

## **Town of Southern Shores Mayor's Chat January 9, 2007**

**Here are the questions and comments from this months chat. In *Italic* are the answers received after the meeting.**

Mayor opened the floor to questions.

Pete Macfarlane, 67 Trinitie Trail, asked when something will be done at 42 & 44 Juniper Trail where puddles form because of the curbing: when will that be taken care of? He had brought this up months ago and it is very dangerous. Webb stated he will look into this. Pete commented that last month Helen Simpson asked why property owners must buy recycling cans, the axel is a cheap steel rod that ruins the wheels and people should not have to pay for repairs. Mayor answered the council had to make a decision to get out of the repair business, town spending too much time repairing the cans.

Bob Pfeil, 136 E. Holly Tr., stated he had heard CPOA is not interested in accepting the spoils. Where is the Town going from here? Webb explained Duck Woods Country Club is looking into it; right now they are trying to see if the spoils can go there. Mechanical means has been proposed and looking into it. A barge operation will be four times the cost. Town will lose the grant money if we don't have a permit in hand by June 30. Outlook is bleak.

Jim Pfizenmayer, 4 Loblolly Dr., asked if anyone has talked to the folks on Hillcrest again about taking the dredging material. Webb has not asked anyone personally, but has heard they are not interested and really that area can't even take half the material. SSCA is a willing partner but they don't have a large enough site, if we look into mechanical we may be able to use smaller properties. In talking to David Stick many of the open areas (SSCA & CPOA properties) were for future canal dredge spoils sites.

Sarah Tyler, 165 Wax Myrtle Tr., asked if the Town has talked to the people at Green Acres. Webb replied he has talked to plenty of people in Currituck who want the material but it is a matter of how to get it to them.

Al Smith, 279 Sea Oats Tr., asked if we did truck it out of Town what will it do to the roads. Webb answered heavy equipment will cause the roads to go quickly. That is why the CPOA site was so good; as it would only used a little part of the Town roadways.

Bob Pfeil, 136 E. Holly Tr., asked about mechanical way to dredge canals. Mayor explained they dig spoils and deposit into larger barge with a container to let the water drain and then transport the materials to a landing sit to be loaded into trucks and transported to sites out of town. The projected cost of using the CPOA property was considerably less expensive. The use of the mechanical dredging and trucking material out of town will add approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000 more. State will not give us all the money. The current budget and grant approved is for 2 million with the state funding \$1,600,000 and Town \$400,000 over two fiscal years.

Paulette Prodanckek, 46 Mistletoe Ln., stated that NCDOT cleared their right of way in Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills, why can't we do it on NC12. Webb answered they started and we stopped them. Last time they came in the Town bush hogging and we got many complaints and are working with them to do a better job. Paulette explained she has been a resident here a long time and have been trying to have a water line loop and was told four years ago it was going to be, however they did phase one and ran out of money for phase two. Can the town do anything about getting this done? Webb answered we can assess the property owners who would benefit as the County ran out of money. Webb will contact water department and see where we are.

A Property owner who lives across from Pelican's Watch commented last storm did a lot of damage to the dunes and he is afraid we will look like the other side of the Kitty Hawk Pier. Is there anything the Town can do to rebuild the dunes? Also is the Town receiving anything on beach nourishment? Mayor answered he sits on the Shore Line Preservation Committee and has requested all towns receive their fair share of the sales tax money that was collected however so far the only town that has a commitment for funds is Nags Head. Council Member Dave Sanders explained due to history and past years the bulk heading was exposed at Pelican's Watch and it has been covered back up naturally. Mayor stated if we do get the money from the sales tax we will probably use it for sand fences and/or grass planting to help stabilize our beach.

Ann Laughner, 25 E. Dogwood Tr., asked what portions of the NC 12 drainage is being done on the NC12 improvement project, is it E. Dogwood? Mayor answered no it is for the area at the curve south of Southern Shores Realty. Ann asked if the Town is looking into the drainage problem at East Dogwood/NC12 as it is very bad. Mayor answered we have a committee studying all the drainage problems in Town and that location is on the list.

Jim Pfizenmayer, 4 Loblolly Dr., asked about the dredging project if we do not get a spoils site by June, what will happen to the main channel into the bay that needs to be dredged. Webb answered his direction from Council is to look at the whole project. Webb can ask the State about making the project smaller and how that will affect the grant. The mayor explained there is a large cost in mobilization equipment and therefore would like to do the entire project at one time. If we had to dredge the channel alone the cost is much more expensive. If Council wants Webb to look at that option he will. Jim mentioned it is a safety issue. Has anyone talked to Martins Point, Webb answered yes but it was not a large enough area.

Bobby Walters, 60 Hickory Tr., asked why PD didn't put any Christmas lights or a wreath outside their building. Webb will check it out. ***Talking to the Police Department the inside was decorated, but they never got to the outside, with the death of the police chief; Christmas they were not feeling very festive.***

Paul Watson, 171 Sassafrass Lane, asked if the Council has thought about scaling back the dredging project maybe do under the bridges etc. Mayor said at this time we are

working hard to do the whole project. Many times we thought we had spoil sites and they have fallen through. The Town is looking into every idea. Brian asked if the Town has talked about dry process dredging. Webb stated yes but you need more sand to do it that way.

Bobby Walters, 60 Hickory Tr., asked if we have talked to any barge companies. Webb explained that the barges can't handle it, tug boats can't come here.

A discuss began regarding the cost of different kinds of projects and funding, who would pay, tax canal property owners for it etc.

Pat Storey, 362 Sea Oats Tr., commented at the April 2006 meeting the Town Manager would not be at the Mayor's Meeting and she is glad we changed format back to having the Town Manager attend.