago. She tried to do a rough combination of the two by taking the proposed document and trying to put it into the Suggested Rules of Procedure. Commissioner Kwiatkowski explained her draft version. She thinks it would be a good idea if a couple of commissioners work together with the Suggested Rules of Procedure and the existing Holden Beach Rules of Procedure and create a new document that can go through everyone's review so that they can come up with new rules that can be used for the rest of the term. She thinks her document can serve as a backbone for two people working together. Commissioner Freer said he would be happy to work with her. Commissioner Kwiatkowski thinks it is appropriate to have the executive secretary. They will try to do it over the next few weeks. Mayor Holden said if he read this properly it takes the voting rights away from the mayor. Commissioner Kwiatkowski explained she found that in a document. What's in there is her attempt to put the two documents together; it doesn't mean it will be the final document. She proposes the new document will go to Attorney Fox for her review. Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan said after the training, it is his opinion that the Board should adopt the proposed Rules of Procedures with some minor adjustments rather than trying to meld the two. He thinks the School of Government basically covers all of the bases and that there may be a few issues that would require the Board to modify those rules. He agrees that two people should work that out for discussion.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ESTABLISH THE INLET AND BEACH PROTECTION BOARD

Motion by Commissioner Freer to adopt Ordinance 18-02 (An Ordinance Establishing the Inlet and Beach Protection Board) and 18-03 (An Ordinance Amending the Holden Beach Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board); second by Commissioner Fletcher.

Commissioner Freer stated it is his understanding that there previously was an Inlet and Beach Board that was folded into the Parks & Recreation Board. The intent was to put the added focus back to the beach and inlet. He believes the Town needs to look forward and concentrate on the beach and inlet, working with the staff. He doesn't think it is a bad thing that the Board has been working on this for a couple of months. It has been discussed and adjusted. Commissioner Freer said there was confusion over the number of PRAB members. Commissioner Kwiatkowski said Ordinance 18-03 does have a redline saying that the membership will decline to five as terms expire. Attorney Fox confirmed there is language that does lower the membership. Mayor Holden said it also should be pointed out that possibly no residents could be on the Board because it states residents or property owners. Commissioner Freer said his intent was not to lower the amount of PRAB members. It was to not put the burden of requiring seven on the new board. Attorney Fox said you could adopt the ordinance without the suggested language about membership declining. She said the residents or property owners requirement is consistent with the language in the ordinance for the Inlet and Beach Protection Board. Commissioner Freer said he hopes some current PRAB members will apply for the new board. They are not changing the way the Board selects members for the new board. They would ask the clerk to advertise for potential members and the Board would select from the applicants.

Town Manager Hewett said Section 35.02(C), speaks to evaluating proposed dredging projects. He asked if it is the intent of the Board to include the work for the canal subdivision dredging and bulkheads in this definition. He thinks that proposed dredging projects should exclude canal dredging and canal bulkheads. Commissioner Freer said that wasn't the intent. He said hopefully the vote will show that we will move past the terminal groin and the intent is to focus on addressing the beach and inlet with the added focus of this new board. Commissioner Fletcher stated the next biggest things the Board will face is storm damage and beach protection and inlet management. He would love to have a committee that is just focused on that. He said the PRAB has done a great job with parks and rec. Going forward he sees the ocean and beach as being the major chores for the Board and he would like to see a group of people that are focused on that, who will work with the Board and staff. Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan stated he thinks one of the questions Mr. McEntire would like to have addressed is why the people currently doing it are not able to do it or why the Board feels they need to be replaced with another board. Commissioner Freer said we are adding five new people to focus on the beach and inlet. He strongly encouraged those people to apply to the new board. The PRAB charter doesn't have anything about the beach and inlet, it only has one paragraph associated with the beach. You could address that or his choice would be to add additional resources to the issue because he thinks it is something we need to focus on. Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan asked if the people on this board would be prohibited from serving on other boards. Commissioner Freer replied no. Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan inquired how it will be possible to place five new people on the board when they could lose some of the focus because they might join another board. Commissioner Freer responded it is not the people's focus, it is the board's mission focus. He thinks people are more than capable of addressing multiple issues. Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan said he doesn't believe focus is the issue, the issue is that the Board never asked the current PRAB to do any of the items that we are starting a new board for. He doesn't think the Board should start a new board until the current PRAB has the opportunity to do what the Board is establishing the new board for. Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan asked why the Board doesn't just vote in open when placing people on a

board, instead of by ballot. He demands they vote that way in this circumstance. Commissioner Butler stated the critical components are the inlet and the sand. He said the Town is in the sand business and as a community we need to work together. He stated they have gone through the terminal groin. He said he has major heartburn about obtaining funding. He said he is from Jersey where they have jetties and groins. He said there is so much in this discussion. He suggested that maybe we need to start small and pick apart the problem. He said he has a problem with the lack of funding. He said let's get this back on track. We need to work together.

Attorney Fox said the changes are in Section 35.02(C) insert excluding canal dredging after proposed dredging projects and also after protective structure projects and in 18-03, deleting the language about the expiration of terms.

Commissioner Freer modified his motion to accept Attorney Fox's amendments. Commissioner Fletcher agreed with the amendment.

Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan stated in Section 35.06, it says the Board may designate and engage legal counsel, He said the Planning & Zoning Board doesn't have special counsel and asked why we think this board needs its own attorney. Commissioner Fletcher replied that it says the Board of Commissioners can. Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan said after seeing what happened the last time the Board engaged counsel he is hesitant to give the Board the ability to have more counsels than we already have on the payroll. Mayor Holden added he sees correspondence where the new attorney is soliciting communications from the property owners association and the commissioners. He reminded the Board that when someone calls the attorney the meter is running. He thinks we are now tapping on \$30,000 spent on this newly hired attorney. He encouraged the Board to not allow just anyone to call the attorneys. He asked how much money has been spent. Town Manager Hewett said looking at the trend so far, it seems about \$10,000 per month since we brought him on. He has been on board for three months. Mayor Holden said the Board needs to understand what the attorney is billing if he is willing to talk to anybody.

The motion passed by a 4-1 vote with Commissioners Kwiatkowski, Butler, Fletcher and Freer voting for the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan voting in the negative.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO PERMANENTLY REVOKE RESOLUTION 11-12, ENTITLED "TERMINAL GROIN PERMIT APPLICATION"

Motion by Commissioner Freer that the Board of Commissioners permanently revoke Resolution 11-12, entitled Terminal Groin Permit Application; second by Commissioner Fletcher; approved by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO DIRECT CLARK WRIGHT, SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL COUNSEL TO THE TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH, TO IMMEDIATELY COMMUNICATE WITH THE USACE ELECTRONICALLY, FOLLOWED BY THE SENDING OF A FORMAL LETTER VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, THE DECISION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO WITHDRAW FULLY AND CEASE ANY AND ALL FURTHER PROCESSING OF, OR ACTION ON, THE TOWN'S CURRENTLY PENDING SECTION 10 AND SECTION 404 PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED NEPA DOCUMENTATION – CORPS ACTION ID NO. SAW-2011-01914

Motion by Commissioner Freer that the Board of Commissioners direct Clark Wright, Special Environmental Counsel to the Town of Holden Beach, to immediately communicate with the US Army Corps of Engineers electronically, followed by the sending of a formal letter via certified mail, the decision by the Board of Commissioners to withdraw fully and cease any and all further processing of, or actions on, the Town's currently pending Section 10 and Section 404 permit applications and associated NEPA documentation – Corps' Action ID No. SAW-2011-01914; second by Commissioner Fletcher; approved by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 18-02, WITHDRAWAL OF ALL APPLICATIONS FOR TERMINAL GROIN

Motion by Commissioner Freer to adopt Resolution 18-02, Withdrawal of All Applications for Terminal Groin.

Town Clerk Finnell read the resolution. Mayor Holden asked who made the document. Attorney Fox responded Clark Wright. Commissioner Freer said he plans on working with staff and the new Inlet and Beach Protection Board and to continue to support the nourishment of the east end and Lockwood Folly Inlet management.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

FEMA FLOOD MAP ADOPTION SCHEDULE

Building Official Evans explained the purpose of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is to identify floodplain areas and flood risk zones. He provided background on the NFIP and reviewed NFIP goals. There are benefits to communities participating in the NFIP. Flood insurance may be sold or renewed within the community. Federal agencies are able to approve loans, grants, payments, subsidies or rebates for acquisition or construction purposes within special flood hazard areas. State and federal disaster assistance will be available for damaged structures. He discussed the process to join the NFIP. He reviewed NFIP sanctions. FEMA has set August 28, 2018 as the effective date for area communities, including Holden Beach. He talked about appeals in the Town. Building Official Evans reviewed the NFIP status for other communities. He told a story about his old job. He talked about our two and a half foot freeboard requirement. The changes on the new flood maps will not affect flood insurance policies until the effective date. All NFIP communities must update their flood damage prevention ordinance before the end of the six months. We need to add the new effective date and any other changes they have. It is a model ordinance, the changes are required. Building Official Evans said he hopes to fulfill all of the requirements by the May meeting. If we can't pull it off it will be June. It is our understanding that we can adopt the date. He talked

about the adoption process. You can start using the maps once we adopt the ordinance, but you can't get the reduction in insurance until the effective date.

Building Official Evans gave a tutorial on how to use the website for the maps. Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan asked if the process will have any effect on the CRS rating. Building Official Evans said they never picked up our two and a half feet so that will have some impact. We need to be proactive and some items will require action on the Board's part. There are some new points that we can get. He put money in the education budget so we can go out and see what other communities do. He explained there is a balance. There will be some benefits across the board without changing the CRS rating.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT ON PARKING FOR IMPLEMENTATION PRIOR TO THE 2018 BEACH SEASON

Commissioner Butler thanked Building Official Evans, Public Works Director Clemmons, Zoning Official Wooten and the Citizens Advisory Committee. There is a list of recommended items in the agenda packet on pages 63 and 64 (hereby incorporated into the minutes). He said on number 4 on page 63 it talks about post height being three feet. In the ordinance it talks about two feet. Last month the Board discussed this and decided two feet would be better that is why the ordinance reflects two feet. He said it also includes amended Ordinances 18-07 and 18-08.

Motion by Commissioner Butler that the items be accepted to include the ordinance amendments (Ordinance 18-07, An Ordinance Amending the Holden Beach Code of Ordinances, Chapter 72: Parking Regulations and Ordinance 18-08, An Ordinance Amending the Holden Beach Code of Ordinances, Chapter 95: Streets) and so forth recommend we go forward, second by Commissioner Fletcher.

Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan asked if would need to modify all of the parking signs so people have the knowledge that they can no longer park from 2:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m. in order for Ordinance 18-07 to move forward. Attorney Fox said signs don't need to be created to advise people they can't park, the ordinance is the law. Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan said where he comes from you can't give someone a summons if you don't post it. Attorney Fox explained ignorance of the law is not an excuse if someone violates an ordinance. If she determines it is necessary she will advise the Board immediately.

Commissioner Kwiatkowski stated last time she wanted to vote on each individual item, but seeing how items 1 – 9 are described individually in the memo she waived voting on the individual items. Building Official Evans provided the Board with copies of the maps he is using for the encroachment agreements with the DOT. The maps have signs where the Town needs approval from the DOT. He reviewed his proposed signs on the maps. Town Manager Hewett said in the original tasker it was mentioned that these items were supposed to be completed prior to the summer season. He wants to make the Board cognizant of the fact that we still need approval from DOT and we don't control their timeline.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

DIRECT SOLICITATION FOR EXTERNAL AUDIT

Motion by Commissioner Fletcher that the Board approve the town clerk to direct solicitation for an external audit for the 2018 audit; second by Commissioner Freer; approved by unanimous vote.

INTERNAL CONTROL ASSESSMENT

Commissioner Fletcher said the Board talked about the need for an internal control assessment. He contacted the Local Government Commission. They will approve the contract if the Town writes one.

Motion by Commissioner Fletcher to direct solicitation of an accounting firm to conduct the comprehensive financial and accounting internal control review for the Town, second by Commissioner Freer; approved by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SCHEDULING OF A DATE TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF A SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEE ANALYSIS

The Board will revisit this item.

REQUEST TO SELL BEER AT HOLDEN BEACH FESTIVALS BY CITIZEN MARK POMPEII

Mark Pompeii said his objective was to be able to sell beer at the festivals. He mentioned talks with Board members and the Merchants Association prior to the meeting. He withdrew his request.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- The Tri-Beach Fire Department is having a birthday party at the Pavilion on Saturday, April 21st.
- We had over 1,000 participants in the SEARCH 5k race this past Saturday. 770 were Brunswick County kids K – 12. It has become a big event at Holden Beach, partnering with the school system.
- DOT – it looks like there will be repairs underway on the Holden Beach Bridge beginning sometime in August or September. Correspondence from DOT says that there is no imminent danger or concerns with the bridge that they are aware of. They will be fixing the overlay on the travel surface of the bridge, doing some repairs to the concrete girders and beam support, along with the foundation and also some of the fender system replacement in the waterway. Will have more information as it evolves.
- Wants to make sure that everyone is aware that the decals to gain re-entry to the island after a storm event have been sent out in the water bill. Stressed you can't get back on the island without the decals.
- Water Tower – finished the paint job, will transition to moving the cell antennas back to the tower.
- Major replacement of the streetlights underway. Streetlight replacement has been completed on the east end of the beach. They have gone to the west end and are working their way back to the bridge. They will then start on the side streets, with the intent of having all of the replacement lights installed before Memorial Day.
- There is a new parking scheme on Ranger Street, mirror imaging the setup at Elizabeth Street.
- Lockwood Folly Inlet – not sure what it looks like today after the storm, but the channel was open in February. We weren't able to put navigation buoys out. The hopper dredge put the near shore disposal material from the inlet from the area near Blockade Runner back to the east. It also include some sand from the Shallotte Inlet Crossing area. Haven't been able to ascertain a drop count from the Corps yet.
- Beach grass planting will take place after Memorial Day from 800 – 1000 OBW.
- FEMA Irene and Matthew Efforts – have requested final inspections, but have not received confirmation when the inspections will take place.
- Canal Dredging – we are programming a full dredge of all canal subdivisions this winter, November 2018 – March 2019. Approximately 55,000 cubic yards will be removed from the 25,000 linear feet of

canals. The total estimated cost is \$2.2 million, with 2/3 of that being paid on a reimbursement basis from a Division of Water Resources grant. If you are a canal resident, check out what your bulkhead looks like so you can get any repairs done before the project starts. Building Official Evans will go out prior to the start of the project to make sure any deficiencies are recorded. When we get closer to the project, we will have a better project done if folks will remove their floating docks when possible. Will probably need to move your boats also during that time. The dry marinas will fill up, now is the time to think about what to do with your boats during that timeframe.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Sent the commissioners an email in regards to a turtle monument. Noticed it wasn't on the agenda, asked if the Board wanted him to communicate to the person that the Town isn't interested. Commissioner Fletcher said he spoke to them as well and to Town Manager Hewett. He thinks the Beautification Club was thinking about putting it at the entranceway at the base of bridge. Town Manager Hewett said he hasn't talked to the Beautification Club. Commissioner Fletcher thinks it is a beautiful statue and that it should be put in a nice place. The Board talked about follow-on action.

Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan, with Commissioner Freer in agreement, believes the item should be placed on the next agenda.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan

- We are in the process of getting the budget together. There are a couple of issues where there are differences of opinion. Thinks it would behoove everyone to listen to the budget discussion. It will affect a lot of what happens next year and into the future. Would be beneficial to have more input from the community, as well as the community understanding on the thought process of what is going on, where we are going to allocate the money and why we are going to allocate it in those specific places.
- Since he sat here he has been told at least three or four times that he did or didn't do something, but nobody ever mentioned him by name, just the Board as a group. Never spoken to Mr. Pompeii. Secondly, he sat in at the PRAB meeting. He remembers Mr. McEntire asking him if he had anything to say, he doesn't remember being asked if he was going to comment on the proposed ordinance starting the shoreline protection. He goes to as many meetings as he can to gather information, but he will never speak at one of those because he doesn't want to influence how they think.

Commissioner Kwiatkowski

- Gave special thanks to Town staff, who based on a recommendation she made a couple of months ago about trying to improve the information we give to renters, have created a nice page on the website. It pulls together all the things the Town tries to tell someone (use 911, grill ordinance, etc.). You can only get so much on the flashing sign as people come over the bridge. This is a complete page and it is Renters' Information. Thanked the staff for coming up with this nice information page as quickly as they did so it is ready for the season.

Commissioner Butler

- In regards to Mr. Pompeii, he did approach him about beer being given out after a race, free. He said if he ran a 5k, he would enjoy a beer. That is what the discussion was about, it had nothing to do with

beer sales. However, when Mr. Pompeii did mention the possibility about beer sales, he told him it was totally out of order and was not even remotely about their discussion.

- Thanked folks here this evening and those who attended previous meetings pertaining to terminal groins. There was a lot of information and a lot of research. Appreciates the discussions people had with him personally on the subject.
- Acknowledged Shoreline Protection and Recreation Manger Ferguson and the PRAB. Enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt. Everybody did a great job. The Town support was great. You come and you see people who aren't even on the committee who didn't have to be here, but they were. It was great. They took it upon themselves and put their own time into it.

Commissioner Fletcher

- Thanked everyone for coming.
- We have labored hard. Hopes everyone appreciates that you have a Board that spent a lot of time researching the groin project question. Thinks everyone made the decision based on what they think is best for the Town individually. He drew the conclusion that a better option than putting a groin in was to continue nourishing by putting sand on the beach and keeping the entire beach healthy. Thinks that is the biggest thing coming, keeping the nine miles of beach beautiful so people who love it can use it and keep coming here and renting and we who live here get to enjoy it. People should appreciate that everyone on the Board spent a lot of time researching and reaching as deep as they could to come up with the right decision. Thanks for bearing with us for that.

Commissioner Freer

- Dittoed Commissioner Fletcher's comments. Also a lot of work went into everything we did tonight from the staff. Would like to thank them as well and everyone for attending.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON GENERAL ITEMS

Dolly Mitchell stated she knows the Board is getting ready to work on the budget. She was appalled yesterday morning with the effects of the storm. People had rolled their cans out. There was trash everywhere and cans overturned. She stated she would much rather see the Town spending money on trash solutions being worked out then paying another lawyer when we have a good lawyer sitting here. She would even be willing to pay extra for trash pickup to avoid what she saw yesterday morning.

Sheila Young said she didn't understand why Dial Cordy was on the agenda the other evening when there were reports on the terminal groin, but there was no report from them. She thought they were being the Town's advocate for gathering information and that we were paying for that service with tax money so she didn't understand why someone wasn't here to represent them. In regards to the PRAB and the new board, she thinks there is some misunderstanding about the fact that the Town had a Shoreline Protection Committee to start with. When the Town got a Parks & Recreation Director, then the Board decided to do away with the Shoreline Protection Committee and instead roll it into a Parks & Recreation Board. Before that we really didn't have any recreation to deal with. Ms. Young would have liked to have seen the Board give the PRAB a chance and give them some direction. Some of those people, Mrs. Fleischhauer being one of them, went on that board because they had an interest in the beach. She noticed people who aren't permanent residents are allowed to serve on this board. She suggested the Board look into the rules on that.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Fletcher to adjourn at 9:34 p.m.; second by Commissioner Freer; approved by unanimous vote.

J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Finnell, Town Clerk