

Date: March 5, 2018
To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners
From: Jamie Titcomb, Town Manager
Re: Town Manager Report – March Commission Meeting

South-End Drain Systems Projects

Site surveying is complete for two south-end projects, an inline catch-basin for the NE corner of Beachway Drive & Osprey Court, and ROW drainage areas adjacent from 101 - 111 Dolphin Bend. The Town Engineers are circulating quote requests for design/build vendors for these locations.

Certified Building Official

In January/February we held in-person interviews with candidates that applied for proposed in-house CBO (Certified Building Official) position. Subsequently, our first offer was countered with a negotiation higher than our advertised range. We have since circled back looking at all the interested candidates again, running initial backgrounds and will seek to negotiate a final hire to bring to the April meeting.

Mayor Geoff Pugh

We bid farewell to Mayor Geoff Pugh tonight at his last official Regular Town Commission Meeting and say thank you with complete gratitude and appreciation for over 15+ years of selfless and dedicated service to the Town of Ocean Ridge and its residents. I want to personally thank Mayor Pugh for his involvement, wisdom, stability and sage advice in my short tenure here, in good and tough times alike.

Public Beach Crossover Updates

We've identified several public beach crossover infrastructures as potentially unsafe due to storms, excessive usage wear & tear, and our caustic marine environment. I seek Town Commission input and direction to remove these older era "Bridge-style" steps/walkways to consider replacing them with ground-level paver-ways, or board walkways tied at the ends to anchor them, meandering the pathway through our natural dune right-of-way cuts in the vegetation.

Currently, the structures at Anna Street and Beachway Drive fall in this category. Examples of alternatives include: Corinne Street has a ground-level, anchored boardwalk path style, and Edith Street has a paved pathway leading to a landing with steps on the higher dune. These alternatives are contemplated as less intrusive dune crossings, more accessible to people with mobility challenges, less costly to maintain and groom, and are more in keeping with the passive public crossovers as related to beach issues, maintenance and environmentally friendly as confirmed in collaboration with the area FDEP field representatives. Our public works personnel can perform much of any removal work, while we will seek quotes for the installation of ground-level path solutions to replace the current bridge structures in place, if confirmed.

Respectfully,


Town Manager