

Regular Meeting of the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge held in the Town Hall on Monday, April 6, 1998 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kaleel. Roll call was answered by the following:

Commissioner Aaskov	Commissioner Bridges
Commissioner O'Hare	Commissioner Stamos
Mayor Kaleel	

It was noted for the record that Atty Nicoletti was running a few minutes late.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions, Deletions or Modifications, and Approval of Agenda

Comm O'Hare requested that Item #5 be placed directly following Item #2, as many residents were present to speak on these two items.

Comm O'Hare moved to approve the agenda with the arrangement of Item #5 following Item #2, seconded by Comm Bridges.

Motion carried – yea 5.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Town Commission Regular Meeting of March 2, 1998

Comm Aaskov moved for the approval of the minutes of the regular Town Commission meeting of March 2, 1998, seconded by Comm Stamos.

Motion carried – yea 5.

Announcements and Proclamations

A. Public Safety Day to be Held April 25, 1998 9:00 – 12:00 Noon

Director Hillery encouraged the residents to attend the Public Safety Day explaining that the kids will have an opportunity to meet with police officers (both regular and reserve) and see how the police and fire vehicles operate.

Public Comment – (15 minute maximum with 3 minute individual limit)

Comm Kaleel explained that the public comment section would be different beginning with this meeting. He advised that it would now come before the public hearings and each resident would be limited to three minutes with a fifteen minute maximum for the entire public comment.

Don Pallaria, 5530 N Ocean Blvd., member of the Board of Directors and President of Crown Colony, explained that there is a 12' hedge of Australian Pines surrounding the waste treatment plant which would have to be removed in accordance to Ordinance No. 489. He advised that the hedge decreases the odor which sometimes flows from the disposal system that processes 70,000 gallons of waste per day to the two buildings nearby and requested that a variance be granted for the hedge to remain. Mayor Kaleel explained that he should contact the Town Clerk and Town Manager to find the proper procedure to bring this request before the Town Commission.

Tom Dyer, 92 Island Drive S, advised that he would be referring to the January 27, 1998 meeting regarding 21 Tropical Dr. He advised that in his twenty-five years of service to the Town, neither he nor any other Commissioner that he knew of had to lie or cheat to the public or the press. He stated that he and several other residents attended and spoke at the January meeting. He advised that at the meeting, which involved the approval of the Pace settlement, he asked specifically if the new area created would be used as living space and requested that a stipulation be added to the settlement regarding it.

Mr. Dyer stated that he was told by Atty Nicoletti that there should not be similar lawsuits as residents would have to prove that they were damaged by the construction and those in other areas of the Town could not have been damaged. Mr. Dyer stated that the residents had been harmed by the settlement because their taxes are effected by the payout from the insurance company and the Town.

Mr. Dyer advised that he was assured by Comm O'Hare that his building conformed to the Town codes 100%, but that violations were found in an investigation by the Town including outlets covered by a plate which, when removed, provided electricity for the residents. He commented that Comm O'Hare has consistently lied to the press and the residents about the intended use of the added area of 21 Tropical. He read from the memo of Atty Nicoletti which discussed vacancies and forfeitures of office. Mr. Dyer concluded by asking Comm O'Hare to resign within two days advising that if he did not, Mr. Dyer would go to the State Ethics Committee regarding this situation. Comm O'Hare replied that he did not need two days to think over the request advising that he would not resign and that he was prepared to defend himself to the Ethics Committee, if necessary.

There was no other public comment.

Public Hearings – None

Regular Agenda

(Items which require Town Commission action that must be filed with Town Clerk one week prior to meeting – Public comment permitted)

Actions and Reports

2. Action concerning P & Z recommendations for on ground walkway at the Corrine Street right-of-way, Thompson Street right-of-way, and Edith Street over the Dune

Staff: Gary Lanker, Town Manager

Town Manager Lanker explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that walkovers be placed at all three locations. He advised that he recommended that the funds for the Corrine St. walkover be taken from the contingency account to start immediately and the other two be funded through the next year's budget.

Comm Bridges moved that \$10,000 be allocated from the contingency fund for the Corrine Street walkover, seconded by Comm Aaskov.

Comm Stamos agreed with the expenditure and requested that some type of vegetative screening be placed near the walkover to reduce the appearance of just a deck going through someone's back yard.

Comm O'Hare advised that he did not agree with the motion commenting that the Planning and Zoning Commission did not originally recommend a crossover at Corrine Street which is only a two minute walk to Anna St. He stated that he did not approve of spending \$10,000 to save a resident from a two minute walk. He suggested that the Town Commission wait until the results of the Focus 2000 meeting to see if this walkover was a priority of the residents.

Comm Aaskov advised that the Town Commission had heard from many of the residents who are very much in favor of a walkover at Corrine Street.

Comm Bridges advised that he was in favor of Town Manager Lanker's recommendations.

Town Clerk Hancsak read into the record a letter from Linda and Steve Murray, 6009 Old Ocean Blvd. The letter advised of the Murray's concern for the safety of their children with the dune being so bare that access is now open to their yard. They expressed their desire that a walkover not be placed at Corrine Street.

Comm Bridges explained that the colder, winter weather is responsible for the current bare look of the dune adding that it would soon look plentiful again. He stated that the level of the beach should have increased due to the beach renourishment project.

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Peter Bardach, 6017 Old Ocean Blvd., advised that he has appeared before the Town Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission a total of three times requesting that this walkover be permitted. He commented that the only resident he has heard who is against the walkover is one who does not need it as they have their own.

Bud Ford, 6306 N Ocean Blvd. and Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, explained that the right-of-way is 20' wide and the walkover will only be 4'. He stated that there would be many ways to screen it from the adjacent homeowners.

Comm Stamos requested to amend the motion to approve only if the crossover is put on the Southerly portion of the right-of-way. Comm Bridges advised that he did not agree explaining that it would be easier to place it in the middle and hide it with landscaping planted on both sides. Comm Stamos withdrew his amendment.

Christina D'Angelo, lot near the corner of Anna St. and Old Ocean Blvd., advised that when she purchased her lot, she knew there would be a walkover placed at Corrine St. She stated that she was in favor of it adding that the residents wanted it.

Comm O'Hare suggested that it would be better to have a plan and request bids rather than approving the funds at this meeting. Town Manager Lanker advised that he anticipated the project only costing between five and six thousand dollars. He added that the design would still have to come before the Town Commission for final approval.

Roll call was made on Comm Bridges' motion.

Motion carried – yea 4 (Aaskov, Bridges, Stamos, Kaleel)
nay 1 (O'Hare)

3. Report on P & Z recommendations including planting of hedges on property line, traffic situation on Old Ocean Blvd., and western rights-of way (Corrine St., Thompson St., and Anna St.) (Motion to accept and file report)

Staff: Gary Lanker, Town Manager

Town Manager Lanker explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission was requested to review the code regarding the planting of hedges and decided to make no changes to the current code. He stated that they were also requested to review any traffic changes which might be needed on Old Ocean Blvd. to which they recommended no changes be made. He concluded that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that maintenance continue at the Anna Street right-of-way as is and that minimal maintenance be expended at the Corrine and Thompson Streets rights-of-way.

Comm Stamos moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Comm Aaskov.

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Comms Aaskov, Bridges and Stamos concurred to accept all items as presented. Comm O'Hare advised that he wanted to comment on items two and three.

Arthur Luita, 5929 N Ocean Blvd., advised that he and his family were new to Town and that he wanted to talk about the safety of Old Ocean Blvd. He advised that he has noticed that the residents drive slowly down the street, but non-residents do not. He commented that he believed twenty-five miles per hour was too high for the area. He added that there was no place for bikes and roller bladers to safely travel. He concluded that although he does not believe Old Ocean Blvd. is safe, he does not believe closing the street is the right answer.

Comm Stamos asked if he had spoken to his neighbors. Mr. Luita advised that when he was delivering flyers from the Town (Mayor Kaleel asked to see the flyer and it was clarified that it was put out by Comm O'Hare and not by the Town) he spoke to the neighbors. He advised that approximately a third of them wanted no changes, a third wanted some change but were not clear what the change should be, and the last third wanted the street closed.

Comm Bridges commented that he believed something needed to be done and suggested some alternatives. He explained that there is a type of speed bump which is wider than those found frequently in the US which would not bother the skaters, but definitely slow down vehicular traffic. He also suggested the installation of a sidewalk.

John Coleman, 5900 Old Ocean Blvd., advised that although he was sympathetic to the neighbors in the area, he has not seen any increase in the amount of traffic in the twenty years he has lived in the area. He stated that he has observed that the garbage trucks and school buses as the principle offenders of the speed limit. He commented that he liked Comm Bridges' suggestion of the speed bump.

Town Clerk Hancsak read the letter from David and Rita Sullivan, 5902 Old Ocean Blvd., into the record. The letter reflected the Sullivan's desire to have no changes made to Old Ocean Blvd. as additional pedestrians would only further invade their privacy.

Comm Aaskov requested that it be noted for the record that the flyer distributed to the residents of Old Ocean Blvd. was originated by Comm O'Hare and not the Town or the Commissioners as a group.

Comm O'Hare suggested that the Town fund a traffic engineering study to see if changes need to be made to Old Ocean Blvd.

Comm O'Hare questioned how many of the surveys approved at the December meeting for \$4,000 were completed and if permanent markers had been placed. Town Manager Lanker explained that less than \$1,000 had been spent on six locations surveyed. He advised that markers had been placed although he was unsure if they had been replaced with permanent markers as yet. He added that several more rights-of-way still needed to be addressed by the Planning and Zoning Commission with the possibility of additional surveys.

Roll call was made on Comm Bridges' motion.

Motion carried – yea 5.

4. Action to authorize appointment to the Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning Commission

Staff: Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk

Town Clerk Hancsak advised that due to recent resignations, a position for a regular member of each board was now available. She explained that Barbara Souther has expressed interest in moving from an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment to the open regular position. She added that the alternates to the Planning and Zoning Commission had not been contacted regarding becoming regular members.

Comm Stamos moved that Barbara Souther be appointed as a regular member to the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Comm O'Hare.

Comm Bridges advised that he would like to comment on the Board of Adjustment stating that he did not believe they were doing their job correctly. He advised that he did not agree with the granting of a variance in which he did not believe a hardship was proven.

Roll call was made on Comm Stamos' motion.

Motion carried – yea 5.

Town Clerk Hancsak explained that there is now an alternate position on the Board of Adjustment vacant.

Comm Bridges moved to postpone the appointment until the next regular meeting, seconded by Comm Aaskov.

In response to Comm Bridges' comment regarding certain Board of Adjustment decisions, Comm Stamos advised that the boards are to be filled with residents, common people, and not necessarily experts. He suggested that perhaps the board members only needed a little more legal guidance.

Roll call was made on Comm Bridges' motion.

Motion carried – yea 5.

Phil Barlage, 35 Anna St. and chairman of the Board of Adjustment, suggested that Comm Bridges put in writing any problems that he had with any of their decisions to which Comm Bridges advised that he would.

Comm Bridges moved to postpone the appointment of the regular member to the Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Comm Aaskov.

Motion carried – yea 5.

Mayor Kaleel advised that he would like to thank Mr. Bud Ford for all of his work on the Planning and Zoning Commission through the years. He stated that the Town would like to send a letter of recommendation to his new Town of residence regarding his service. There was applause from the audience.

5. Action to approve Palm Beach County Mitigation Plan
Staff: Gary Lanker, Town Manager

Town Manager Lanker explained the local mitigation strategy which is being sought by the county. He recommended that the Town turn the project over to the county's consultant and provide them with the necessary information. He advised that the other options available to the Town are that they could not participate at all or build their own plan. He added that if the Town does not participate, they would receive a decreased amount of funding from FEMA in the event of an emergency. He concluded that it would be logical to cooperate with the county.

Atty Nicoletti advised that every municipality that he represents would be cooperating with the county.

Comm Bridges moved that the Town Manager send the requested letter of intent to turn the project over to the County's consultant, provide them information and collect the remaining funds after the study is completed as recommended by Town Manager Lanker, seconded by Comm Aaskov.

Atty Nicoletti advised that the motion needs to include authorization for the Mayor to sign the interlocal agreement once the exact wording is worked out by the attorney. Comm Bridges amended his motion to include this.

Comm O'Hare asked for additional explanation of the plan. Atty Nicoletti explained that FEMA has the funds and is willing to spend them on being able to mitigate the effects of storm damage. He stated that the county is willing to conduct the study, which would benefit the entire county, using the money that municipalities have coming from FEMA.

Comm Stamos questioned the discrepancy in the distribution of the funds. Town Manager Lanker advised that the funds were divided on the State's formula and he could not explain why Gulf Stream received the same amount as Ocean Ridge and Manalapan received double. He explained that the Town would receive back any funds that are not used by the county.

Comm O'Hare commented that FEMA had recently distributed information regarding floor elevations to all building officials. Mayor Kaleel questioned if this information was relevant to the discussion at hand and finding that it was not, asked for roll call on Comm Bridges' motion.

Motion carried – yea 5.

6. Authorize Town Manager to investigate and interview engineering firms for information on sanitary sewer systems

By: Commissioner Stamos

Comm Stamos advised that he had spoken to Town Manager Lanker regarding sewers and he thinks it is something that the Town needs to keep up to date on. He advised that he would like the Town Manager to actively seek and report information from engineering firms which are proficient in designing and installing sanitary sewer systems and he moved as such, seconded by Comm O'Hare.

Comm O'Hare suggested that these include as many firms as possible and not include only the vacuum system. Mayor Kaleel advised that the Mayor of Lake Clark Shores had invited representatives from the Town of Ocean Ridge to accompany him to view a working vacuum sewer system in Sanford, Florida with Shalloway Engineering which would be at no cost to the Town.

Comm Bridges advised that he believed this trip would be premature if done before the results of the Focus 2000 meeting. Comm Stamos advised that what he was requesting was not the expenditure of any funds, but rather the accumulation of information. He added that the Town needs to know what is available and what the potential cost may be.

Comm O'Hare concurred that getting the Town Manager educated in this area would be beneficial, but added that the residents should be told that it will be a tremendous expense. Mayor Kaleel explained that the last study done for the Town in the 80's is no longer valid due to the changes and advances that have been made since then.

Comm Bridges advised that he saw this education as contradictory to Mayor Kaleel's stand that experts not be available for the Focus 2000 meeting to answer questions. Mayor Kaleel advised that the meeting was for the residents to put their ideas into priorities and this education on sewer systems would be for the benefit of the Town Manager.

Roll call was made on Comm Stamos' motion.

Motion carried – yea 5.

7. Schedule meeting date for staff evaluations

By: Commissioner O'Hare

Comm O'Hare advised that he believed the staff evaluations were to be scheduled for April and he requested that a date be set up in an evening in April so that more of the residents will be able to attend.

Comm O'Hare moved that an evening meeting in April be set up for the staff evaluations, seconded by Comm Bridges.

Mike Phillips, 6590 N Ocean Blvd., advised that he would like to know what the ground rules for the evaluations would be because he would not attend if it resembled a witch-hunt as the last one did. Comm Bridges concurred that the previous evaluation meeting was not handled properly. Mayor Kaleel advised that the Town Atty and staff had been discussing the method for the evaluation. Mayor Kaleel suggested that the evaluations be postponed until May because of staff being so overwhelmed due to the Focus 2000 preparations.

Comm Stamos commented that sometimes forgiving and forgetting has to occur and added that to keep reliving past experiences would only serve to hurt the Town. He advised that he felt the evaluations could be very helpful if done properly.

Roll call was taken on Comm O'Hare's motion.

Motion denied – nay 5.

Comm O'Hare moved to schedule the evaluations on an evening in May, seconded by Comm Stamos.

Motion carried – yea 5.

8. Authorize funding for appraisal of property located southwest of Town Hall

Staff: Gary Lanker, Town Manager

Town Manager Lanker explained that he and Mayor Kaleel had met with John Gurino who is the owner of eleven acres that lie south and west of the Town Hall. Mr. Gurino informed him that he still has a piece of land approximately 190' x 115' which he is anxious to sell. Mr. Gurino explained that he would like to sell it to the Town for \$249,000 or to a developer after filling the wetlands. Town Manager Lanker explained that he was requesting the Town Commission to approve a maximum of \$2,500 to have Anderson and Carr, Inc. prepare an appraisal of the property.

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Mayor Kaleel advised that he agreed with the need for an appraisal of the property and for the attorney to begin negotiations for its purchase. He explained that if it were sold and developed, it could become very awkward for the Town which would have to provide access to the property and remove items that it currently has placed on the property.

Comm Stamos questioned what the zoning district was on the property to which he was informed that it was residential single family. Town Manager Lanker explained that the owner could conceivably build two or possibly three homes on the property after mitigating. Atty Nicoletti advised that it would clearly impact Town Hall as a result of the 50' right-of-way running adjacent to it.

Comm Bridges asked if the amount would include the mitigation of the mangroves to which Mayor Kaleel replied that he believed Mr. Gurino was taking that into consideration. Mayor Kaleel suggested that Atty Nicoletti be allowed to proceed with active negotiations in addition to approving the funds for the appraisal.

Comm Bridges moved to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,500 from the contingency fund for the appraisal of the property and allow the Town Atty to proceed with active negotiations in regard to the property, seconded by Comm Stamos.

Comm Stamos questioned how this acquisition would tie in with the property negotiations with Boynton Beach adding that the Town Commission should look at the whole picture before making any decisions. Mayor Kaleel advised that the contract with Mr. Gurino could be contingent upon any deals anticipated with Boynton Beach.

Comm O'Hare questioned the size of the piece of property in question. Town Manager Lanker explained that the drawing submitted by Mr. Gurino (who is not completely sure of the boundaries of the property) might have included the right-of-way. Mayor Kaleel advised that Atty Nicoletti would research the actual property limits in his negotiations. Comm O'Hare advised that he would prefer to know the value before negotiations begin.

Roll call was taken on Comm Bridges' motion.

Motion carried – yea 4 (Aaskov, Bridges, Stamos, Kaleel)
nay 1 (O'Hare)

Resolutions – None

First Reading of Ordinances

- 9. Ordinance No. 502**
Amending Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances at Article IV, Landscaping, by establishing a division 2, Water Efficient Landscape (Xeriscape) and Division 3, Tree Permits, providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances
Staff: Paul J. Nicoletti, Town Attorney

Mayor Kaleel read Ordinance No. 502 by title.

Atty Nicoletti explained that the ordinance had been forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further review. He advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission believed they have made the ordinance simpler. He added that Town Manager Lanker had suggested that the approval be postponed until after the Focus 2000 meeting.

Comm Bridges moved to postpone the first reading of Ordinance No. 502 until the June regular Town meeting, seconded by Comm O'Hare.

Comm Aaskov commented that she did not want the Planning and Zoning Commission to be offended by the postponement adding that the Town Commission appreciated all the work that they put into this.

Comm Stamos asked if the definition of historic trees was specific and clear enough. Atty Nicoletti advised that he would review the ordinance before the June meeting. Mayor Kaleel suggested that the Commissioners also forward any other questions they may have regarding this ordinance to the Atty before June 1.

Roll call was made on Comm Bridges' motion.

Motion carried – yea 5.

- 10. Ordinance No. 506**
Amending Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances, Building and Building Regulations at Article II, Technical Codes and Other Construction Standards, Division 2, Administration and Enforcement by Adopting a new Section 14-56, Posting of Permits; Providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances
Staff: Paul J. Nicoletti, Town Attorney

Mayor Kaleel read Ordinance No. 506 by title.

Atty Nicoletti explained that the ordinance requires the expedient posting of permits and sets up a fine schedule for those who do not.

Comm Aaskov moved to approve Ordinance No. 506, seconded by Comm Bridges.

Comm O'Hare asked Atty Nicoletti if he was recommending this ordinance to any other municipality that he represents or knows of any other municipality that have a similar ordinance. Atty Nicoletti replied that he was unaware of any similar ordinances and that he was not recommending it to any other municipalities.

Comm O'Hare asked when the posting of permits would be required. Atty Nicoletti explained that they would have to be posted forthwith. Comm O'Hare asked for clarification on the meaning of forthwith to which Atty Nicoletti explained that forthwith (a common term used in the courts) would mean within a few days. Town Manager Lanker explained that a system would be incorporated which would review and track the date permits were posted.

Comm Stamos asked who would be providing the permit boxes. Town Manager Lanker stated that this would require only the posting of the permit which could be stapled to a stake in the ground. Comm O'Hare questioned if the Town would then be placing stakes on private property. Atty Nicoletti advised that either the Town or homeowner would have to place the permit on the property.

Roll call was made on Comm Aaskov's motion.

Motion carried – yea 4 (Aaskov, Bridges, Stamos, Kaleel)
nay 1 (O'Hare)

- 11. Ordinance No. 507**
Amending Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, Administration at Article VI, Finance, Division I, Generally, by adopting a new Section 2-217, Commitment of Certain Funds; Providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances
Staff: Paul J. Nicoletti, Town Attorney

Mayor Kaleel read Ordinance No. 507 by title.

Atty Nicoletti explained that he was requested by the Town Commission to change the code to require expenses being approved at only regular Town Commission meetings. He read the proposed ordinance to the public which advised that expenditures from the General Fund, other than duly appropriated items, or from the non-appropriated fund balance could only be approved at a Regular Town Commission meeting. The proposed ordinance also included a provision for exceptions for bona fide emergencies to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Comm Bridges moved to approve Ordinance No. 507, seconded by Comm Aaskov.

Comm Stamos questioned what determines an emergency to which Atty Nicoletti advised that would be established by the Town Commission.

Mayor Kaleel questioned if there was any down side to the approval of this ordinance to which Atty Nicoletti explained that there was no actual downside.

Roll call was made on Comm Bridges' motion.

Motion carried – yea 5.

12. Ordinance No. 508

Amending Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances, Land Development Code at Article VII, Coastal Construction Code, by amending Section 26-109, Dune Preservation at Subsection 26-109 (g)(1) to allow for the removal of prohibited plant species; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances

Staff: Paul J. Nicoletti, Town Attorney

Mayor Kaleel read Ordinance No. 508 by title.

Atty Nicoletti advised that at the request of the Town Commission, he drafted an amendment to the dune preservation section of the code to allow residents to “weed” or maintain the dune by removing prohibited species without the requirement of a permit.

Comm O’Hare moved to approve Ordinance No. 508 with the amendment that no species over 6’ in height will be removed, seconded by Comm Aaskov.

Regarding the provision that a resident not remove more than 20% of the total vegetation without a permit, Comm Bridges questioned if it would be prohibited for a resident to remove 20% one day and then 20% the next. Atty Nicoletti replied that the ordinance did not provide for that to be prohibited.

Comm Bridges questioned if the ordinance which requires replacement on a plant by plant basis would allow for a Brazilian Pepper to be replaced with a Sea Oat to which Atty Nicoletti replied that it would.

Comm O’Hare suggested amending the ordinance to include not removing species 6’ and over and removal only permissible when replaced with equal canopy coverage. Atty Nicoletti replied that those amendments would be acceptable with the addition of a time specific for removing 20% vegetation. There was discussion from the Town Commission who concurred that six months was an acceptable amount of time.

Atty Nicoletti requested to bring the ordinance back for first reading after incorporating all the changes suggested by the Town Commission.

Comm O’Hare questioned if the Department of Public Safety would be able to tell if only invasive species were being removed from the dune to which Director Hillery replied that they would not.

Comm Stamos commented that the ordinance may be a tremendous burden on the Department of Public Safety and suggested that perhaps it was unnecessary. He advised that dune trimming went well when the residents brought in plans drawn up by a professional. Comm Aaskov suggested that residents doing maintenance on the dune be required to bring in a set of plans, which can be done by the resident, outlining their intent.

Comm Bridges asked if this ordinance would violate DEP codes to which Atty Nicoletti advised that he did not believe stewardship of the dune would violate DEP codes.

Comm Stamos suggested that a type of maintenance permit be developed which would let the staff know what work is being done.

Mr. Phillips advised that an example of the need for permits would be the hammock area which he believed was being destroyed by Palm Beach County for the walkover. Town Manager Lanker advised that he has looked at the hammock area and the county has not completed the work yet.

Jerry Lower, 2 Harbour Dr N, advised that so far the county has only removed a small amount of the exotics that they intend to. He advised that the area would look bad for a while, but that the county appears committed to making it look better when they are done.

Mr. Lower suggested that the Garden Club educate someone on the staff to know what the different species are.

Comm O'Hare withdrew his amended motion.

Mayor Kaleel advised that he concurred with Mr. Lower's suggestion especially in light of the Town's requirement to maintain the landscaping by the new Ocean Ave. bridge.

It was decided that the Ordinance would be reviewed by the Town Atty and brought back at the May regular Town Commission meeting.

Town Commission Comments
(Information Items Only – 3 minute limit per item)

- 13. Update on House Bill for Historic and Scenic Highway**
By: Commissioner Stamos

Comm Stamos advised that he and Comm Bridges had attended a meeting the previous month with MPO where the scenic highway agreement was amended. He advised that MPO would be working closely with the Town in regards to this issue. He stated that he did not think the bill would pass this year, but encouraged any residents who were in favor of the designation to speak to their state representative.

14. Discuss completion of landscape and bollards at Beachway Drive

By: Commissioner Stamos

Comm Stamos advised that one of the bollards had been knocked down and questioned who was responsible for maintenance of the area. Mayor Kaleel advised that he believed that the neighboring homeowner was going to maintain the area. Comm Aaskov explained that Mr. Reuse (the neighboring homeowner) had requested permission to maintain, but the Town Commission had asked for a plan to be submitted first. She also stated that she did not recall the Town actually approving the bollards.

Comm Stamos stated that plans needed to be made on the future maintenance. Director Hillery advised that the most western bollard had been moved to the space left by the one which had been knocked down to keep the symmetry. Comm Aaskov advised that Mr. Reuse would like to put a rope through the bollards to which none of the Commissioners objected.

15. Discuss floating docks as they relate to code requirements

By: Commissioner Bridges

Comm Bridges suggested that Atty Nicoletti draw up an ordinance regarding floating docks.

Town Manager Lanker advised that he presently informs residents that the Town is not prohibiting floating docks, but that he would like to see this and other changes made to the dock ordinances.

Mayor Kaleel asked if Comm Bridges was requesting an ordinance to be placed as an action item at the next regular meeting to which Comm Bridges replied that he was. Comm Bridges also suggested that Atty Nicoletti research what policies other municipalities had regarding floating docks.

Atty Nicoletti suggested that the ordinance be brought before the Planning and Zoning Commission before the Town Commission.

Comm Stamos moved to have the Planning and Zoning Commission review an ordinance regarding floating docks to be forwarded on to the Town Commission, seconded by Comm Bridges,

Motion carried – yea 5.

16. Discuss Focus 2000

By: Mayor Kaleel

Mayor Kaleel explained that the Focus 2000 concept is for the long-term planning of the Town. He stated that the initial session would be the driving force for further education and feedback. He advised that he believed it will be a lot of work and it will also be very successful.

He reminded the public of the Department of Public Safety Open House on April 25, 1998 and the Focus 2000 meeting of May 8, 1998.

Comm Bridges reiterated his concern for additional information to be available for the Focus 2000 meeting. Comm Stamos advised that he would like to accompany Town Manager Lanker to Sanford, FL to view the vacuum sewage system.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Mayor Kaleel

Commissioner Aaskov

Attest By:

Commissioner Bridges

Town Clerk

Commissioner O'Hare

Commissioner Stamos