

Memorandum

Date: December 28, 2010
To: Mayor & Commissioners
From: Ken Schenck, Town Manager
Re: Town Update – January, 2011

I am providing you with brief updates on some of the Towns continuing projects and events.

Coconut Lane Drainage-

The State has confirmed the \$119,000 grant for this project. We are still waiting for the grant agreement from the State. We are working with FPL to determine the best way to get power to the site.

Island Drive Bridge-

Construction has finally been completed and the landscaping installed. The final change order will be discussed later in the meeting.

Old Ocean Blvd. Dune.-

The Garden Club Dune Committee is about 90% complete on the new plantings. They expect to complete it in the next couple of months. Once complete they propose to add a new bench. They've substantially improved the dune in this area.

Old Ocean Ave-

When the Town's right of way clearance was discussed several years ago it was decided to have a six foot clearance, according to code, on the west side of the road. We eventually achieved this goal and have kept this distance. Another issue has been raised by a couple of Commissioners regarding exotics such as Scavolla, growing in the Town's right of way. We have a wide boundary line on the west side, as much as 20 feet. I've looked into the cost of removing the exotics from our right of way. Most of the dead Scavolla has been removed. There is one area in particular with a significant amount of Scavolla. The estimated cost to remove the plants and replace them with sod is about \$6,000. The problem with sod is that there isn't irrigation at the site.

Energy Grants-

We have received a notice to proceed from the County for the \$50,000 grant for energy improvements on Town Hall and Ocean Ave. The engineering survey for this work is in the State grant. As soon as we get that grant we will get the survey and start the work.

We have received notification from the State that we have been awarded an energy grant from them. The original grant request was for \$250,000. The State reduced the grant to \$173,500. The major reduction was in the residential rebates which were reduced from \$123,000 to \$38,465. We were told this reduction was due to EPA wanting to eliminate this component. EPA has decided they don't want to pay for hybrid vehicles so we've requested those funds be included with the residential rebate program. This would allow \$110,000 for residential rebates, \$6,500 for an energy audit and \$57,000 for common elements with the other applicants. We don't know what the restrictions will be on the residential rebate program. Lantana is the lead agency on this grant and they are working with the State to finalize the grant. This has been a very frustrating process.

Entrance Signs

The concrete bases have been delivered to the Town and will be installed within the next 2 weeks. We have submitted the application for a variance to FDOT for the southern sign on A1A. Once the bases are installed it will take about a week and a half for each sign.

Capri Apts.

The apartments have a laundry room that discharges into a catch basin and then into our drainage system. This is an illegal discharge that has been going on for many years. They have until Feb. 19th to get a permit. The survey should be done by the first week in January. The plans to eliminate the discharge should be done by the end of January and submitted to the Health Dept. It is anticipated they will reduce their machines from 2 to 1 in the final plan. The discharge will be eliminated and replaced by a drainfield.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS-

Commission Meeting -----February 7, 2011 @ 6:00 PM

Code Enforcement-----February 1, 2011 @ 10:00 AM

cc: Chris Yannuzzi, Police Chief
Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk
Town Employees