

Meet the
Candidates Night

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Holden Beach Property Owners Association, Inc.

Meet The Candidates Night

October 24, 2003 7:30- 10:00 p.m.

- I. WELCOME - Roger Smith
 - A. Introduction by John Gray
 - B. Introduction of Organizing Committee- Marty Ketring, Sheila Young
 - C. Introduction of Time Coordinator- Allison Best

- II. MEETING FORMAT- Roger Smith
 - A. Guidelines
 1. We requested written responses to nine (9) questions. The answers are in your program.
 2. There are four (4) questions to be asked of each Candidate tonight.
 3. Each Candidate will have three (3) minutes to respond to each question.
 4. Each Candidate will receive a "thirty (30) seconds left" notice.
 5. Questions from the floor will be entertained after the four (4) verbal response questions.
 6. A question from the floor must be directed to a single Candidate, not to the group.
 7. The time limit to respond to a floor question is two (2) minutes.
 8. The meeting will adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

- III. INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES
 - A. Candidates for Mayor
 1. Jim Lowell - Incumbent
 2. Norman Meares

 - B. Candidates for Commissioner
 1. Charlie Boyle - Incumbent
 2. Alan Holden - Incumbent
 3. Sandy Miller - Incumbent
 4. Charlotte Roberts
 5. Pat Sandifer
 6. Jack Smith Incumbent
 7. Beverle Weller

- IV. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
 - A. Written Response Questions (answers attached)
 1. What are your views, concerns, and expectations regarding staggered terms?
 2. What are your views, concerns and expectations regarding the impact of sewer on Town ordinances?
 3. What is your position (view) on the current ordinance that limits construction to thirty five (35) feet?
 4. What is your position (view) on the current ordinance limiting lot coverage to thirty (30) percent?
 5. What is your position (and solution) regarding the need for increased beach access?
 6. How will you approach growth on Holden Beach, while preserving our Family Beach environment?
 7. What are your views, concerns, and solutions regarding beach erosion and renourishment projects?
 8. What is your position (and solution) to stormwater management?
 9. What is your position regarding Town sponsored trash removal programs (i.e. Fall & Spring clean up)?

 - B. Verbal Response Questions
 1. Please Introduce yourself and tell us about your campaign platform.
 2. What are your views and concerns for beach renourishment issues such as planning, funding, the "Fifty Year Plan", beach right of way issues, and other unforeseen situations?
 3. What are your views and long term plans for the Town's newly created Capital Reserve Fund?
 4. How will you mitigate problems regarding the installation of the sewer system?
 - C. Questions from the floor

- V. ADJOURN

Holden Beach Property Owners' Questions October 24, 2003

1. Staggered Terms

I have always felt that staggered terms for the Commissioners would provide continuity of government. However, when this was proposed, the voters made it clear that they preferred the option of tossing everybody out if they felt it necessary.

2. Sewer Impact on Town Ordinances

There should be no adverse effects on Town ordinances. Such concerns have been discussed by Commissioners ever since 1994. There may be a positive effect and that would be that in a fairly short time we can remove the "no shellfish" signs from the canals. Another positive will be the widening of our sidewalks. I recently procured \$75,000 from DOT to help pay for this widening and a promise to be considered for a similar sum next year. A thanks to Mr. Lanny Wilson, our local member of the DOT Board.

3. & 4. 35 foot height limit and 30 % lot coverage

I have stood in favor of the 35 foot limit and the 30% coverage since I was a member of Planning and Zoning. I still think they are a true safeguard to our Family Beach,

5. Beach Access

The need for increased beach access will be determined by the Corps' requirements for the 50 year project. It will be up to the Council to decide if they can go along with any new demands. Attempts in the past to acquire new easements have been turned down by the owners. The possible acquisition of rights to "Private Accesses" is a route we have only begun to explore and may be possible.

6. Approach to growth.

Growth on Holden Beach has always been limited by the number of lots available. From the very beginning, Mr. Harold Steorts studied growth and the impact of sewer, for example, on that growth. He concluded that the size of growth was almost predetermined by the number of platted lots. The handful of lots that would not perk and will become buildable after sewer will make little impact. The other issue to growth is annexation. Recent (two years ago) attempts to explore the feelings of residents on the island and the mainland in this regard have resulted in negatives from both groups. I respect that opinion

7. Beach Nourishment and Erosion.

Since erosion is ongoing so should beach nourishment be ongoing. We have been fortunate in that we have been able to set aside funds over the last six years to participate in Federal programs and to supplement those programs when we could with mainland sand sources. Such funds need to be constantly available and the present policy of allocation is excellent. Also, we have learned a lot about how to go about Renourishment

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in the past few years. With the advent of the 50 year project, we should be ahead of the mark.

8. Stormwater Management

In 1994, Mr. Jim Griffm, Head of the Sewer Committee, recommended that the septic systems be used for stormwater retention and eventual purification. This is now not allowed under State law. We have asked numerous bodies for help to make Holden Beach an experimental ground for such use. The total number of gallons that could be so directed would handle any problems. Moreover, for many years, "best practices" recommended by state DOTs including NC would have stormwater directed through berms erected at street ends etc. thus allowing for a cleaning process before any discharge to the waterway or the wetlands. However, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has been slow to adopt this. Efforts should be made to change Raleigh's mind on this. In fact in my recent meeting with Dr. Beach he felt such methods are worthwhile and is in line with us being a Certified Healthy Beach.

9. Spring and Fall Clean up

I really believe that the Spring and Fall pick up of yard waste can be handled more reasonably by the Town than at the cost associated with Waste Management doing it.

Norman Meares - Candidate for Mayor

1. What are your views, concerns, and expectations regarding staggered terms?

Staggered terms could be effective with the important amount of large projects planned for the future. However, if we went to staggered terms at least some commissioners would have to be elected for four (4) year terms. I feel that this is too lengthy a commitment on the part of the commissioner and the electorate.

2. What are your views, concerns and expectations regarding the impact of sewer on Town ordinances?

We may need to have Planning & Zoning look at existing ordinances to insure that the identity of Holden Beach as a family beach is maintained. There may be a need to revise (improve) Town ordinances, especially with regard to commercial zoning, as a result of public sewer.

3. What is your position (view) on the current ordinance that limits construction to thirty five (35) feet?

Thirty-five feet should remain our height limit, again in order to keep our image of Holden Beach as a family beach. We do not want another Myrtle Beach .

4. What is your position (view) on the current ordinance limiting lot coverage to thirty (30) percent?

I am comfortable with the thirty (30) percent lot coverage ordinance as I feel it still enables families to build adequate and/or spacious housing.

5. What is your position (and solution) regarding the need for increased beach access?

I believe we should work with the Corps of Engineers to assess our need for beach access ways. Hopefully, in the future, some land may be purchased or donated to meet any requirements that are imposed on Holden Beach.

6. How will you approach growth on Holden Beach, while preserving our Family Beach environment?

By encouraging our town concept of a "family beach" and enforcing our ordinances, I feel we can maintain the type of environment we wish to create.

7. What are your views, concerns, and solutions regarding beach erosion and renourishment projects?

I believe we should keep a strong commitment to any ongoing beach erosion studies and renourishment projects. I would work to make sure that the 50-year project remains viable and encourage residents to become involved in beach renourishment activities.

8. What is your position (and solution) to storm water management?

Working closely with the Division of Coastal Management, the Division of Water Quality, and NC State University to find solutions to this problem would be a top priority with regard to storm water management.

9. What is your position regarding Town sponsored trash removal programs (Fall and Spring clean up)?

Waste Industries could be contacted and asked to provide a cost for Fall and Spring clean-up. However, our past experience has indicated that this program is not cost effective or widely used by our residents and often results in trash/household goods being left curbside.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roman".

Charlie Boyle
Answers to questions from HBPOA
Election 2003

Question # 1:

The term of commissioners and mayor should be changed from two years to four and stagger the commissioner's term.. This could be accomplished the first election after change, mayor and the two commissioners receiving the most votes elected for four years, other commissioners for two years. The town would always have experienced board members and time for new board members to learn and be more effective. Voters would have to approve change.

Question # 2:

Sewage would not have an impact on existing Town ordinances, but we must enforce 35 foot building height, 30% lot coverage, all building set backs, and subdivision regulations. New ordinances will have to be drawn up, such as sewage and water usage, usage of club houses, house can not be built on a wetlands lot, and others that effect the family beach style.

Question # 3:

We must not change the 35 foot building height ordinance. The height is based on the FEMA flood level and ensures a two story house can be built.

Question # 4:

The 30% lot coverage ordinance should not be change.

Question # 5:

When US Army Corps of Engineers advises where an additional beach access is required, the Town will need to meet with the residents of that area to negotiate a solution, remembering if no solution, no money from state or federal government for sand.

Question# 6:

To preserve the family beach image, the Commissioners must not increase the commercial area, keep all building regulations enforced, be sure all nuisance, noise, adult club and like ordinances are enforced.

Question # 7:

Beach renourishment is very important to Holden Beach. We must continue maintenance of beach sand and dunes, beach front vegetation, putting money aside for 50 year project. Work with the beach consortium, Army Corps of Engineers and lobbyist to bring about the 50 year renourishment project.

Question # 8:

A stormwater runoff plan should be in place now, so as to construct along with the sewage project. This would be the most efficient time.

Question# 9:

I've tried 6 years to do away with trash rakes and have carts rolled back to the house, so I leave trash to someone wiser than I on trash. As for Fall & Spring clean up I am in favor. There must be only one pick up per section of the Town.



Holden Beach POA 10-24-03 Candidates Questions

1. What are your views, concerns, and expectations regarding staggered terms?

My position is still the same as it was when the voters changed it last time to the way it is now. If a majority of the voters vote to change it, I will support the majority decision. The Town started with the way it is now, then to staggered, then back to "all in all out."

2. What are your views, concerns, and expectations regarding the impact of sewer on Town ordinances?

I don't see that much of a change in the ordinances or understand why much change would be wanted. I don't support relaxing the current regulations.

3. What is your position (view) on the current ordinance that limits construction to thirty five (35) feet?

I don't have a problem with the 35 foot limitation as I supported it when it was first considered. I do have a problem with many oceanfront locations now limited to a 1000 square foot footprint by CAMA, a higher first floor elevation by flood regulations, and a 35 foot limit that therefore restricts lots that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to a one story, 1000 square foot house. I oppose any kind of high rise on the island and support the concept now in place of height restrictions.

4. What is your position (view) on the current ordinance limiting lot coverage to thirty (30) percent?

Holden Beach is more restrictive than many of our neighbors. I support the rules now in place until even more protection is realistically considered.

5. What is your position (and solution) regarding the need for increased beach access?

Beach access will always be less than what is needed and desired. I support the pursuit of more as more are required for grant funding and common sense. Gifts, purchases, and yes, other avenues should be considered to solve this need.

6. How will you approach growth on Holden Beach, while preserving our Family Beach environment?

The same as I have in the past three decades. My voting record as a commissioner, member of P&Z, and Board of Adjustments, from the 1970's until now, has always supported a family beach. My grandfather lived here. My father lived here. I have been here all of my 54 years. My son has been here all of his 31 years and my two grandchildren live here. We all want to keep the family beach as was planned before development started in the 1930's.

7. What are your views, concerns and solutions regarding beach erosion and renourishment projects?

As a boy I dug and planted grass and sea oats with my father and brother. We placed bushes, fences, etc on the front in the 1950's and 1960's, and the 1970's before it "was the thing to do". Today I support these and other means to "grow the beach" including hauling and spoiling to nourish the front. It will be never ending and our responsibility to support this program. I support always having a mainland source in place for hauling and I support the 50 year plan currently in place.

8. What is your position (and solution) to storm water management?

The first position is to continue to require projects to submit a storm water plan as we now do. The existing "grandfather" situations are the problem. Controlling the lot coverage is a vital part of this program. State and National regulations above the Holden Beach regulations are very restrictive and limit the Town with most alternatives that could be considered.

- Q. What is your position regarding Town sponsored trash removal programs (i.e. Fall & Spring clean up)?

I support special trash pick up programs and possibly more pick up dates.

2003 HBPOA Candidates' Night Questions
Sandy Miller

1. What are your views, concerns and expectations regarding staggered terms?

I am not in favor of staggered terms. In North Carolina staggered terms must be for four years. Many of our residents are retired and while they may be willing to devote two years to community service, asking them to devote four years would keep a lot of people from serving. Continuity is usually the reason for staggered terms. In a small community like Holden Beach, most of the people know first hand if elected officials are doing a good job and will re-elect those that represent them well. Steve Wheeler and Joyce Shore make it easy for newly elected officials to learn the ropes fairly quickly.

2. What are your views, concerns and expectations regarding the impact of sewer on Town ordinances?

I don't think that sewer will have much of an impact on town ordinances in the residential area because the 35 feet height limit and 30% lot coverage will be enforced; however, the zoning code for the commercial area is woefully lacking in restrictions. For instance, a residential lot can only have 30% of the lot outside of the main structure impervious however, there is no such restriction in the commercial district so the entire lot can be covered in concrete. I would recommend that Planning and Zoning take a close look at the commercial code and stop any problems before sewer is a reality.

3. What is your position (view) on the current ordinance that limits construction to thirty- five (35) feet?

I see no way that I would ever support raising the 35 feet height limitation.

4. What is your position (view) on the current ordinance limiting lot coverage to thirty (30) per cent?

I will not support in any decrease in the limitation on lot coverage.

5. What is your position (and solution) regarding the need for increased beach access?

The need for more public beach accesses is almost a certainty if we are to participate in the 50 year renourishment project. Currently there is \$60,000 in our budget to purchase additional accesses. There is also the possibility of grant money to assist in those purchases.

6. How will you approach growth on Holden Beach, while preserving our Family Beach environment?

Growth is inevitable but it can be managed successfully with our land use planning and zoning codes. My main concern with preserving a "Family Beach" image is in the commercial area. The revised sign ordinance should ease any worries about "glitzy" signs. As stated earlier, I would like for Planning and Zoning to concentrate on other aspects of the Commercial Code to ensure smart growth.

2003 HBPOA Candidates' Night Questions
Sandy Miller

7. What are your views, concerns and solutions regarding beach erosion and renourishment projects?

We are making great progress in erosion control with the current nourishment projects but we cannot relax in our pursuit of even more projects. This year we increased the amount of the occupancy tax revenue that will be dedicated to sand projects. We need to continue to put even more money aside for future projects.

8. What is your position (and solution) to stormwater management?

All of us are well aware of our stormwater problems as we drive through flooded streets after a moderate rain. But the solution is not easy to address. DENR restricts draining any water into canals, the ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway. They no longer allow french drains. Our stormwater management plan has corrected some of the problems but a great deal more is needed. I would like to see the use of concrete prohibited except under the main structure.

9. What is your position regarding town sponsored trash removal programs (i.e. Fall & Spring clean up)?

The town no longer has a trash removal program, only a yard debris removal program. If there is enough public support to spend tax dollars so that Waste Industries will do the trash removal, that is a possibility. Otherwise, it is up to the individual home owner to dispose of their trash. The county does not charge for the disposal of white goods.

Meet the Candidates Questionnaire
Town Commissioner
Name of Candidate: Charlotte A Roberts

1. My views, concerns and expectations regarding staggered terms are that with this particular way of holding a committee there is always someone with experience on the council that has registered the knowledge of past and existing issues. ■ feel that the experienced members of the committee are adamant counterparts to keep decisions and ideas on pressing issues going in an upward motion.
2. My views, concerns, and expectations regarding the impact of sewer on Town Ordinances are equivalent to what the Town Ordinance is focused on today. ■ would it expect it to remain the same.
3. My position on the current ordinance that limits construction to thirty-five feet is that ■ am in favor of this ordinance respecting the elevation of the lot. With this thirty-five foot ordinance ■ feel it will allow everyone to tastefully have a "room with a view"
4. My position on the current ordinance limiting lot coverage to thirty percent should increase to forty percent post sewer system installation so property owners can enjoy their property in its fullest.
5. My position and solution regarding the need for increased beach accesses is that in order for the scheduled coming of the "Fifty Year Plan" to even be effective we will need to press the importance of more beach accesses. ■ feel the best way to address this issue is to meet with property owners and express the importance of this pressing issue and negotiate so both parties are satiated with the compromise.
6. I will approach the growth of Holden Beach while preserving our family beach environment by sticking to the orderly fashion in which we have coveted in the past. We will also have to approach and control growth of our slowly developed island by following the zoning regulations and reserving the way we have in the past.
7. My views, concerns, and solutions regarding beach erosion and Renourishment are that I would continue to work with the Corps. Of engineers and Congressman McIntyre on the Renourishment project. Seeing that now we have a legitimate amount of sand, if and when it washes away on the oceanfront we will have the option to bulldoze the sand towards the homes; henceforth, resulting in better beach protection from erosion.
8. Storm water management from my position is at a standstill. I feel with past situations we have our hands tied and we need some creative proposals to put forth or continue to push what we have in the past. I look forward to finding a solution to this issue.
9. My position regarding town sponsored trash removal programs are best organized twice in the fall and twice in the spring. This gives home and property owners an option for the designated Fall/Spring clean up.

October 13, 2003
Pat Griffin Sandifer
Question Response

1. What are your views, concerns and expectations regarding staggered terms?
Staggered terms lead to better continuity of long range goals, however, as a candidate, it is easier to commit to a two year term.
2. What are your views, concerns and expectations regarding the impact of sewer on Town ordinances?
If we continue to enforce low density ordinances now in place (height limits and set backs) sewer can only have a positive impact. Sewer will allow more diversity of locating a home on a lot.
3. What is your view on the current ordinance that limits construction to 35 feet?
Holden Beach owes much of its prosperity and desirability to those with the vision to enact this ordinance. It is an absolute must to keep and enforce this ordinance!
4. What is your view on the current ordinance limiting lot coverage to 30% ?
Our 30 % lot coverage is mandated by the State and is not optional. From a density and storm water point of view, it is a good rule!
5. What is your position ,and solution, regarding the need for increased beach access?
Several areas of the island are in great need of additional beach access ways and past boards have attempted to secure them through easements, with no success. A needs assessment should be done by an outside source to identify the locations most needed, and then offer incentives to those property owners. If that fails, the power of eminent domain for the public good should be exercised. Future Federal and State funding for beach renourishment may be adversely affected if we do nothing.

6. How will you approach growth on Holden Beach, while preserving our family beach environment?

We, on Holden Beach, are very fortunate in that, over the years, we have grown at a steady, predictable pace that has allowed us to maintain our family beach image. Investors, retirees and professionals who have come to us treasure that lifestyle. Any attempts to weaken or relax our zoning laws must be resisted.

7. What are your views, concerns and solutions regarding beach erosion and renourishment projects?

Our beach renourishment programs have made good progress over the last few years and MUST continue. This needs to be an on-going program and not just reactive. We must continue to find sources for sand and funding. It is imperative that we become part of the 50 year engineered beach program.

8. What is your position and solution to stormwater management?

N.C.State is working with Holden Beach to help us in our storm water management efforts. One of the ideas is using our septic tanks for storm water management, and if this is possible, it will help. We must have and enforce ordinances that limit post construction stormwater runoff. The future health of our canals, beaches and salt water marshes depends on an effective program.

9. What is your position regarding Town sponsored trash removal programs?

I am in favor of a Town sponsored fall and spring cleanup. It should be scheduled with the County's free dump weeks.

JACK SMITH

PROPERTY OWNERS QUESTIONS

QUESTION #1, VIEWS REGARDING STAGGERED TERMS

I AM IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING WITH THE TWO TERM SYSTEM WE PRESENTLY HAVE. IT SEEMS TO SERVE US WELL AND TO INTRODUCE A NEW SYSTEM WOULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE VOTER CONFUSION

QUESTION #2, VIEWS REGARDING THE IMPACT OF SEWER ON TOWN ORDINANCES

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SEWER WILL LIKELY CREATE SOME PRESSURES FOR CHANGES, MOST LIKELY IN THE AREA OF RESIDENTIAL LOT COVERAGE, HEIGHT, SET BACKS AND SIMILAR AREAS. WE MUST NOT BOW TO PRESSURE FOR CHANGES THAT WOULD ALTER OUR SMALL TOWN FAMILY BEACH IMAGE AND LIFESTYLE.

QUESTION#3, WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ORDINANCE THAT LIMITS HEIGHT TO 35 FT

THE 35 FT HEIGHT LIMIT IS, IN MY OPINION ONE OF THE VERY REASONS THAT HOLDEN BEACH IS RANKED NO. 8 AS A FAMILY BEACH.. TO CHANGE THIS WOULD CAUSE THE TOTAL CHARACTER AND SMALL TOWN IMAGE TO CHANGE. WE WOULD LOSE OUR UNIQUENESS THAT PEOPLE LOVE ABOUT HOLDEN BEACH. I COULD NEVER VOTE FOR A CHANGE IN THE 35FT HEIGHT LIMIT.

QUESTION #4, WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE CURRENT 30% LOT COVERAGE

THE 30% LOT COVERAGE SHOULD REMAIN AS IT IS. I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF ANY CHANGE IN LOT COVERAGE. INCREASING LOT COVERAGE WOULD DESTROY THE SMALL TOWN FAMILY BEACH IMAGE THAT WE ALL LOVE. MORE IS NOT BETTER. I COULD NOT VOTE TO CHANGE THIS ORDINANCE.

QUESTION #5, WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON INCREASED BEACH ACCESS

WE WILL HAVE TO ACQUIRE SOME ADDITIONAL PUBLIC BEACH ACCESSES TO MEET THE CORP OF ENGINEERS REQUIREMENT FOR THE "SOYEAR" PLAN. THIS IS THE CRITICAL PRIORITY. CONSIDERING THE EXPENSE AND LACK OF AVAILABILITY, ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL ACCESSES BEYOND THE CORP REQUIREMENT WOULD BE A LOWER PRIORITY.

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QUESTION #6, HOW WOULD YOU APPROACH GROWTH ON HOLDEN BEACH WHILE PRESERVING OUR FAMILY BEACH ENVIRONMENT

IN TIME MOST BUILDABLE RESIDENTIAL LOTS WILL BE BUILT ON. THE COMMERCIAL AREAS ARE WELL DEFINED BY ZONING AND CAN ONLY BE EXPANDED BY THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. IN MY OPINION WE DO NOT NEED TO EXPAND THE COMMERCIAL AREA. WHAT WE MUST DO IS TO MAINTAIN AND ENFORCE THE HEIGHT, SET BACKS, AND COVERAGE REGULATIONS. THE NEW SIGN ORDINANCE WILL CONTRIBUTE, AS NEON SIGNS ARE PROHIBITED. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT TYPES OF BUSINESS PERMITTED IN EACH ZONING AREA IS DEFINED BY ORDINANCE.

QUESTION #7, WHAT IS YOUR VIEW REGARDING BEACH EROSION AND BEACH RENOURISHMENT

IF YOU LOOK AT THE RENOURISHED AREAS OF OUR BEACH, IT IS VERY OBVIOUS THAT THIS HAS BEEN A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND BENEFICIAL PROJECT. GETTING INTO THE "50 YEAR" PLAN IS TOP PRIORITY. IN THE INTERIM, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO RENOURISH AND VEGETATE THE BEACH ON OUR OWN AS SAND IS AVAILABLE, TO PROTECT AND ENCOURAGE THE NATURAL DUNE GROWTH.

QUESTION# 8, WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

THIS IS LIKELY TO BE THE NEXT MAJOR ISSUE AFTER SEWER. WITH NO PLACE TO DISPOSE OF STORM WATER OTHER THAN BY ABSORPTION, THIS WILL BE A DIFFICULT PROBLEM TO SOLVE. IN MY OPINION THE SOLUTION IS NOT A SINGLE SOLUTION, BUT A NUMBER OF SOLUTIONS FOR DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE ISLAND. WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSION WITH NCSU FOR SEVERAL DEMONSTRATION SITES, USING VARIOUS TECHNOLOGIES AND WILL CONTINUE TO PERSUE THIS OPTION. IN THE MEAN TIME WE MUST REVIEW OUR IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE ORDINANCES TO MINIMIZE RUNOFF.

QUESTION #9, WHAT IS YOUR POSITION REGARDING TOWN SPONSORED TRASH REMOVAL IN THE SPRING AND FALL

AT THIS TIME WE GET YARD WASTE PICKUP IN THE FALL AND SPRING THROUGH OUR CONTRACT WITH WASTE INDUSTRIES. THE INDIVIDUAL OR THEIR AGENTS ARE NOW DISPOSING OF THE OTHER TYPES OF TRASH.

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JACK SMITH

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QUESTION #8, CONTINUED

THIS APPEARS TO BE WORKING; THE INDIVIDUAL HOME OWNER UNDERSTANDS THIS AS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AND HAS RESPONDED BY MAKING THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED WITH A TOWN PICKUP. THE ITEMS TO BE PICKED UP ARE OF MANY VARIOUS TYPES/MATERIALS. THE COUNTY REQUIRES TRASH TO BE SORTED BY TYPE, THE INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE HERE ON THE DESIGNATED DAY OF PICK UP, BUT STILL PUTS TRASH OUT WHERE IT WILL REMAIN. THE PROCEDURE IN PLACE NOW APPEARS TO BE WORKING THEREFORE., I DON'T SEE THE NEED AND EXPENSE TO CHANGE IT.

HBPOA Meet the Candidates Night Written Questions

By Beverle Weller

1. What are your views, concerns, and expectations regarding staggered terms?

Staggered terms for commissioners would prevent the possibility of having the entire Board change at one time with everyone new to the job. In that respect, staggered terms would be a good thing. But it would necessitate changing the length of term to four years to avoid having an election every year. Personally, I have no strong opinion either way and would encourage open discussion by those who do feel strongly, before any changes are made.

2. What are your views, concerns, and expectations regarding the impact of sewer on Town ordinances?

The sewer system should have no significant impact on current Town ordinances in areas zoned for residential use although we should be certain that lots are not combined for the sole purpose of building larger houses. Ordinances may need to be enacted or changed to preclude the possibility of unwanted businesses in areas zoned for commercial use. I feel the sewer system is needed to ensure protection of the environment, not to open our doors to bigger houses and additional commercial development. Hopefully, the sewer system will prevent pollution of our beaches, marshes and waterways. Most of the island is already platted, and with the current size of most residential lots, we have pushed the density as far as we should. Despite the number of bedrooms allowed, our infrastructure (water, roads, etc.) cannot sustain a significantly larger population than we currently have each July. If any ordinance changes are entertained, it must be to encourage lower density, not higher.

3. What is your position (view) on the current ordinance that limits construction to thirty five (35) feet?

I am absolutely opposed to changing the height limit in either residential or commercially zoned areas! Thirty-five feet allows room for two story homes on pilings, as currently required. Even with a limited "footprint," this allows beach cottages that fit with the family beach concept. We cannot continue to call ourselves the "Family Beach" and persist in building larger houses.

4. What is your position (view) on the current ordinance limiting lot coverage to thirty (30) percent?

My understanding is that limited lot coverage is intended to encourage drainage of rainwater into the ground. For those of us who are full-time residents, it is no secret that we have a run off problem. Therefore, I see the 30% lot coverage as assisting with two problems-street flooding and residential density. The ordinance should not be changed.

5. What is your position (and solution) regarding the need for increased beach access?

The biggest problem, of course, is space to provide beach access and parking. If the town owns land, or could acquire land either by purchase or grant, beach access and public parking should be made available as soon as possible. The Corps of Engineers Fifty-Year Plan, which we hope can be fully implemented on Holden Beach, requires more access than we currently have, so some changes must be made. We have also been made aware that if we provide more public parking and access to the beach, state and federal funds are more readily available

for rebuilding following disasters. Beach access is currently listed, and should remain, a high priority in the Capital Improvements Plan.

6. How will you approach growth on Holden Beach, while preserving our Family Beach environment?

If by "growth" you mean more and larger houses and additional businesses, I am not sure that growth and Family Beach environment are compatible. I am aware that we cannot (and should not) completely stop growth, as more people become familiar with our wonderful island. But, we must *control* the amount and type of growth, if we have any hope of maintaining a Family Beach atmosphere.

7. What are your views, concerns and solutions regarding beach erosion and renourishment projects?

My primary concern regarding beach erosion is how uncontrollable it is. We don't have any way to know when the next storm will hit, or the damage it may do. The many aspects of constant renourishment are essential to keep abreast of continuing erosion. It is, and will remain, an endless task that includes not only bringing in sand, but also maintaining vegetation on the dunes. The Holden Beach Renourishment Association is doing a great job in this arena and should have the full support and encouragement of town officials and all citizens. Hopefully, no one has forgotten the lessons learned from Hurricane Floyd and we will continue working together to protect and preserve our beach. Shore protection and maintenance are currently listed, and should remain, a high priority in the Capital Improvements Plan.

8. What is your position (and solution) to stormwater management?

Since there are severe restrictions on what we can do with, and where we can place collected stormwater, there is very little the Town can do. Stormwater is admittedly a problem, and there may be some short-term answers to these problems that we could and should look into. Drainage easements have been recommended and may be feasible. Any action in this area must remain on hold until the State Division of Water Quality provides consistent direction regarding stormwater policies. Stormwater systems and drainage easements are both listed as high priority in the Capital Improvements Plan.

9. What is your position regarding Town sponsored trash removal programs (i.e. Fall & Spring clean up)?

There are two types of Spring and Fall trash removal programs. Town-sponsored removal of yard debris is very important to many of us who make our full-time home on the island. This program, which is conducted twice monthly in the spring and fall by the same company that picks up our garbage, goes a long way to encourage residents to do needed yard work and helps to keep our island looking neat and clean. The second type of clean up program is removal of household goods (appliances, furniture, etc.) and until a couple of years ago was done twice each year by town employees. If that program is to be reimplemented, it should be contracted out, not performed by town employees, and the service should only be provided during the occasions that the county has no "tipping" fees at the landfill.