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Hi All-

If you'd like to receive my comments please feel free to e-mail me and I will forward them to you.

Enjoy the rest of your weekend!

Best,
Lynne
Hi All,

Below please find a recap of the regular Town Board meting held last Thursday, October 27th. And yeah, I owe you Zoning and Planning Board recaps as well. I've been a complete slacker of late.

The meeting on Thursday was another record breaker- even with three Public Hearings the meeting flew by. As always the fun part was under 'New Business' where the Town Board gives all new meaning to the word 'obfuscation'. I particularly enjoyed Town Clerk Mazzei's muddled response on whether or not a town had to present the Town Budget in a public forum. Because, in fact, the Budget does have to be presented at a Regular or Special Meeting (see exact verbiage below). And it wasn't.

As always the opinions expressed are mine alone. I take full responsibility for my callous and sarcastic take on the wonderful world of Southeast. It's a beautiful day, I'm in a decent mood so hopefully these notes will reflect my always sunny disposition.

REGULAR MEETING:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7:30 PM Release of performance Bond- Picarella Storage Building

There were no comments from the public

7:31 PM Local Law- Rental Registration

I asked what units the law applied to. Answer: All units not owner occupied. I asked if the registration fees had been determined. Answer: They will not be determined until the annual meeting in January.

7:32 PM Special Permit- Fox Lane Boatworks

Several members of the audience spoke in favor of this special permit. There are no spray booths or toxic chemicals used on site.

1. Review of Minutes: September 15, 2005 Regular Meeting
September 29, 2005 Special Meeting
Accepted by a vote of 5-0

2. Correspondence
Reading waived 5-0

3. Approval of voucher list in the amount of: \$725,329.18
Approved 5-0

4. Motion approving the attached Budget Transfers
Passed 5-0

5. Motion setting meeting dates:
November 3, 2005 Work Session
November 10, 2005 Special Meeting/Work Session
November 17, 2005 Regular Meeting

All meetings to be held at 7:30 at the Civic Center
Passed 5-0

6. Motion calling for the following Public Hearing
November 10, 2005 7:30 Civic Center 2006 Southeast Budget
Passed 5-0
Supervisor Dunford mentioned that there was a 1.47% increase

7. Motion- Appointment of Probationary Maintenance Worker
Dan Adams was appointed by a vote of 5-0.

8. Resolution- Individual Program Application- Recreation
Passed 5-0

9. Resolution- Individual Program Application- Youth Services
Passed 5-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Dunford announced that the electrical bid for the Fox Hill Water District was around \$48,000.

Historic Sites:

Cathy Croft asked if the missing Historic Sites had been restored. Supervisor Dunford answered that they had not as he has not spoken to Eleanor Fitchen who has been ill.

Open Space Bond:

Ms. Croft also asked how the Board felt about the proposed Open Space Bond. Supervisor Dunford mentioned, as he said he has in the past, that he didn't know exactly how the bill would work and wanted to make sure that Southeast would be given their fair share of the \$20 million. Especially given the amount of commercial development Southeast shoulders.

Minutes:

I asked if the minutes approved by the Town Board had been corrected in any way. The Board answered that they weren't sure which copy I had read. It was established that I had read a copy given to Ms. Croft. The Board was still unsure if corrections had been made until each allowed that they had made no changes. I then asked that a correction be made under 'New Business' as I had asked if any 'Law Enforcement Agency' had contacted Town Hall and the Town Clerk had inserted 'FBI' for 'Law Enforcement Agency'. The Clerk said she would review the tape.

Modular Court Building:

I asked about the modular addition being added to the Old Town Hall. The Board said it had been discussed at different Work Sessions. I asked about the cost to date. Supervisor Dunford said that there had been no cost to date as the Highway Department had poured the footings. I asked again about the final cost which the Supervisor thought would come in around \$40,000

to \$50,000.

Newsletter:

I asked about the All Town Newsletter. Cost: Councilwoman Mitts answered that the cost would be similar to last time. I asked if the mailing had been straightened out and that all tenants throughout Southeast would get a copy. Mrs. Mitts answered that she thought this had been ironed out.

I offered CRSE's help as we were able to send our four color newsletter to all residents of Southeast at less cost.

Budget: I asked where and when the budget had been presented. Mrs. Mazzei answered on September 30th. I asked if it had to be presented in public and Mrs. Mazzei answered that it could be but didn't need to be. I asked why last year's had been presented publicly at the Town Hall and Mrs. Mazzei indicated because that's the way it was done last year.

I asked why the Contingency Fund was set so high (\$150,000). Supervisor Dunford answered at first that it was lower than the '05 fund. After establishing that this was not the case it was stated that a vehicle may have to be purchased.

I asked why the Town Attorney's line in the budget was being decreased to \$133,000. That in 2005 it was budgeted at \$170,000 and, in 2004, was actually over \$190,000. The Supervisor stated that the town hoped that litigation and certiorari matters would be less than '05. I then asked if the 'Landfill Closure' would be handled by the Town Counsel or outside Counsel. This has not yet been decided.

With Best Regards,
Lynne Eckardt



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