

**TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2011**

Mayor Stephen C. Selby called the May 5, 2011 meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Mayor Selby gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Joseph Przywara, Walter Goodenough, John Russo, Joyce Dunn and Thomas Puls. Also present: Mike Hargett, Town Administrator, Nicole Marks, Deputy Town Clerk, Julie Munday, Finance Officer and Chuck Riggins, Building Inspector.

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda:

COMMISSIONER PRZYWARA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED BY ADDING THE BOARD GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT PURSUANT WITH NCGS 143-318.11(A)(3) TO DISCUSS THE MATTER OF LITIGATION WITH THE TOWN AND CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY. COMMISSIONER DUNN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR SELBY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. MAYOR SELBY CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Public Comment on Annual Retreat:

Gere Dale, 46 Calabash Drive – Mr. Dale said the conduct of the annual retreat was disingenuous which means giving a false impression of a simple practice. Mr. Dale stated because the Town chose to have the retreat twenty-five minutes from the Town, it made it difficult for people to attend and public comments were not allowed. One of the items on the ‘bucket list’ is to cultivate a relationship with the Town of Calabash and Mr. Dale stated that he hasn’t read anything in the newspaper stating that Calabash is interested in partnering with The Town of Carolina Shores. The only two things Mr. Dale found in common with both Town’s is the inability to keep valuable employees and a lack of transparency. Mr. Dale stated he has suggested in the past to hold a summer concert series at Town Hall and should offer that to the residents. Also, Mr. Dale mentioned the recycling center on the bucket list. Mr. Dale said in his opinion, most people know how to recycle. Mr. Dale said the Board should reach out to the Village and The Farm and find out why many of them don’t recycle and maybe put together a venue for recycling. Finally, relative to a point about the budget, Mr. Dale said he read an article about the Town of Holden Beach in the Brunswick Beacon that a questionnaire will be sent out in the water bill pertaining to parks and recreation and they hope to get a large response from it’s residents, maybe an approach like that should be considered for the Town of Carolina Shores.

2011-12 Budget Ordinance:

No Motion Made to Accept Budget Ordinance.

Resolution Modifying 2011-12 Budget Ordinance to Limit Longevity Expenditure:

No Motion Made to Accept Resolution.

Resolution Modifying 2011-12 Budget Ordinance to Increase Street Light Expenditure:

No Motion Made to Accept Resolution.

Mayor Selby recommended deferring item numbers IV. V. and VI. on the Agenda until further discussion could take place. All Board members were in favor of deferring these three items.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

None

Consent Agenda:

COMMISSIONER GOODENOUGH MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

- Approval – April 4, 2011 BOC Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
- Approval – April 4, 2011 BOC Pre-Agenda Meeting Minutes
- Approval – April 7, BOC Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval – Of the Change Order on the Current Paving Contract in the Amount of \$1,280.00 for Installation of Culvert on Watson/Palmer.

COMMISSIONER RUSSO SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR SELBY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. MAYOR SELBY CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Town Administrator Report / Mr. Mike Hargett – On File at Town Hall

- Update on damage of roads in regards to paving contract
- Contacted Sheriff's Department to schedule a meeting

Financial Report – Ms. Julie Munday, Finance Officer – On File at Town Hall

- General Fund Balance - \$2,476,189
- Total Expenses - \$51,624
- Total Revenues - \$72,877
- Total CD's - \$2,000,000
- 2010 Property Taxes Collected - \$3,607
- Building Permit Revenue - \$3,349

Communication Committee Report – Chairperson Dave McMahon said the major item discussed at the last meeting was the Request for Services Form. In regards to the form, there needs to be some type of policy on how to complete and handle the requests and the form needs to have some changes. The committee would like the completed form to be able to get emailed to the Town. Chairperson McMahon wanted to invite the public to the Communication Committee meetings if they would like to know what is being discussed and if they have any issues or questions.

HOA/POA Committee Report – Chairperson Bill Brennan said with Beacon Townes there was discussion on changing management companies and how to address that and there have been some issues. For Carolina Shores, there was nothing to report. The Farm still has concerns about the county not spraying for mosquitoes and they are still working on getting the roads turned over to the Town and update on the water leak. In regards to Calabash Lakes, they are still trying to get their bond resolved. In regards to Lighthouse Cove, there are many issues. People are still going there in the middle of the night parking and are going through foreclosure and bond issues. The Town has agreed to pay the light bill. There are issues with mowing and therefore, there are snakes and mice. In regards to the Village, things are moving along very well despite some water lines aren't where they are supposed to be. Chairperson McMahon from the Communications Committee attended the meeting to discuss the bringing together a sense of community within the Town and the Gazebo.

Tree Committee Report - Mr. George Mulcahey member of the Tree Committee gave the April, 2011 report. Mr. Mulcaey stated there were a total of 19 permits, number of trees approved 34, replaced 5, 4 denied and 0 appealed and there were four inspection days.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Russo – Commissioner Russo addressed Mr. Dale's comment pertaining to the Recycling Item not being in the Annual Retreat report. Commissioner Russo said it was accidentally omitted.

Commissioner Dunn – This was the second meeting that she had been to this week where people got their point across by being rude. Commissioner Dunn said that good ideas are always welcome or even requests to change the way the Board of Commissioners do things but to please present them in a nice way.

Public Comment:

Dolores Galiano, 1073 Swan Court – Is very pleased that efforts are being made to bring the community together. Her concern is that there is nothing for the kids to do within the Town. In discussion of the park, she is hoping that there will be activities for the kids to do there such as basketball and sport activities. Would like to have suggestions and concerns emailed to the Town so the Board of Commissioners can see what the residents want.

Peter Gulliver, 13 Oakbark Court – Mr. Gulliver would like the Board to develop a policy and procedure in regards to the water in the swales. Mr. Gulliver stated that with the standing water in the swales, it presents a health hazard regarding the mosquitoes and the lack of spraying.

Gere Dale, 46 Calabash Drive – Mr. Dale said in regards to the County not spraying for mosquitoes, this is incorrect. Mr. Dale spoke to Steve Stone at the County and Mr. Stone said they will continue to spray this year as much as possible. They are under the constraint that Congress made and currently the chemicals that have been used, may not be used. Mr. Dale said that Mr. Stone said the Town should contact Congressman McIntyre and ask him to support legislation that will continue the use of the chemicals used for mosquito spraying.

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Mayor Selby called the regular meeting back into session.

COMMISSIONER PRZYWARA MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT THAT WAS PROVIDED BY CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY CONCERNING THE COMPLETION IMPROVEMENTS AT CALABASH LAKES, PORTRAIT HOMES. COMMISSIONER DUNN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR SELBY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. Commissioner Puls asked about the lights that have turned off. Mayor Selby said the some for the lights are on but the lights in the back will not be turned on since the road is not paved there. MAYOR SELBY CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSIONER DUNN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MAY 5, 2011 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING. COMMISSIONER GOODENOUGH SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR SELBY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. It was asked if a motion needed to be made to execute the settlement agreement and it was unanimous by the Board to approve execution of the document. MAYOR SELBY CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Stephen C. Selby, Mayor

Submitted by:
Nicole Marks
Deputy Town Clerk