

Town of Calabash
Administrator's Update
Week of: 8/16/10 – 8/20/10

Areas of Note:

- ? Drafted a letter on behalf of Brunswick County to send to the property owners on Carter St. to ask that they contact the County if they wish to have water service extended to the existing homes past the VFW.
- ? Drafted form letter regarding bush hogging complaints/requests. It appears that in the past, the ordinance may have been misinterpreted, as several lots that have been requested to be bush hogged are neither occupied or substantially developed. Many also lack any form of noxious weed growth. In the future, when we receive these requests, we will be investigating for conditions within the letter of the ordinance to determine what appropriate action property owners should take.
- ? Drafted warning notices concerning some RV use in Town on properties without primary residential structures as per the UDO.
- ? Staff investigated some questions regarding the cutting back of some wetland property in Oak Ridge Plantation. Inspections are currently looking into regulations regarding this matter.
- ? Received word on the tractor that what we thought was the problem may not be the actual problem. Town Services picked up our tractor and we decided to have it checked out by a different place to see if they diagnosed the same issues. Which they did not. They claim that some bolts were loose on the wheel and road it around for a while and nothing made any type of odd noise.
- ? Discussed signage for Calabash Town Center. The space is 400 sqft, though the ordinance goes up to only 200 sqft. The consensus is that there is an existing sign there that was allowed in the past and that this is just resurfacing the sign, not constructing a new one. Thus, Staff opted to follow the same guidelines as permitting the previous sign and conditioned that when another sign is constructed for the entrances, this sign would need to be removed.
- ? Went out with BEMC to look at a light on Madison that may not be needed. The light has been there for several years and no one was paying for it. If we wish to keep it we will need to turn it out towards the street as the property owner wants the light but does not wish to incur the cost. Due to the lighting of the area and the citizens need on the street, I see no problem in taking over the light for the security of the area.
- ? Discussed painting options for the interior of Town Hall as well as possible exterior painting. We feel that we need to spruce up the appearance of the place as a whole.
- ? Met with a representative from American Industries about some products they sell. Staff decided to purchase some of the cleaning products to test out at the Town Services building and Town Hall.
- ? Drafted letter to Elks responding to some of their questions regarding the ROW in front of their building on Carter Dr.
- ? Received, reviewed, and discussed with Staff a communication from the County covering the “steps” people will need to take in order to hook up to the sewer. Staff converted it to be placed on the permits for the sewer work so that when issued the permit, the people would know what steps they needed to take. These permits will be available at Town Hall and

covers the general guidelines for connection such as the order of events to hook on: apply for service, apply for permit, contact this person, and so on.

Dates to Remember:

Labor Day – Monday September 6, 2010 – Town Hall closed

Public Hearing – Fee Schedule Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Finances:

- ? Received and paid invoice from Brunswick Trucking & Contracting for our agreed shared cost of a stormwater repair on Riverview Dr. The cost is \$450.00 and will be taken from Stormwater money.

Projects:

Calabash Wastewater Collection Extension: The first letters went out this week to the areas that are now available for sewer hookup. If the property owner has not done so, they will need to sign up for service with the County before coming to Town Hall to get permits. The County has given us a step-by-step breakdown to follow in regards to the process of hooking on that we can relay to citizens if they call and ask. We also have access to the sign up forms that the county uses should citizens come here looking for them. We will not issue permits without some form of proof that the property owner has signed up for service with the County.

Road Maintenance:

- ? Town Services continued to trim back trees in the Bonaparte areas this week.

Stormwater:

- ? Town Services will soon be adding additional coffer dams to Riverview Dr. to help slow down the water during heavier rains.
- ? We are investigating issues in Saltaire Village. We are looking for means to drain the ponds some to handle the recent rains we have been having.
- ? Received a reasonable estimate for pipe replacement under Riverview Ct. As you know there was an issue previously that caused a washout on the road and a temporary fix was created that the Town assisted in paying for. We asked for an estimate to determine what a full repair would be for the pipe and it came in at \$3,800. We will explore the option of assisting the owner of the road with the repair as it will also aid in our desires to improve stormwater control down Riverview Dr.
- ? We have received all of the four hold harmless/temporary easement agreements back for the Hidden Valley project approved previously. As you know, the project was held up due to a discrepancy in location of the primary ditch and difficulty in contacting the property owner. However, we are ready to proceed.

Other:

Farmer's Market: We has submitted an ad to the classifieds of the Brunswick Beacon seeking vendors for the farmer's market in an attempt to establish a base set of regular vendors. The ad reads:

TOWN OF CALABASH LOCAL VENDORS SOUGHT

The Town of Calabash is seeking local vendors who are the original producers or agents of locally produced items to be sold at the Calabash Farmer's Market. The Calabash Farmer's Market is open Saturdays and Mondays from 8 am to noon. Currently, there is no fee for vendors. Please file an application with Town Hall—882 Persimmon Road, Calabash, NC. For further information contact Town Hall at 910.579.6747 ext 1.