

**TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2011**

Mayor Stephen C. Selby called the October 6, 2011 meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. The Invocation was said and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Joseph Przywara, Joyce Dunn, Walter Goodenough, Tom Puls and John Russo. Also present: Mike Hargett, Town Administrator, Julie Munday, Finance Director and Nancy Apple, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Nicole Marks, Town Clerk and Chuck Riggins, Building Inspector

Approval of Agenda:

COMMISSIONER DUNN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CURRENT AGENDA. 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.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Jo O'Keefe, 30 Gate 3 – Ms. O'Keefe said she was very pleased with two items on the agenda which are the authorization of street lights for the Lighthouse Cove neighborhood and the adding of Oak Bark Drive as a Capital Improvement program for 2011-12 and is grateful that these items are being taken care of.

Geri Dale, 46 Calabash Drive - Mr. Dale discussed the Serenity Garden being placed in the Communication Committee's hands when it should have gone in front of the Planning and Zoning Board and was a bad decision by the Board of Commissioners. In addition, Mr. Dale discussed the fact that the Board of Commissioners spent \$5,500.00 of tax payer's money to hire a professional for the design concept and also discussed the use of grant money and the comment made by Mayor Selby at the workshop. Mr. Dale also made reference to a comment that Commissioner Dunn made to Commissioner Puls that she has to speak to her people and he has to speak to his.

Presentation by Buzz McManus, Calabash EMS Representative:

Mr. McManus said Calabash EMS provides basic intermediate paramedic services for Brunswick County. Brunswick County is a large county which is 854 square miles and 21 percent of the population is 65 years or older. Calabash EMS picks up when the County call are overloaded and guarantee help for a ten to fifteen mile radius from Calabash. Carolina Shores and Calabash contribute to Calabash EMS.

COMMISSIONER RUSSO MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- September 6, 2011 BOC Pre-Agenda Meeting Minutes
- September 8, 2011 BOC Regular Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Approving Citizen Participation Plan for Land Development Code Revision Process
- Resolution Designation of Applicant's Agent (NC Division of Emergency Management)
- Resolution Authorizing Street Lights for Lighthouse Cove Neighborhood
- Resolution Adding Oak Bark Drive to the 2011-12 Capital Improvement Program

COMMISSIONER PRZYWARA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR SELBY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. Commissioner Goodenough asked if Pine Bark was going to be handled. Mayor Selby said it wasn't part of the resolution but yes it was going to be dealt with. There was discussion on the repairs that have been made on Pine Bark. MAYOR SELBY CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Town Administrator Report, Mr. Mike Hargett: On File at Town Hall

Mr. Hargett stated that the staff will move forward with implementing the approvals that have been made by the Board of Commissioners.

- Update on Habitat for Humanity

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

- General Fund Balance - \$2,144,801
- Cash Balance Less Capital Improvements - \$1,759,841
- Total CD's - \$2,000,000
- 2010 Property Taxes Collected In September - \$25,957
- Business License Revenue for July - \$4,690
- Building Permit Revenue For July - \$2,806

Communication Committee Report:

Chairperson Dave McMahon said the Communication Committee has nothing to report as their October meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

HOA/POA Committee Report:

Chairperson Brennan said that a representative from the Communication Committee came to their meeting to discuss the two committees working together and came up with a few ideas and spent quite a bit of time discussing the community event center.

Tree Committee Report:

Mr. George Mulcahy gave the September Tree Committee report. There were 15 permits, 31 permits approved for removal of trees. There were 2 tree replacements and there were 4 scheduled inspection days. Mr. Mulcahy wanted to point out that people are wanting to remove pine trees but pine trees are what keep the Town from becoming a swamp.

Commissioner and Mayor Comments:

Joyce Dunn – Commissioner Dunn wanted to commend the Communication Committee for their work on the Community Event Center and was a beautiful design but due to public concern the project should be put on hold and investigate further how on how to build a sense of community and therefore, made the following motion:

COMMISSIONER DUNN MADE A MOTION TO PUT THE PROJECT TO DEVELOP A PARK/EVENT SPACE ON HOLD FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME WHILE THEY EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS. COMMISSIONER PULS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR SELBY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION. Commissioner Russo said that he would still like the Town to celebrate Arbor Day. MAYOR SELBY CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Walter Goodenough - Commissioner Goodenough said it was never the intent of the Board to spend \$350,000 or so on the community event space and that people should get involved in the work of the community and if people want to know what is going on in the Town, come to meetings.

Commissioner Przywara - Commissioner Przywara in regards to the revision of the UDO, there is going to be at least fourteen meetings that people can attend and encourages citizens to attend and should get involved. The consultant has developed a website that will be updated on an ongoing basis.

Commissioner Russo – Commissioner Russo said he has been working on bringing the community together for years. In regards to the zip code, he made phone calls and is exploring this recommendation again.

Commissioner Puls – Commissioner Puls wanted to clarify that at the workshop that a couple of ladies from Lighthouse Cove attended the meeting and discussed the safety issues and that one of the ladies daughter had taken a bad fall and broke her arm and this is definitely a safety issue and

that is why the Board of Commissioners agreed to help them out and they do not have anything over there.

Public Comment:

Patricia Fontana, 3 Sandpiper Ct. – Ms. Fontana said a few weeks back at the workshop meeting; she asked for some signs at the entrance Carolina Shores by the clubhouse and thanked the Board. In addition, there are still golf carts on the roadway and someone is going to get hurt and something needs to get done.

Jo O’Keefe, 30 Gate 3 – Ms.O’Keefe discussed the fact that she hasn’t attended a meeting in over two years and would appreciate a little extra time to speak if she should go over. Ms. O’Keefe she spends all her time, seven days a week helping others. She wanted to share something that ha been coming up during meetings, which was getting people to attend meetings and there has got to be a better way to communicate with citizens and bringing back the newsletter would be a wonderful idea. There was discussion on a comment that was made in reference to an airhead.

During Public Comment, Commissioner Goodenough asked Mayor Selby if he could please be excused after Ms. O’Keefe started speaking. Mayor Selby agreed and Commissioner Goodenough left the remainder of the meeting.

Gere Dale, 46 Calabash Dr. – Mr. Dale wanted to commend the Board’s decision on the park and feels it was the right thing to do. He also wanted to commend the Board for the speed sign that is out on the parkway and is glad to see it there. Mr. Dale said he has been really upset with the Board’s treatment towards the Planning and Zoning Board and discussed specific points such as the Planning and Zoning Board is without a Chairperson, although Mike Hargett, Town Administrator is temporary chairperson. Mr. Dale thinks the Board should consider at this time securing green space.

Bill Brennan, 818 Watson Ave. - Mr. Brennan said this Town does not have an identity at all and the event center was a good idea. Mr. Brennan said that a zip code may help bring the Town together.

Jackie Orwig, 48 Gate 3 – Ms. Orwig has a problem with the zip code and doesn’t understand the issue. Ms. Orwig discussed the inappropriate behavior of the Commissioner that cut off a citizen during public comment.

Dave Pflaster, 23 Swamp Fox Dr. - Mr. Pflaster applauded Commissioner Goodenough for walking out. Mr. Pflaster also discussed the importance of the Town having a zip code of their own and it identifies the Town.

Dave McMahon, 247 Furrow Lane – Mr. McMahon said when he read the Letters to the Editor in the Brunswick Beacon, it peaked his curiosity and looked at Ms. O’Keefe’s website and wrote her and the situation escalated and he publically apologized to Ms. O’Keefe.

Mike Riccitelli, 3 Pinewood Dr. – Mr. Riccitelli wanted to congratulate and thank the volunteers for the Town of Carolina Shores for their time and consideration.

COMMISSIONER DUNN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 6, 2011 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING. COMMISSIONER PRZWARA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR SELBY ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. MAYOR SELBY CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Stephen C. Selby, Mayor

Submitted by:
Nicole Marks
Town Clerk