

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY  
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 8, 2016**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Voveris called the July 8, 2016, Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Voveris asked for a moment of silence for the fallen police officers in Dallas. The moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION RESOLUTIONS**

• **Resolution No. 4-16, A Resolution to Recognize George Junkin**

Mayor Voveris presented George Junkin with Resolution 4-16, a Resolution to Recognize George Junkin.

**WHEREAS**, George Junkin has devoted six years of service to the Town of South Bethany as a member of the Town Council and during that time served 3½ years as Secretary; and

**WHEREAS**, George chaired the Canal Water Quality Committee and Sea Level Rise & Storm Surge Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, George brought the concept of building with freeboard to the Town of South Bethany; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of South Bethany has benefitted from George's hard work and diligence; and

**WHEREAS**, George has put in long hours of dedicated service to the Town of South Bethany; and

**WHEREAS**, George has been a reliable presence on the Town Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of South Bethany that George Junkin should be commended for his faithful service and offered sincere thanks for his contribution to the Town.

Everyone acknowledged Mr. Junkin's service and accomplishments with applause. Mr. Junkin said a few words and thanked everyone for the resolution.

• **Resolution No. 5-16, A Resolution to Recognize Tim Saxton**

Tim Saxton was unable to attend this meeting. Councilmember Shaw read Resolution No. 5-16, a Resolution to Recognize Tim Saxton.

**WHEREAS**, Tim Saxton has dedicated two years of service to the Town of South Bethany as a member of the Town Council and Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim co-founded and chaired the Budget and Finance Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim finalized the policy and implemented funding and practical application of the Capital Asset Replacement and Maintenance (ARM) Reserve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of South Bethany has benefitted from Tim's hard work and diligence; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim has put in long hours of dedicated service to the Town of South Bethany; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim has been a reliable presence on the Town Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of South Bethany that Tim Saxton should be commended for his faithful service and offered sincere thanks for his contribution to the Town.

Everyone acknowledged Mr. Saxton's service and accomplishments with applause.

#### **TRAFFIC COMMITTEE PRESENTATION (JOHN JANOWSKI)**

Mayor Voveris acknowledged the members serving on the Traffic Committee: Councilmembers Frank Weisgerber and Carol Stevenson, Chief Troy Crowson, Town Manager Melvin Cusick, and South Bethany property owners Mike Trentadue, Jay Headman, Norm Montigny, and John Janowski (Chair). Mayor Voveris noted that helping with this mission is Mike Somers, DelDOT Senior Transportation Planner, who was in attendance at this meeting. Mayor Voveris said the committee was formed for the study of the Cat Hill traffic initiative. Many hours have been dedicated in their efforts and progress is being made to understand and mitigate the problem by exploring available options. Mayor Voveris said the Town appreciates the committee's hard work.

John Janowski, Chair of the Traffic (Ad Hoc) Committee, gave a PowerPoint Presentation titled *South Bethany Traffic Calming/Pedestrian Safety Study* (attached) which was projected on the screen.

After the PowerPoint Presentation Mr. Janowski took questions from the audience, and there was an exchange of opinions and comments.

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE TIME CHANGE OF THE BARRICADE RESTRICTION AT KENT AVENUE AND BLACK GUM DRIVE**

Mayor Voveris said the Traffic Committee by unanimous vote has recommended a one way barricade at Kent Avenue coming into Black Gum Drive from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 15 to September 15. Councilmember Shaw said the data shows the problem stretches a little beyond 1 p.m. almost even up to 3 p.m. Mayor Voveris said she thought it would be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. based on what she had studied five years ago and based on what the numbers are now. Mayor Voveris said DelDOT recommends 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and she appreciates DelDOT's expertise. Chief Crowson prefers 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. due to the police department's swing shift schedule and the need to man the barricade.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Schrader, that Council approve having the barricade closure between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. from May 15 to September 15.

Discussion:

Councilmember Callaway said the Traffic Committee voted unanimously for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. which seems like a good first step.

Tom Roche (141 Henlopen Dr.) – Spoke in support of the barricade from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Jay Headman (436 Black Gum Drive) – Spoke in support of the barricade whether it is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also spoke in support of continuing to study the issue.

Jerry Kappes (120 Elizabeth Way) – Spoke in opposition of the barricade for South Bethany residents.

George Junkin (8 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St.) – Spoke in support of the barricade from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kent Stephan (46 S. Anchorage Ave.) – Spoke in opposition of the barricade for South Bethany residents.

Susan Spingler (47 S. Anchorage Ave.) – Sidewalks would be great and logical.

Bob Amoruso (144 Petherton Dr.) – Spoke in opposition of the barricade for South Bethany residents.

Pat Weisgerber (148 Anchorage Dr.) – Spoke in support of the barricade from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mike Fanshel (413 Cattail Rd.) – Spoke in support of the barricade.

Mike Trentadue (423 Black Gum Dr.) – Spoke in support of the barricade.

Mary McNeice (304 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St.) – Spoke in support of the barricade from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

George Junkin (8 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St.) – Referring to the suggestion of residents being allowed in during the barricade closure, Mr. Junkin said there is a cost associated with it in that it causes the road to be privatized and then the Town wouldn't get money from the State of Delaware to help maintain the roads.

**Vote:** Mayor Voveris called for a vote on the motion that Council approve having the barricade closure between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. from May 15 to September 15. The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Mayor Voveris and Councilmembers Schrader and Shaw

AGAINST THE MOTION: Councilmembers Stevenson, Weisgerber, Callaway, and Boteler

The voting result was 3 in favor and 4 against. The motion was defeated.

**Motion and Vote:** A motion was made by Councilmember Callaway, seconded by Councilmember Weisgerber, to change the barricade time to 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. from May 15 to September 15 based on the unanimous recommendation from the Traffic Committee. The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Mayor Voveris and Councilmembers Stevenson, Weisgerber, Callaway, Boteler, Schrader, and Shaw

AGAINST THE MOTION: None

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mayor Voveris stated that the new time for the barricade would be effective Sunday, July 10, 2016.

### **PROPERTY OWNERS' PARTICIPATION**

- George Junkin (8 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St.) – S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. did not have their recycling picked up today.
- Jack Whitney (105 Boone Road) – South Bethany Property Owners Association (SBPOA) apparel committee will have children's clothing at McCabe's soon.

- Kent Stephan (46 S. Anchorage Ave.) – Did not notice much information in the Comprehensive Plan that South Bethany is a resort community and the Town's major revenue source is renters. Also the Town should be focusing on improving property values. Finally, owners in South Bethany want small government.
- Mike Matera (W. 9<sup>th</sup> St.) – Suggested putting up signs on Canal Dr. regarding people walking on the wrong side of the street. Chief Crowson said the Walk Smart program with the Delaware Office of Highway Safety will be held on July 16. The program educates people on crosswalks and walking smart.
- Dick Oliver (410 Victoria Dr.) – Was hit by a car when walking with the traffic six years ago. It is worth putting signs up to encourage people to walk toward the traffic.
- Duane Gestwicki (411 Cattail Rd.) – On Cattail Rd. there is a ditch right next to the shoulder of the road, and if traffic is coming you cannot walk on that side of the road.
- Bob Amoruso (144 Petherton Dr.) – Hopes that the police officers use their body armor. Chief Crowson said the officers use their body armor and their body armor is up to date. Chief Crowson said the department obtains body armor through grants.
- Jay Headman (436 Black Gum Dr.) – Complimented the trash company. Mr. Headman suggested giving recognition to AJ again. It is incredible how he treats the community.
- Tom Roche (141 Henlopen Dr.) – Commented on a 5 mile an hour sign in Cat Hill. Mayor Voveris said the Town put the sign up because of the new speed hump – it is a 5 mile an hour hump. Mr. Roche asked how the police department would enforce 15 MPH through Cat Hill. It was noted that 15 MPH has not been recommended it is just a conversation at this time.
- Dennis Roberts (107 Canal Dr.) – Stating that South Bethany police officers are fantastic, Mr. Roberts encouraged everyone to support them.
- Jay Headman (436 Black Gum Dr.) – Stated that parking on the oceanside is at a premium. Mr. Headman asked Council to look at unauthorized signs that say "don't park in front of my walkway". Chief Crowson said the signs are on private property. The Town Manager said the signs are not enforceable. If someone parks there the police can't write a ticket.
- Debbie Fanshel (413 Cattail Rd.) – Her yard waste pickup has been missed the last three times. Ms. Fanshel noted that the Town's maintenance employees picked it up.
- Joel Danshes (204 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St.) – Asked if there is a special pickup for old grills, etc. The Town Manager said the Town's bulk trash pickup is in May, but a property owner can call the trash company and have a special pickup which the property owner would have to pay for. Councilmember Stevenson said the "Man of Steel" comes by usually on Sundays.
- Linda Whitney (105 Boone Rd.) – Regarding unauthorized signs that say "don't park in front of my walkway", Ms. Whitney asked Chief Crowson how you can tell that it is an unofficial sign. Chief Crowson said usually the sign will be on the property owner's property and not on the Town right-of-way. Sgt. Davis said if there is a question call the police department.
- John Williams (23 Sea Side Dr.) – Stated it is important to reinforce Delaware laws regarding the crosswalks on Route 1. Chief Crowson said a vehicle is supposed to stop for pedestrians if they are actively engaged in the crosswalk.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- **Public Hearing on Ordinance 181-16 Minutes, June 23, 2016** – A motion was made by Councilmember Callaway, seconded by Councilmember Stevenson, to accept the June 23, 2016, Public Hearing on Ordinance 181-16 Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.
- **Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes, June 23, 2016** – A motion was made by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Callaway, to accept the June 23, 2016, Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Mayor Voveris stated that the Comprehensive Plan is posted on the Town's website.

Mayor Voveris thanked the following Planning Commission Members for all of the work they have put into the Comprehensive Plan: Dick Oliver (Chair), Jack Whitney, John Stefani, Joe Conway, Dave Wilson, and George Reese.

Jay Headman (436 Black Gum Dr.) – Regarding transportation, Mr. Headman asked if the connector road (the Traffic Committee's study route) and how it is being used is specifically addressed in the Comprehensive Plan and is it going to be followed up. Mayor Voveris and Mr. Oliver stated that it is addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Voveris said the Town's annual update to the Comprehensive Plan will provide information to the State regarding the work that the Town has done and the results that are produced.

## **LEADERSHIP REPORTS**

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

### **June 2**

Attended a meeting with Melvin in Bethany Beach to discuss the need for funding by the BBVFD. The meeting included Fenwick, Sea Colony and Bethany Beach.

### **June 21**

Attended a meeting with Councilwomen Callaway and Stevenson in Dover with the DLLG (Delaware League of Local Government) where the state budget and legislative issues were discussed. There is nothing of concern to report.

### **June 21 – 30**

Made concerted efforts on the Cat Hill traffic initiative. I created a letter for all owners to impart information on the pending barricade restriction. The letter was reviewed and refined by Council and the Chair of the Traffic Committee.

I also worked with both DeIDOT and Bethany Beach to obtain the loan of a temporary speed hump to place at 421 Black Gum Drive until the permanent one can be installed after Labor Day. The loaner from Bethany Beach worked best. Many thanks to our good neighbor!

### **July 3**

Participated in the South Bethany Boat Parade. It was well attended by our community and interest in the event is growing yearly!

### **July 4**

Participated in the Bethany Beach July 4th Parade. The South Bethany caravan included my car with 2 of our Town's beautiful children, Collin and Sophia Damato, the wonderfully

decorated and interactive South Bethany Float, and the Police Department Rescue Vehicle manned by Chief Crowson.

Many from South Bethany cheered us on and it was a special time for all of us.

Bethany Beach really executes the best parade!

Planning Commission Chairman, Dick Oliver, gave the following report:

### **Wire Removal Project**

As previously reported, I am working with both Verizon and Mediacom to clean up the many unused and unsightly wires from power poles around the town. Verizon has stationed a man and a bucket truck in town about three days a week. The work is progressing nicely and those homeowners in the covered areas should see a noticeable improvement over the next couple of weeks. I have seen visible improvement on Ocean Drive, Logan Street, York Road, Bristol, Victoria, Kimberly and Rebecca Drives.

Mediacom's operations manager tells me that while they intend to clean up their wires as soon as they can, it will likely have to wait until after the summer rush. I will continue to stay in contact with him to ensure that this remains a priority.

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

The Town will begin street line painting on July 13 and 14 (weather permitting). This will not require street closures but will require temporary lane closures.

The annual audit for the Town will begin July 20 and will be conducted by Sombar and Company, CPA.

A Delaware Department of Transportation audit for the CTF Grant Program will be conducted on July 12.

Artesian Water Company was contacted on June 27 concerning cleaning and/or painting of the water tank. We are awaiting their response.

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

The Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2016, (attached) was available on the sign-in table. Councilmember Boteler noted that the Town will be reimbursed by the State for the (\$102,506) under grants.

Councilmember Boteler is looking forward to meeting and building a relationship with the Town auditor, Mr. Sombar.

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

### **Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Training**

PtIm. Megan Loulou attended a Tactical Emergency Casual Care Training class hosted by the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company June 1st – 3<sup>rd</sup>. This course, adapted from military Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC), transitions battlefield medical care to civilian environments:

- ❖ It includes civilian medical scope of practice
- ❖ Provisions for pediatric, geriatric and other populations
- ❖ Provisions for pre-existing conditions

### **International Police Mountain Biking Association (IPMBA)**

Our seasonal officer, Jon Halt attended the IPMBA course from May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> hosted by Sgt. Foley at the Bethany Beach Police Department. Based on the principals of vehicular cycling, they utilize proven techniques to teach public safety cyclists how to ride safely and comfortably in traffic, off-road and under various conditions. Students spend hours in skill development, riding in diverse traffic situations and practicing patrol tactics or EMS-specific techniques. They learn to ascend curbs, descend stairs and perform emergency maneuvers designed to avoid crashes.

### **Emergency Vehicle Operations Course**

Seasonal Officer Halt also attended an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) on June 15<sup>th</sup> with the Dewey Beach Police Department. The Emergency Vehicle Driver Training course provides emergency vehicle operators with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely operate an emergency vehicle in emergency and non-emergency mode.

### **June Bugs**

While we had many complaints for the month of June, the June Bug complaints were minor. We received a few complaints of loud parties, which were addressed immediately and resolved without escalation.

### **Additional Information**

94 citations were issued for stop signs and barricade code violations in the Cat Hill area.

There was a vehicle break-in in Cat Hill. The two subjects were arrested. Chief Crowson reminded everyone to keep their vehicles locked.

The Bicycle Safety Checkpoint event this past week was successful. Over 105 bikes were equipped. There will be another Bicycle Safety Checkpoint event in August.

July 16 is the pedestrian safety program, Walk Smart, in conjunction with the Office of Highway Safety.

- **Beach Patrol Report**—Submitted by Capt. Ryan Dacey:

10 rescues due to rip currents.

One medical call – an eight year old boy broke his collar bone.

Competitions:

Sea Colony Lifeguard Challenge – South Bethany placed second.

Councilmember Callaway asked if there is a cell phone policy for lifeguards. The Town Manager said there is no policy. The Town Manager noted that the lifeguards use their cell phones to track weather. Councilmember Callaway thinks it might be worth looking at a policy for cell phones.

### **COMMITTEE & COMMISSION REPORTS**

- **Traffic (Ad Hoc) Committee** – Chair John Janowski reported:

Since the last report June 2016 the Traffic Committee met July 6, 2016. DelDOT conducted Volume and Speed Counts June 21 through July 5 on Study Route road locations: Black

Gum Drive, Tamarack Drive, and Russell Road. DeIDOT will conduct a turning movement study at the intersection of Canal Drive/Tamarack Drive July 8-9, 2016.

DeIDOT presented a report/graphic highlighting the Origin/Destination Study results from May 28, 2016. Directional splits representing internal trips and cut-through trips were presented for traffic using the Study Route. All total between Kent Ave. and May's Way, 59% were internal trips and 41% were cut-through trips. Highest cut-through traffic was counted between 10:00 and 11:00 AM with 49% internal and 51% cut-through.

DeIDOT presented a graphic showing the existing traffic control devices including pavement width of all roads along the Study Route. This should provide a good base line inventory.

DeIDOT presented a graphic sketch layout of a realigned intersection at Canal Drive/Tamarack Drive within existing ROW. The graphic included a 3-Way Stop Sign control, 9' approach lanes, R-40' turning radius, proposed curbing, and proposed bumpout at the T.

A short video was presented showing a continuous flow of eastbound traffic on Canal Drive during the July 4th weekend.

Action items included:

The Traffic Committee voted unanimously to recommend to Council modification of the existing turning restrictions at Kent Ave./Black Gum Drive. To modify left and right turns-in at the intersection of Kent Ave./Black Gum Drive between the hours 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. weekly between May 15 and September 15, to go into effect July 10, 2016.

The Committee voted unanimously to add painted white lines on each side of Black Gum Drive, Cattail Road, and Tamarack Drive in Cat Hill to provide a visual separation between 9' travel lanes and pedestrians.

The Committee voted affirmative with one abstention to add bollards to the NW corner of the intersection of Canal Drive/Tamarack Drive. This will tighten/narrow the turning movement for right turns from Canal Drive to Tamarack Drive. An earlier vote to add stop signs to make it a 3-way stop sign control intersection was not approved. The committee wanted to see the results of a warrant study to be counted July 8-9, 2016, before making a recommendation.

A matrix designed by Committee members to review and prioritize longer ranged traffic control measures was distributed. Each measure will be evaluated based on impacts to specific criteria such as cut-through volume, pedestrian, speed, residents, view shed and more.

Public comment was heard throughout the meeting.

Motion to adjourn was passed. The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled August 3, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Town Hall.

Public Comment: A property owner asked to please consider people hauling boats and trailers – they have trouble on the corner of Cattail and Tamarack Drive. The Town Manager said the garbage trucks have the same problem.

- **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 August as most CEC members are volunteering for many of the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities.

### CEC Activities Since Last Report

- CEC member Garnet Timbario took the initiative to purchase and organize the distribution of flags placed around the adopted canal ends and benches along Route 1, York Beach Mall, Richard Hall Park and the Cat Hill entrance during the July 4<sup>th</sup> week. The flags were installed by Garnet and her family, Diann Nazarian and Sue Callaway on June 30<sup>th</sup> and removed on July 9<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of the CEC and the Town Council, I would like to acknowledge the Timbario family's contribution and effort to create a more patriotic spirit in the Town of South Bethany.
- Sussex Sewer improved the landscaping around the Sussex Water Treatment equipment at the corner of Anchorage and Route 1 in late June and will continue to monitor it on a regular basis.
- SB Welcome Signs – The new Welcome Signs were installed on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and I am happy to report that they are quite visible during the evening hours as cars pass. They were designed to comply with the new DelDOT regulations, and were digitally printed over a white reflective background so that when headlights shine on it, the entire sign is seen. The old sign from the South Welcome area will be installed near the Town Hall for all to continue to enjoy.



- Adopt-A-Canal/Road End Program - The 2016 Adopt Contest was announced via an Email News Update on July 6<sup>th</sup> and online and onsite voting is now available. Thanks to Pam Smith for helping organizing the voting system with Beach-Net. Thanks to volunteers Bobbe and Jonathan Stephan, Pat Weisgerber and Carol Stevenson for locating all contest signs on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The Adopt Contest will be live THURSDAY, JULY 7, to THURSDAY, JULY 21. Votes will be counted on Friday, July 22, and the winners will be announced at the Adopt Thank You Party to be held on **SATURDAY, JULY 23, at 6:00 p.m.** Lord's Landscaping has graciously committed to funding the Adopt contest again this year at the same level as 2015. The party will include all artists participating in the Ocean Drive/Seaside Drive Art Program and Little Library volunteers.
- **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 July Workshop meeting.
- **Budget and Finance Committee** – Councilmember Boteler reported:  
The committee will meet in August and November. January through April the committee will meet monthly.
- **Charter and Code Committee** – Councilmember Schrader reported:  
In May 2016 the Council charged the Charter and Code Committee with writing an ordinance that would remove all restrictions on the number of bathrooms that are allowed in houses in South Bethany. The Committee drafted Ordinance 181-16 that would remove all restriction on the number of bathrooms allowed in houses in South Bethany. This Ordinance went

through a first reading, a second reading, and a third reading without any changes. The Ordinance became law at the Council meeting on June 23, 2016.

The Charter and Code Committee are currently working on an ordinance to regulate boat lifts in South Bethany. The Committee expects to present a draft of this ordinance to the Council at their workshop in July.

It is anticipated that the committee will begin working on an ordinance that would allow property owners to do the house height calculation in reference to base flood elevation or the street level.

Submitted by John Fields, Chair  
The Charter and Code Committee

Presented by Wayne Schrader  
Councilman

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

The Canal Water Quality Committee met on July 8.

Two items that the committee feels are key and need to be addressed are algae blooms and bacteria/oxygen count. The effort that George Junkin led on the installation of grates dramatically improved the bacteria count and oxygen count in the Anchorage Canal. The committee is going to build off of that and look at other areas to take advantage of that.

Discussed the Town buying its own harvester or continue to just depend on DNREC who provides the service for free. The committee is still discussing this.

Other things being discussed:

- Dead end canal circulation
- The entire Anchorage Canal was dredged about 7 or 8 years ago because of the forebay at the end. The following year the oxygen content and bacteria count was dramatically low again. The committee is looking at an initiative to possibly skim the canals to get rid of whatever is lying on the bottom and do it on a routine basis.
- Resurrecting the grandfathering of the gutters and the shower water being piped directly into the canals, especially after seeing the results of the Anchorage Canal.

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

The Planning Commission convened at 10:00 a.m. on July 1st at Town Hall in order to hold a hearing on a property owner request to be allowed to purchase 25' of property from an undeveloped adjacent lot to add to their existing property. The main question raised in the discussions on this request was the ability of the owner to meet the property offset requirements of the Town's building code, based on the larger size of their lot once the transfer occurs. It was decided that adequate offset would exist and that there is no code violation resulting from the property transfer. The committee voted to approve the request. Approval was subject to an agreement to remove a dock that would straddle the new property line.

Following the hearing the committee discussed other committee business. It was proposed and approved by the committee that the committee henceforth hold meetings every other month, beginning in September, on the third Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Hearing

requests can be scheduled for the next planned meeting date. If a request for a hearing is too urgent to wait for the next scheduled meeting (with a basis for that claim) then a special session could be called.

The committee will hold its next meeting on August 5th and then begin the bi-monthly meetings.

The committee would like to make use of web-based collaboration technologies such as WebEx or GoToMeeting so that non-hearing work could include members that could not be physically present. This concept is proposed in the 10-year plan as something the Town could use for a range of applications and this would be far more flexible than merely permitting a phone call-in capability.

The committee noted that Verizon and Mediacom have taken some actions to clean up the overhead wiring mess observed around town. As part of the wire clean-up efforts the committee would like to have the Town send out a note/email to all owners and residents about how to contact Verizon to have a phone line taken down if the line is not being used.

The committee would like to commence setting up assignments and working groups to attack the goals and objectives enumerated in the 10-year plan during the August 5th meeting, but this is dependent upon having the Town Council approve the plan prior to that date.

The meeting was brought to a close at 12:00 noon.

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

There was nothing new to report.

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

Summer Activities continue under the auspices of the Communications and Public Relations Committee. The Committee met briefly on June 30th to finalize plans for the July 7th movie night. Party favors for children were prepared for the event. Ann Boteler organized and planned the party favors for the children. Todd Stevenson prepared popcorn bags for attendees.

Boot Camp on the Beach has been added to the summer offerings, and is being held on Mondays and Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30am. South Bethany residents, Mel and Kim Royster, owners of The Fitness Craze in Ocean City are providing the classes from July 4th to September 15th. The first class was held on July 4th with 22 South Bethany residents and visitors in attendance on the beach at North 6th Street.

Yoga on the Beach continues to attract record numbers each Wednesday from 8 to 8:45am. Attendance averages 50 to 75 persons on the beach at South 4th Street. Tikiri Shapiro of Lighthouse Dance and Yoga continues in her second year as instructor. She will also offer additional classes on the evenings of the full moon on July 19th and August 18th at 8:30pm.

The third annual South Bethany Boat Parade was held on July 3rd. Hundreds of spectators lined the shore to watch the parade of decorated boats. Seventeen boats sailed through South Bethany Canals to the delight of all. Kathy Jankowski and Kent Stephan organized the event which was followed by a picnic for participants at Town Hall. Kent Stephen led the parade in his Sharknado offering. Joe Conway captained the Safety Boat with Terry Conway, Police Chief Troy Crowson, Mayor Pat Voveris, and Bethany Beach Fire Company Representative Dan Cowell. Judges Dave Wilson, Martha Lowe, and Anne Long chose the Parade Winners. Best in Show was Cleopatra on the Nile captained by Joe Petito, Most Patriotic was Imagine Peace on Earth by Gene and Rosemary Hendrix, Most Creative was

Wacky Winter Wonderland by Linda Lewis and Peter Bogetti, and Funniest was Crabs Matter by the Mink Family. A large dedicated committee of volunteers made this event the best ever. Others who planned and executed this event included Hugh and Ginny Meade, Rob Youngs, Carol Stevenson, and Elizabeth Hobbs. Many others assisted and participated in this wonderful event.

The Independence Day Float Committee with the help of Don Chrobot our maintenance supervisor entered a float "Fighting for the Beach Vote" in the Bethany Beach Parade. This float was the 4th annual entry for the town, and again an award winner, taking the Best in Parade Award! George Junkin, Carol Stevenson, Kent Stephen, Pat Weisgerber, and Katherine Vodraska rode on the float followed by walkers Bobbe Stephen, Jonathan and Sam Stephen, and Kathy Gregory passing out candy treats to spectators. Peter Bogetti was the sound engineer and provided the music. Many others worked on the float including Frank Weisgerber, Celeste Speer, Diann Nazarian, Sue Callaway, Nancy Kaufman, and Kathy Gregory. The Mayor, Pat Voveris, preceded the float riding in a classic Cadillac convertible driven by Mark Hill. Accompanying the Mayor were South Bethany children from the Damato family along with Planning Committee Chairman Dick Oliver and his wife Margaret. Following the float was the South Bethany Rescue Vehicle driven by Police Chief Troy Crowson.

Summer events continue with an additional Movie on the Beach. Star Wars-The Force Awakens will be shown on August 4th.

Public Service events held by the Police Department have also been supported with volunteers. Margaret Oliver and Carol Stevenson volunteered for the July 6th Bicycle Safety Event held on Route 1.

The next meeting of the Communications and Public Relations Committee will be held on July 12th at 3 pm. Planning for a fall adult social event will be a topic of the meeting.

At the end of Councilmember Stevenson's report everyone acknowledged the Communications and Public Relations Committee's efforts with applause. Mayor Voveris thanked Councilmember Stevenson for a tremendous July 4<sup>th</sup> week.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilmember Callaway, seconded by Councilmember Weisgerber, to adjourn the July 8, 2016, Town Council Regular Meeting at 9:30 p.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

phs:2016 07 08 Regular Meeting Minutes Approved 7 28 16

Attachments: PowerPoint Presentation - *South Bethany Traffic Calming/Pedestrian Safety Study*  
Treasurer's Report