

# Memorandum

**Date:** January 25, 2010  
**To:** Mayor & Commissioners  
**From:** Ken Schenck, Town Manager  
**Re:** Town Update – February, 2010

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

## **COCONUT LANE DRAINAGE -**

This project is on hold until the Commission decides whether or not to proceed depending on the availability of funds. We have received the construction permits from the SFWMD. The construction permit is good for 5 years and the dewatering permit for 1 year. The dewatering permit has been renewed for another year. We have submitted the project to the State for a 319 grant which would pay for 30% of the cost we have received a verbal confirmation that we are in line for a grant of \$119,000. The funds won't be available until next summer.

## **OCEAN AVE. LANDSCAPE-**

We are working with the landscaper to do some fill in plantings in lieu of the overhaul originally proposed. The Garden Club has taken on the planting of the Lilies and is expected to start the project in January.

## **ISLAND DRIVE BRIDGE -**

Construction started on the bridge replacement the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>. One lane will remain open at all times. The project is on schedule. The north side will be paved by the end of January and then they will start on the south side. The water lines will be done first and the road will be started as soon as FPL moves the power poles back to the south side.

### **OLD OCEAN BLVD.-**

The Garden Club Dune Committee is developing a plan to landscape this section. They hope to have a plan by February and start planting in the spring. They will be working with the State and DERM and will present the plan to the Commission for approval. They have contacted the owners of the neighboring properties to try a coordinated effort.

### **Zoning Code Recommendations -**

The Planning and Zoning Board met in January on the “green” codes. Their recommendations will be addressed separately.

### **Pedestrian Crossing Street Signs-**

The signed agreement has been returned by FDOT. We have ordered the signs and are preparing the installation plan for FDOT.

### **Police Report -**

The police report for the December activities is attached.

### **Harbour Drive Plantings -**

The residents of Harbour Drive have met and are discussing their desires for the entrance landscaping. We’re waiting for their comments before we do anything.

### **Town Hall Painting Exhibit -**

We have received the hangers for the paintings and they have been installed. The first showing is scheduled to start February 25<sup>th</sup> and run for about two months. John Wooten will be at the meeting to provide more details. A copy of some of his thoughts is attached. Attorney will have some additional comments.

### **Energy Grants-**

A memo is attached outlining the County energy grant proposal. We hope to hear in February. We will be submitting a separate grant to the State by Feb.12<sup>th</sup> for funding to purchase a hybrid truck and police suv. The State grant will also include funding for residential energy saving incentives. A third State grant will be due in March but the State hasn’t finalized that program yet. We hope to address the natural gas lines in that grant. We would like Commission approval to distribute a questionnaire to the residents to determine their interest since it is unlikely we’ll get a grant to pay for the entire project.

**Telephone Contract-**

We contracted with the League of Cities last year to review our telephone expenses. They have developed some cost saving ideas that we have been reviewing. We are also interviewing other companies besides ATT. We have a present contract with ATT but when that expires in the summer we believe we'll be able to reduce our telephone costs. We're still reviewing the options.

**Town Hall Pond-**

We had some problems with the Town Hall pond during the heavy rains the end of December. We met with the contractor to try to determine what happened to create the problem of the pond liner rising. Digby Bridges is meeting with the contractor to discuss the solution. The contractor said the repairs could be as much as \$5,000. We haven't heard back from Digby to get a better handle on the cost.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Commission Meeting -----March 1, 2010 @ 6:00 P.M.

Code Enforcement----- March 2, 2010 @ 10:00 A.M.

cc: Edward Hillery, Police Chief  
Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk  
Town Employees