

Memorandum

Date: November 30, 2010
To: Mayor & Commissioners
From: Ken Schenck, Town Manager
Re: Town Update – December, 2010

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. As they won't reimburse us for work done prior to the signing of the grant agreement we are waiting to get the agreement before we advertise for bids. Hopefully that will be in December and bidding will be in January.

Island Drive Bridge-

Construction has finally been completed and the landscaping installed.

Old Ocean Blvd. Dune.-

The Garden Club Dune Committee is about 90% complete on the new plantings. They expect to complete it by January when the Club gets back together. 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'm looking into the cost of removing the exotics from our right of way. There is one area in particular with a significant amount of Scavolla. I plan to address this at the January meeting.

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 for the entrance signs is being cast and should be done by Dec. 10th. We will then install all but the sign at the south end of Town. When they are installed we will authorize Mr. Fodor to complete the signs. We are applying to FDOT for a variance to install this sign. The FDOT right of way at the south end of Town has 20 feet of clearance. After installation there will be about 14 feet of clearance. FDOT requires 18 feet of clearance, thus the need for a variance. This is the location everyone prefers for this sign. Hopefully FDOT will cooperate.

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. We have contacted the apts. and they have hired a surveyor and a civil engineer to correct the problem and remove the discharge. The present schedule is to submit the plans to the Health Dept. in January. The plan of action hasn't been finalized to date. The Health Dept. and DERM are aware of the problem and agree with our course of action.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS-

Commission Meeting -----January 3, 2011 @ 6:00 PM

Code Enforcement-----January 4, 2011 @ 10:00 AM

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