

<p style="text-align:center"><b>TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2016</b></p>
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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Voveris called the August 12, 2016, Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT: Councilmembers Don Boteler, Sue Callaway, Tim Shaw, Carol Stevenson, Frank Weisgerber, and Mayor Pat Voveris; Town Manager Melvin Cusick; Chief Troy Crowson; Beach Patrol Captain Ryan Dacey; and Administrative Assistant Pam Smith

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Councilmember Wayne Schrader

**PRESENTATION ON POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING EXPANSION (DR. WARREN/CHIEF CROWSON)**

Councilmember Callaway introduced Dr. Warren, President of the Strategic Management Research Center, which is a GSA certified firm.

Working with Chief Crowson, Dr. Warren had previously received background information on the police department building. Dr. Warren generated the attached report titled *South Bethany Police Department Police Facility Renovations and Expansion – Operational, Administrative and Support Services Needs – Analysis and Recommendations Report*. Dr. Warren highlighted recommendations in the report. At the end of his presentation Dr. Warren said the police department building has some inadequacies that need to be addressed and which he thinks need to be corrected. After giving his report, Dr. Warren answered questions from the Town Council and from the public.

Mayor Voveris stated that she sees merit in Dr. Warren's report. Mayor Voveris noted that the police department has grant money and donated money available that could go toward the project. Later in the discussion in reply to a question from property owner Mike Matera, Chief Crowson said the estimated cost of the project is \$199,100 and the department has about \$100,000 in grant money and donated money that could be used for the project. Dr. Warren said the improvements would be capital improvements and the federal government will not typically give grants for capital improvements.

In reply to property owner Bill Beckett's suggestion of also hardening the Town Hall building, Mayor Voveris said the Town will have to look at the safety precaution part of Town Hall and not wait for the expansion of Town Hall.

Councilmember Boteler asked if there were priorities in the 10-15 recommendations in Dr. Warren's report if the Town doesn't have enough money to complete all the recommendations. Dr. Warren said he would not shave back the recommendations but would tighten up on the square footage.

Council agreed that Dr. Warren's report should be posted on the Town website.

### **PROPERTY OWNERS' PARTICIPATION**

- Bill Beckett (43 S. Anchorage Ave.) – Mr. Beckett stated that he is opposed to closing off Black Gum Dr. particularly in the way it was done in which he thinks violates the Town Charter in the following sections: §§ C-7B(1), C-4B(18), C-19B, C-19C, and C-19D. Mr. Beckett also asked for the immediate removal of the temporary speed bump which he believes is a traffic hazard and is not DelDOT approved. Mr. Beckett said he would like an answer to his questions in terms of where the Council stands.
- Michael Fanshel (413 Cattail Rd.) – Spoke in support of the traffic calming measures in Cat Hill. Mr. Fanshel said when he purchased his property in 1986 (before the roads were put in) Black Gum Dr. was presented on a schematic map as a dead end street and Canal Dr. was intended to extend straight through to Kent Ave. When the roads were paved by August 1986 they opened up Black Gum Drive. Subsequently there was a deal cut with Middlesex and they denied the extension of Canal Rd. Traffic was not an issue for a while, but things have evolved differently. Mr. Fanshel said people are in danger of walking, biking, and sharing the roads with the cars.

Later in the meeting Mr. Beckett said when the Cat Hill community was planned it was filed – it was approved by the Town Council. The Town Council then went to the County and it then went to the State and it was approved as a subdivision. Mr. Beckett said that road was part of the approval. Mr. Beckett said he was a member of the Town Council at the time.

- Mike Matera (303 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St.) – Thinks the Town should put sidewalks down Black Gum Dr. and Canal Dr. Also suggested putting signs up directing people to walk facing traffic.
- Jeff McMahan (Owner and Operator of Go Melvo) – Asked that there be an open bid when the current beach concession contract is up. Mr. McMahan also asked that the Town reword Town Code § 134-2E to allow Go Melvo to sell to people without being on a specific property.
- La Vonne O'Brien (4 Peterson Dr.) – Spoke against the barricade at Black Gum Dr. and Kent Ave. Ms. O'Brien stated that there needs to be some sort of middle ground and that there has to be some alternative such as issuing permits for people who live in the community.
- Tom Roche (141 Henlopen Dr.) – Asked if the Council had thought about putting regulations in place regarding drones. Mayor Voveris said it is on Council's list to address. Mayor Voveris said she has sent a question to the Town Attorney to see if something could be done via a resolution. Mayor Voveris said the FAA has very specific things, and the Town would like to piggyback on that so that when the FAA's regulations change the Town's regulations would automatically change.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES – JULY 28, 2016, TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING**

A motion was made by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Callaway, to accept the July 28, 2016, Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **ORDINANCES**

- **First Reading and possible vote on Ordinance 182-16 to amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany Chapter 50, Bulkheads, to regulate the height of boat docks, to permit the installation of Modular Floating Docking Systems, and to change the number of days for an appeal to commence and to clarify violations. (Frank Weisgerber)**

Councilmember Weisgerber reviewed Ordinance 182-16.

Public Comment: Mr. Beckett asked if current boat lifts that don't meet the requirements of Ordinance 182-16 would be "grandfathered". Councilmember Weisgerber and Mayor Voveris said those boat lifts would be "grandfathered".

§ 50-9.1, Next to the last sentence: Before "shall be summarized" insert "may be recorded, but".

Mayor Voveris declared this the first reading of Ordinance 182-16.

- **First Reading and possible vote on Ordinance 183-16 to amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany Chapter 145, Zoning, to clarify the definition of "pervious area" in the setback of any lot in South Bethany. (Pat Voveris)**

Mayor Voveris reviewed Ordinance 183-16. There were no questions from Council or from the public.

Mayor Voveris declared this the first reading of Ordinance 183-16.

## **LEADERSHIP REPORTS**

- **Mayor's Report**—Mayor Voveris reported:

**7/15 Attended an Ambulance Group meeting in Bethany Beach** with Town Manager Cusick. The voting members approved equipping EMS personnel with protective apparel for their first response. Review of budget activity indicated significant expense for vehicle repair. Since this meeting the engine has failed in one of the vehicles and will require significant expense to replace.

**8/02 Attended a DeIDOT Planning meeting in Dover** with Traffic Committee Chair Janowski. We were fortunate to have 7 planners in the meeting who offered an informative dialogue about pedestrian safety measures for our Town.

**8/03 Attended our Traffic Committee meeting at Town Hall.** DeIDOT representative Mike Somers previewed the report that will be forthcoming on the Turn Study done at Canal and Tamarack.

It is DeIDOT's recommendation that a design configuration is needed at this intersection to warrant a 3-way stop. Their initial design would cost \$30,000. I requested they offer a less expensive alternative for Council to consider.

Mike also advised of a funding avenue through our legislative representatives so I prepared a letter to Senator Hocker and Representative Gray that afternoon to request funding assistance through their CTP program.

**8/03 I am happy to report DNREC returned to work on our beach walkways.** They added fencing and reconfigured some of our walkways. Many thanks to Tony Pratt and his crew for their continued efforts that benefit our Town.

**8/04 Attended our second Movie Night** where Star Wars was the feature. The event was a resounding success and I have had many requests to continue this tradition and consider having 3 Movie Night events next season. Many thanks to our Committee, Maintenance Staff, and Police Department for their hard work!

#### **OTHER NEWS**

**CAT HILL** The Barricade Restriction has successfully calmed traffic through our Town from Kent Avenue to Route 1.

Deliberate disregard for the Barricade was most apparent during the first 2 weeks of its inception and unfortunately still continues. However, no duplicate citations have been issued to any violators....so once seems enough.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** Congratulations are in order to our Sergeant Lee Davis who marks his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Service to South Bethany this August.

Lee is a dedicated professional who never hesitates to step up to maintain peace and good order in our Town and we are fortunate to have him on board.

Thank you, Lee!

Chief Crowson presented a plaque to Sgt. Davis in appreciation of his 25 years of dedicated service to the Town of South Bethany. Everyone acknowledged Sgt. Davis' service with applause. Sgt. Davis said it is a pleasure serving South Bethany, and it is great to know that the South Bethany police officers have the support of the community. Sgt. Davis thanked everyone.

- **Town Manager's Report**—Melvin Cusick reported:

The Town has completed street line painting throughout the Town. White pavement edge painting on Tamarack, Cattail, and Black Gum Drive has been scheduled.

The beach walkway at N. 6th St. has been closed temporarily due to the steepness of the walkway on the beachside of the crossing. The Mobi-Mat was temporarily removed. DNREC was contacted on Monday concerning this. DNREC did respond on Wednesday and fixed the walkway, and the Mobi-Mat has been put back in place.

The annual audit is ongoing. The auditors have concluded their onsite work at Town Hall.

The Town continues to work with Sussex County on the Sussex County All Hazard Mitigation Plan which is due for the 5 year update. This plan is required for participation in the Community Rating System and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Artesian Water Company was contacted about the painting of the water tower. A tank inspection was scheduled for the end of July.

The annual CRS recertification is due no later than October 1, 2016. The Town staff will be working on the submittal.

July 15 – Attended Ambulance Sponsor's meeting.

July 28 – Attended Lifeguard Olympics in Rehoboth (delayed at half point due to storms).

August 10 – Attended Tax Intercept Training in Georgetown.

August 10 – Attended Sussex County All Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting in Georgetown.

The Annual Coastal Cleanup is scheduled for September 17. An information flyer was available on the sign-in table.

- **Treasurer's Report**—Councilmember Boteler reported:

The Treasurer's Report was available on the sign-in table.

The total revenue anticipated in this budget year, which is now three months old, is 55% collected.

The Town has incurred about a third of the anticipated expenditures for the budget year.

Councilmember Boteler thanked the Finance Director for preparing the report and he thanked the Town Manager for his support.

- **Police Department Report/Questions**—Chief Troy Crowson reported:

#### **Bicycle Safety Event**

Cpl. Burton, Cpl. Wiley, Chief Crowson and Seasonal Officer Halt hosted our annual bicycle safety event on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The police department had our tent set up at Henlopen Drive and Coastal Highway handing out and installing up to 114 bike lights! Another bicycle checkpoint is scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the same location.

#### **Walk Smart Pedestrian Safety Event**

Pfc. Hudson, Seasonal Officer Halt and Chief Crowson hosted our annual pedestrian safety event on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The police department's tent was set up at Henlopen Drive and Coastal Highway. Pedestrian Safety lights and kid friendly lights were handed out along with backpacks that were provided by the Office of Highway Safety. The Office of Highway Safety also had an employee dressed in a crab suit to greet people and take pictures.

#### **Office of Highway Safety**

#### **July Pedestrian Safety Mobilization –**

Several of our officers participated in the “July Pedestrian Safety Mobilization” hosted by the Office of Highway Safety. Officers worked extra patrols between July 23<sup>rd</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> in high pedestrian use locations to target pedestrian violations as well as drivers whom create dangerous situations for pedestrians.

#### **Checkpoint Strike Force-**

Cpl. Burton and Ptlm. Loulou participated in the “DUI Checkpoint Strike force” also hosted by the Office of Highway Safety on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Both officers will continue to assist with DUI checkpoints throughout Sussex County through December.

Public Comment:

Bill Beckett – Asked Chief Crowson if the money spent in overtime and utilization of the police car guarding the barricade wouldn't be better spent on Route 1. Mr. Beckett asked that the overtime and

utilization of the police car be stopped immediately at the barricade and use the overtime and utilization of the police car on Route 1. Chief Crowson said in order to get compliance regarding the time change of the barricade the department had to initially patrol that area constantly from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chief Crowson said it has been phased out to where the department is no longer getting overtime to patrol the barricade and the barricade is no longer manned constantly – it is now part of the department's normal patrol procedure. Later in the discussion Chief Crowson stated that the police department has to apply safety throughout the whole town.

- **Beach Patrol Report**—Capt. Ryan Dacey reported

Rescues:

- Wednesday 8/3 – 15 rescues due to rip currents
- Thursday 8/4 – 12 rescues due to rip currents
- Friday 8/5 – 15 rescues due to rip currents
- Saturday 8/6 – 10 rescues due to rip currents

Medical:

- Thursday 7/21 – 39 yr. old female – neck and back injury due to shore break
- Sunday 7/31 – 65 yr. old male – complaining of dizziness and short of breath; suffering from diabetic complications; checked out by paramedics; denied transportation to hospital
- Sunday 8/7 – 18 yr. old male – dislocated shoulder due to shore break; ambulated to Lewes
- Monday 8/8 – 15 yr. old male – spinal injury; medevacked to Christiana Hospital

Competitions:

- Fenwick Island Ultimate Frisbee Competition – SBBP placed 4th
- Bethany Beach Patrol Competition – SBBP placed 6th
- Rehoboth Beach Patrol Lifeguard Olympics – SBBP placed 4th
- Middlesex Beach Patrol Competition – SBBP placed 3rd
- 6 SBBP members are currently in Hermosa Beach, CA competing at the USLA national lifeguard championship competition

## **COMMITTEE & COMMISSION REPORTS**

- **Traffic (Ad Hoc) Committee** – Submitted by John Janowski, Chair

The Traffic Committee met August 3, 2016. Status reports were made regarding three important items:

1. **Turning Restrictions** at Kent Ave./Black Gum Drive intersection started soon after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Right and left turns into Black Gum Drive are not allowed between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This restriction will be in effect until September 15. Public Safety reported a number of violations initially but that citations have decreased by early August. General opinion is that traffic decreased significantly since the barricade was installed. Reports generated by the speed signs will provide bi-weekly data to monitor the effects and quantify the results.
2. DeIDOT completed the **Turning Movement Study** (July 8-9, 2016) at the intersection of Canal Dr./Tamarack Dr. Although the report has not been completed, DeIDOT's representative indicated that the study indicated **that a warrant for a 3-way stop sign control was not met**. In order to meet a warrant DeIDOT recommended the realignment concept presented in July. DeIDOT will provide cost estimates for both a hardscape and vegetative/bollard improvement.
3. A **temporary speed hump** was installed on Black Gum Drive. It will be replaced by a permanent speed hump when other Study Route speed humps are upgraded to DeIDOT standards this fall.

The Mayor and the Chair met with the DeIDOT Planning Division staff to provide an overview of the traffic and pedestrian safety issues faced by South Bethany. Various staff disciplines were present including bike/pedestrian, funding, regional planning, engineering, and right of way (ROW). Much information was shared and we basically left with a verbal commitment from DeIDOT to assist and advise us.

Now that most of the short term projects are completed or in the implementation stage, the Traffic Committee began discussions related to the longer range projects. The list of alternatives/traffic control measures is somewhat fluid at this point with projects being added and deleted. The current list consists of approximately 20 projects. Each will be evaluated for its effectiveness and weighed against impacts on 12 measures including reduction in volume, pedestrian safety, parking, and cost to name a few.

Two measures were vetted and determine to have no viability and therefore dropped. De-annexation of Cat Hill and prohibiting left-turns from Black Gum Drive to Kent Ave. The latter is not enforceable due to the location of the stop sign and jurisdiction, and it would also create a safety hazard from U turns at the tennis courts.

The committee heard from a member who shared his research on **Pine Street** which is a parcel (paper street) with one end at Kent Avenue and the other at Evergreen Road. Parcel ownership is unclear and will require a **title search**. The following is a summary of his findings:

- Pine Street is an unimproved roadway between South Bethany and Middlesex Beach which is an unincorporated community.
- 3 Middlesex Beach parcels boarder Pine Street on the east side.
  - o The boundary line of these properties appear to end on the east side of Pine Street.
- 2 parcels boarder the west side of Pine Street - one owned by Bayside Tennis Club, the other owned by South Bethany.
  - o The property lines of these parcels appear to end on the west side of Pine Street.
- Middlesex Beach has always claimed ownership.
- There is some discussion about ownership in the History of the Tennis Club.
  - o The Tennis Club claims that Pine Street was an easement and "abandoned". Middlesex Beach filed a suit to annex the property for their exclusive use.
- Real estate attorneys believe that unincorporated communities cannot annex properties and exercising adverse possession must be done by an individual not a community.
- A title search is required as to who has legal ownership of the Pine Street parcel.
- An important component to many of the measures and alternatives is ROW, and determining where the paved road (cartway) is located. The study route inventory identifies pavement width only. With the exception of roads in Cat Hill, ROW is not known. Before any walkway alternatives can be effectively evaluated a **centerline survey** will have to be completed. The Town will get an estimate for this survey.

Public comment was heard throughout the meeting.

The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled September 14, 2016, from 1:00 to 3:00, Town Hall.

- **Community Enhancement Committee** – Councilmember Callaway reported:

As reported previously, the last meeting of the CEC was held on May 25, 2016, and the next one will be held in September. Committee members have been very busy with many Town Summer activities.

### **CEC Activities Since Last Report**

- **Adopt-A-Canal/Road End Program** - The Annual 2016 Adopt-A-Canal End Contest was held from Thursday, July 8, to Thursday, July 21. Nearly 200 votes were received and were counted on Friday, July 22, and the winners were announced on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The presentation of the certificates graciously donated by Lord's Landscaping was held on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. The CEC greatly appreciates their annual contribution and the difference it makes to the Adopt Program. An Email News Update about the contest winners will be distributed in mid-August. The following is a list of winners:

**FIRST PLACE – #31 – PHIL AND CICYL IACANGELO** – Canal End on York Road between Victoria Drive & Bristol Drive – **\$200 LORD'S LANDSCAPING CERTIFICATE**

**SECOND PLACE – #2 – KATHY JANKOWSKI AND ROB YOUNGS** – Canal End along Canal Drive between W. 3<sup>rd</sup> and W. 4<sup>th</sup> Streets – **\$100 LORD'S LANDSCAPING CERTIFICATE**

**THIRD PLACE – #27 – BRYANT AND OLIVIA ELROD** – Canal End along Route 1 between Sussex Place and Tern Drive – **\$50 LORD'S LANDSCAPING CERTIFICATE**

**FOURTH PLACE HONORABLE MENTION – #25 – TAMMY AND PETE WERNER** – Kent Place Road End – **GIFT BASKET**

**FIFTH PLACE HONORABLE MENTION – #15 – GARNET AND TOM TIMBARIO** – Canal End along Route 1 between Petheron Drive and the Anchorage Forebay – **GIFT BASKET**

Many thanks to Town Staff Members Pam Smith and Dee Burbage for their help with the online voting logistics and organizing the ballots. In addition, many thanks also to volunteers Carol Stevenson, Pat Weisgerber and Bobbe Stephan for their help with the many contest logistics. It was a team effort and is greatly appreciated.

- **Review of Survey Comments Assigned to CEC** – CEC's recommendations regarding action items within four survey areas – Town Landscaping; Landscaping and Cleanliness Improvements; Improve Street Lighting and Pet Waste will be presented to Town Council at the August Workshop meeting.
- **2016 Cottage Tour sponsored by the Coastal Library** – While not a CEC nor Town sponsored event, on behalf of the South Bethany Women's Club (SBWC), nearly 50 volunteers were organized to host tours of the South Bethany home featured in this year's Tour. Over 1500 visitors toured the Layton Drive home on July 27 and July 28 and were guided by friendly and informed SBWC members and friends. The team of hostesses was organized by Sue Callaway, Pat Weisgerber and Carol Stevenson who put forth many volunteer hours to make sure the tours ran smoothly. The successful event brought many visitors to our Town and volunteers reported hearing many positive comments about South Bethany. An additional thanks is given to Chief Troy Crowson for assisting with traffic control and to Don Chrobot for his availability to assist with any issues.
- **Review and Selection of Pictures for Historic Photo Project** – With the ending of summer activities, Sue Callaway and Pat Weisgerber will resume work on the photo selection and layout for the Historic Photo Project.

- **Budget and Finance Committee** – Councilmember Boteler reported:

The Committee met on August 2nd with all Committee property owner members in attendance along with Renee McDorman, the Town's Finance Director. Also in attendance were Dick Oliver and Joe Conway to participate in a discussion of the "Town Finances" section of the draft Comprehensive Plan (CP) and its implications for the Committee.

All in attendance engaged in an extensive discussion of the CP's goals and strategies regarding Town finances. Following the discussion, the Committee agreed to revisit the matters discussed following receipt of any relevant feedback from the State of Delaware on the CP and formal acceptance of the CP by the State. The Committee also requested that the Planning Commission recommend appointing Joe Conway as liaison to the Committee for assistance on, and coordination of, certain projects that may be undertaken involving both the Planning Commission and the Committee. Examples of such projects may include, but are not limited to: (1) developing and implementing long range project planning standards and capabilities, (2) developing and implementing multi-year modeling standards and capabilities for future costs and revenue projections, (3) developing and implementing a formal capital budgeting process, and (4) evaluating the capabilities of the town's accounting and reporting system to determine the extent to which it can support the foregoing. *Administrative Assistant's Note: Mayor Voveris noted that the Comprehensive Plan (CP) has been sent to the State for review and the State will be calling the Town for an in person review at which time changes could be made.*

The Committee then reviewed the Town's financial results vs. budget for the fiscal first quarter (May through July) and requested and received satisfactory clarifications from Renee McDorman regarding various line items.

The Committee then reviewed its current Mission Statement and agreed to recommend two minor clarifying changes for adoption by the Town Council at its August workshop. The Committee Chair will follow up with the Mayor after the August regular meeting.

Finally, the Committee considered how best to treat donations from the public and agreed that, for internal control purposes, any such donations should be placed with general funds but be identified, accounted for, and reported separately.

- **Charter and Code Committee** – Committee Member George Junkin reported:

The Charter and Code Committee have been working on an ordinance to regulate boat lifts in South Bethany. The Committee presented a draft of this ordinance to the Council at their workshop in July. This ordinance, Ordinance 182-16, will be presented to the Council for a first reading at the Council meeting on August 12, 2016.

The C&C Committee also drafted another ordinance, Ordinance 183-16, to clarify the definition of "pervious area" in the Code. This ordinance was reviewed by the Council at their workshop in July 2016. This ordinance is scheduled for a first reading at the August 12, 2016, Council meeting.

The C&C Committee is currently working on an ordinance to change the way the height of houses are measured in South Bethany. This ordinance is scheduled to come to the Council in September 2016.

Submitted by John Fields, Chair  
The Charter and Code Committee

- **Canal Water Quality Committee (CWQC)** – Councilmember Weisgerber reported:

There was no meeting of the committee for August.

The diffusors have been removed. Council discussed removing the compressor case.

Thursday, August 4, the Town received some calls regarding the odor from the canals and the color of the water in the canals. The Center for the Inland Bays suggested that with the unusually warm winter followed by the warm spring the temperature in the canals is consistently in the mid-80s and higher. Warm water in the canals depletes the oxygen at the highest level and speculation is the oxygen on the bottom percolates up which then brings up the mud and the odor.

- **Planning Commission** – Councilmember Shaw reported:

The Planning Commission held its scheduled meeting on Friday, Aug 5th at 10:00am. The Agenda had been posted previously and included discussions on projects for the upcoming year and a follow-on hearing on the request for partitioning of two adjacent lots to transfer 100 feet from the large lot to the smaller lot.

I was unable to attend this meeting at the last minute due to work-related issues and so I can only report that this repartitioning had been discussed at the last meeting and all committee members seemed to agree, after a discussion of relevant codes and required setbacks, that this appeal should be approved.

The most important recent activity of note for the Planning Commission (as reported to me by Jack Whitney) has been discussions with Dr. Ram Mohan of the Anchor QEA consulting group whom the committee has asked to prepare a proposal and price quote for preparing a three-phase study to examine SLR related issues and actions. The proposal and cover letter are attached and describe the scope of work and the deliverables for each phase. The total price for all three phases would be \$35,000.00

The Planning Commission asserts that Dr. Mohan has trimmed this proposed effort to fit into the smallest budget possible and still adequately cover this subject. They further state that they worked directly with Dr. Mohan on this effort and they feel that his proposal and cost estimates are fair and reasonable.

The Planning Commission recommends that the Town fund the completion of the SLR study already started as soon as possible. The Planning Commission asserts that there are some funds in the SLR committee still available and that the rest of the funds required should also be available this year from other (unspecified) resources. The Planning Commission asserts that it would be in the Town's best interests to fund the completion of this phase of the study in a single time frame - without having to wait for funding from the next FY.

The phone line cleanup has been proceeding nicely. The work has been completed on the phone lines on all of the oceanside streets as well as Plymouth, Bristol, Victoria, Kimberly, Rebecca, and Bayshore. Mediacom is expected to come back sometime after Labor Day and clean up their wires.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Sept 16 and then will be every other month (the third Friday) thereafter unless hearing requests dictate a meeting be scheduled sooner.

- **Assawoman Canal Trail** – Councilmember Stevenson reported:

There was nothing new to report.

- **Communications and Public Relations Committee** – Councilmember Stevenson reported:

Summer activities are continuing on the beach! Yoga on the Beach by Lighthouse Dance and Yoga Studio is held at South 4th St. on Wednesdays from 8 to 8:45 p.m. until September 15. The last full moon Yoga class will be held on August 18th at 8:30 p.m. Boot camp also continues Mondays and Fridays at North 1st Street from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. South Bethany residents Mel and Kim Royster from the Fitness Craze will continue classes through October 15th.

Our final Movie on the Beach offering was held on August 4th at South 3rd. Star Wars – The Force Awakens was enjoyed by over 250 residents and visitors. Glow Sticks lighted up the beach and popcorn was enjoyed by all. Dr. Albert Moniz donated his electricity to light the walkway. The crowds were welcomed by Mayor Pat Voveris as children announced the feature film with a cry of “May the Force be with You!” Rick Gentile of the Maintenance Department and Police Chief Troy Crowson assisted the Communications and Public Relations Committee and volunteer staff with welcoming all to the movie. A rogue wave hit some of the watchers, but failed to dampen the spirits of the attendees.

Future activities are in the works including participation in the International Coastal Cleanup Day, sponsored by DNREC and lead by Mary and Frank McNeice. The event will be held September 17th from 9 to 12 noon. This worthwhile activity has been supported by South Bethany for many years. A Fall Social on the beach is also planned for a September Saturday. More information will follow.

Mayor Voveris thanked the Council and the committees. Volunteerism is an important fabric of our Town and is one of the reasons that South Bethany is the "Best Little Beach in Delaware". Mayor Voveris said the volunteers give countless hours of dedicated effort.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bill Beckett – Asked for an answer to his earlier question that the Town remove the road hazard (the temporary speed bump) and the restriction. Mayor Voveris said the Town is not removing the temporary speed bump or the barricade – they are in place until September 15.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, to adjourn the August 12, 2016, Town Council Regular Meeting at 9:05 p.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

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Attachment: *South Bethany Police Department Police Facility Renovations and Expansion – Operational, Administrative and Support Services Needs – Analysis and Recommendations Report*