



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

FEBRUARY 12, 2021

The CEC has not met since its virtual December 10th meeting. The summary is posted on the Town website.

As decided by the CEC, Sue Callaway presented a summary of the Bethany-Fenwick Chamber of Commerce's Proposed Artisan Walk in South Bethany at the December 17th Town Council Workshop. The Council unanimously agreed to *not* sponsor such an event. Maureen Hartman notified the Chamber Executive Director of the Council's decision following the meeting.

The CEC FY22 Budget was submitted to the Town Financial Director in January that includes initiatives discussed and approved by the CEC. Estimated costs and logistics of proposed initiatives have been researched.

As agreed upon by the CEC membership, the CEC is currently working on its task to prepare permanent signs for the adopted canal ends as the current signs warrant frequent maintenance and/or replacement. The committee agreed on using nautical piling pieces – recently acquired from a new SB building site – with an aluminum sign of the adopt logo adhered to the piling surface. Sue Callaway is currently getting costs from 2 sign companies. Existing funds from the FY21 CEC budget will be used. Once the signs are completed the CEC will work with Public Works to prepare and place the pilings at each adopted canal end.

Due to the uncertainty of continued Covid-19 restrictions and the vaccine distribution, the CEC and the Inland Bays Garden Center agreed to *not* host an outdoor spring workshop at the Town Hall. Instead, the Center has offered to host, during April and May, "Canal Gardening Coaching." Adopters will be invited to meet individually with the gardening experts who will advise them on how to best landscape their adopted canal end – or even an area of their own home garden. Adopters will meet in person with a

gardener at the Center and receive a 10% discount if they choose to purchase. Participating Adopters will also be eligible for a gift drawing in June. Over the years, the Center has been a consistent supporter of the Adopt Program and continues to be engaged in enhancing the program. Sue Callaway will prepare an announcement for adopters regarding the new signs and the opportunity at Inland Bays Garden Center.