

# **2012 SOUTH BETHANY COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW**

The Planning Commission has reviewed the 2006 Comprehensive Development Plan and recommends the following updates for 2012:

## **Vision Statement**

To continue to develop the Town into a well-maintained, single family community serving residents with an inclusive, transparent and responsive government, and an infrastructure that is committed to the enhancement of a safe, healthy and attractive lifestyle, while preserving and improving its natural and man-made assets.

## **Cover Page:**

Update Town Council, Planning Commission, and Staff member lists

## **Page 6, Title:**

Replace “2006” with 2012.

## **Page 7, Introduction:**

Replace the last paragraph on Page 7 with the following:

The basis for this Plan was the South Bethany community survey approved on March 11, 2011 by the Town Council and completed with compiled results in July, 2011. A copy of this Community Survey can be found in Appendix A.

## **Page 7, The 2000 Comprehensive Plan:**

Eliminate entire paragraph

## **Page 8, Goals of the 2012 CDP:**

Remove “Improve access to emergency health care”

## **Page 9, Planning and Zoning Implementation Strategies**

Remove “Make efforts to improve emergency health care”

## **Page 9-10, Replace Infrastructure and Environment Implementation Strategies with:**

### **Infrastructure**

- Continue to control storm water along Town streets as recommended in the 1995 report issued by George Miles & Buhr Architects (GMB) & Engineers to

minimize flooding and allow some time for storm water to be absorbed by the ground

- Document existing drains; ensure they are not plugged and utilize perforated pipe to allow storm water to be absorbed by the ground
- Request input from homeowners on specific problem areas
- Encourage homeowners to fill low spots or build rain gardens and grade toward property lines
- Consider check valves in drains to prevent backflow during high tides
- Accept flooding during high tides. If roads are raised, then property flooding would increase
- Consider replacement of existing street lights with fixtures that minimize side glare
- Solicit cost/foot estimates for underground electric, phone, and cable installation and survey the town residents as appropriate

### **Beach**

- Annually set aside funds for future beach replenishment
- Maintain beach cleanliness and safety

### **Canals**

- Continue to implement recommendations from the 2010 Anchorage Canal Drainage Area Study such as the Route 1 median project
- Continue to educate homeowners about water quality initiatives and actions they can take to improve canal water quality such as avoiding discharge of grass clippings into the canals, minimizing use of fertilizer, use of rain gardens for storm water, disconnecting downspouts and outside shower drains that discharge into the canal
- Continue the Town beautification and canal cleaning volunteer programs
- Continue to participate in the Citizens Monitoring Program for water quality and the oyster gardening program
- Review the results of the canal aeration pilot project and consider extending it for low oxygen areas in canals if appropriate
- Continue to pursue options to mitigate the formation of algae through reduced nutrient load and/or improved circulation at the canal dead end locations
- Provide an annual budget item for future canal dredging

### **Wetlands**

- Preserve Town owned wetlands

## **SUMMARY OF THE 2011 SURVEY OF TOWN PROPERTY OWNERS**

This survey was drafted by the Planning Commission during the Fall of 2010 and sent to Martin Wollaston, a policy scientist from the University of Delaware Institute for Public Administration for a professional review. The Town Council reviewed the draft survey and comments provided by Martin Wollaston during a Workshop meeting on January 27, 2011. The survey was reviewed line-by-line during the February 24, 2011 Workshop and submitted to the Town Council for approval on March 11, 2011. The approved survey was sent to 1,317 property owners on March 22, 2011 with a return due date of May 2, 2011. In addition to soliciting opinions and priorities related to a wide range of community issues, the survey included several open-ended questions to ensure that the survey respondents could raise any issues which may not have been anticipated.

The Town received a total of 860 responses (65%) to the survey. Results indicated the needs of the Town are being met. Overall respondents were satisfied with current conditions and agreed that the Town's future priorities should focus on maintaining a replenished beach and maintaining dredged canals.

The Results Report for the 2011 Town of South Bethany Comprehensive Plan Community Survey (Reference 1) is available on the Town website. It reflects the general belief that the property owners would like to see the Town of South Bethany remain a single-family, home-resort community with improvements to transportation, public safety preparedness, governmental services, and environmental conditions. The survey demonstrated that the property owners share the belief that development pressures have increased in the last 10 years and that the resulting traffic and congestion reduce the quality of life within the Town and surrounding areas. The property owners value the family atmosphere as well as peace and quiet within the community.

Development has slowed due to the recession starting in 2008. The question of development within and surrounding the Town continues to be a concern. Planning and land use are important issues. Additionally, enforcement of building and zoning codes concerns many property owners.

The environment and quality of life issues that concern the property owners are consistent with the primary objectives and activities of South Bethany. Property owners continue to be concerned about the cleanliness and long-term replenishment of the beach, the canal water quality, and usability of the canals that serve their community, as well as property appearance maintenance and beautification even though the town has made significant progress in all of these areas in the last five years.

Replace Pages 17-26 with the following:

## **SOUTH BETHANY TODAY**

The 2010 raw Census data relevant to South Bethany is provided in Reference 2. It includes population and housing figures for Delaware, Sussex County and South Bethany. Reference 3 also includes a summary of South Bethany and Sussex County data from the 2000 Census. Strikingly, the data reflect that South Bethany's population actually decreased 8.7% from 492 to 449 over the 10 year period. During the same time Sussex County's population increased 25.8% from 156, 638 to 197,145.

It should be noted that Census figures count all persons, though errors, omissions and over-counts often occur. Such errors have a minimal effect on large populations but are magnified in small populations. Consequently, the figures should be viewed with that in mind.

Page 27, Add the following second paragraph under "The Effects of Changing Demographics Within South Bethany"

South Bethany continues to maintain its single family residential community basis. From and including 2006 to June 30, 2012, there have been 34 new housing starts. One parcel of land continues to be designated for C-1 commercial use, the York Beach Mall area. There have been no annexations of additional land.

Page 30, Replace 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph with the following:

In addition, Paragraph 145-36 of the South Bethany Code was modified to limit the area of the commercial zone, C-1, to the existing square footage and to set a minimum number of commercial establishments on the property. Parking area was also limited to the existing area and the building height limit was set at the current building height.

Pages 34-43, Replace with the following:

## **ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE**

### **Environment**

The main environmental goals identified by the 2011 Town Survey are beach replenishment, canal dredging, and improving canal water quality. Since 2006 several projects have been identified and funded to dredge some of the town canals, reduce the nutrient load into the canals and improve dissolved oxygen levels during the summer months. Beach replenishment with federal and state funds was accomplished twice in this period after erosion caused by coastal storms.

Town owned wetlands must also be protected to comply with provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act and the Code of the State of Delaware.

The beach and canals are South Bethany's greatest assets. Improving and maintaining canal water quality requires citizen participation as well as support from the State to reduce nutrient runoff from Route 1.

### **Canal Water Quality**

South Bethany's canals provide an excellent recreational opportunity for many homeowners and guests. Residents placed canal water quality third on a list of 15 future town needs identified in the 2011 Community Survey.

Water quality in the South Bethany canals is affected by discharge of storm water into the canals, and the addition of nutrients from lawn maintenance, grass clippings, animal waste, and outdoor shower and roof gutter discharge into the canals. The objective is to improve water quality so that canals are swimmable (low bacteria count) and fishable (adequate dissolved oxygen). Educational programs should continue to advise property owners on good practices to improve water quality.

Approximately 65 acres of the Route 1 corridor from north of Sea Colony to York Road on the south end drain into South Bethany's canals through a system of catch basins and drain pipes. A map of the storm water drainage area is provided in Appendix E. In 2004 a forebay was constructed at the east end of Anchorage canal to collect the storm water from the 65 acre northern corridor area along Route 1. The forebay acts as a "holding tank" to allow the pollutants in the storm water to settle to the bottom before discharging into the canal. The effectiveness of the forebay is limited by its small size relative to the amount of storm water discharging into it.

The Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) conducted a study in 2010 to determine the best method for mitigating the nutrient runoff into the canals from the 65 acre corridor. As a result of this study, the Town, in partnership with the Center for Inland Bays, DelDOT, the University of Delaware, and surrounding communities of Middlesex Beach and Sea Colony, built bio-retention areas in front of Sea Colony, on the west side of Route 1, and in the median to collect and retain storm water before it reaches the canals. The ponds allow most of the storm water to be absorbed by the ground to filter out pollutants before reaching the canals. The bio retention ponds were excavated around existing drains so that the drains are elevated above the bottom of the pond and provide overflow protection. The ponds are landscaped with native trees and shrubs that stabilize the soil and improve the appearance of the median. Grants for this work were provided by DelDOT, the Center for Inland Bays, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Delaware Department of Agriculture Forestry Service, and the Town of South Bethany. While the bio-retention ponds should reduce the nutrient load into the canals, additional measures were recommended by the CIB study to improve water quality and should be implemented.

Retention of storm water in Town street drains to mitigate nutrient runoff into the canals where possible is also planned. Standpipes will be installed in existing catch basins to raise the water level, and the bottom of the basin will be perforated to allow the water to soak into the ground to filter out the nutrients before entering the canal.

Funds were allocated by the Town for a pilot project to aerate one of the canals that has low oxygen levels consistently during the summer. Aeration provided by a land mounted compressor will pump air through hoses to several diffusers located on the bottom of the canal. As the air then bubbles to the surface, oxygen increases and circulation improves. The compressor uses electricity and will be located near a utility pole. A similar arrangement is operating in the retention pond of a nearby community. If the aeration system is successful in increasing oxygen levels, the Town should consider using the diffusers in other areas with low oxygen levels in the summer.

Residents have been advised to avoid discharging grass clippings into the canal, to use fertilizer sparingly, and to incorporate rain gardens where possible to capture pollutants from the first flush of storm water. Additional voluntary actions requested should include disconnecting downspouts and outdoor showers from drains leading directly to canals. Ordinances address these last issues for new construction.

Some bayside residents participate in an oyster gardening program sponsored by The Center for the Inland Bays. The CIB provides floats and cages with oyster spat to resident volunteers who tie the float to their dock or bulkhead. The oysters are periodically rinsed and measured as they mature over a period of 2 to 2 ½ years when they are removed and “planted” in a suitable location in the bay for regeneration. The oysters filter the water as they are growing and help improve the water quality. Participation in the program is growing and the CIB plans to advocate for legislation supporting commercial oyster farming for the Inland Bays.

Volunteers have been participating in the Citizen Monitoring Program administered by the University of Delaware for 20 years. Currently, ten volunteers in South Bethany measure dissolved oxygen, salinity, temperature, and turbidity at ten sites in Town and six sites in the Little Assawoman Bay. Water samples are collected for nutrients, bacteria, and harmful algae blooms once a week in the summer and once a month in the winter. The University of Delaware oversees the Citizen Monitoring Program and collects the data from many towns in the inland bay area and reports results once a month in the summer. The data provide a record of the canal water quality as well as a basis for comparison with other segments of the Inland Bays. South Bethany should continue to participate in The Citizen Monitoring Program.

### **Beach Issues**

The ocean, beach, and canals have been recognized as primary reasons for the existence and prosperity of South Bethany. Protecting and maintaining these resources is essential for the Town and its property owners.

## **Cleanliness**

The 2011 town survey notes that 91% of residents are either very satisfied or satisfied with beach cleaning services. The town continues to devote sufficient resources to daily beach cleaning during the tourist season and as needed cleaning during the off season. No specific change in policy, resource allocation, or direction seems needed.

## **Replenishment**

Much has improved since the 2006 CDP. There have been two large beach replenishment projects completed with Federal and State funds. In 2008 the beach was widened and a 16 foot dune was built to protect oceanfront properties. Both were subsequently heavily damaged by a series of northeast storms in 2009, and were repaired in late 2011. The beach is in excellent condition and continues to be a major town and community asset. The 2011 town survey reflects that 93% were in favor of maintaining the town's greatest asset. When respondents were asked to prioritize future needs, 410 respondents stated "Maintain Replenished Beach" was the 1st of 15, and 55% of those were willing to have taxes increased for that purpose. Considering the uncertainty of obtaining Federal funds in the future, the Town should set aside funds annually for future beach replenishment.

## **Beach Accessibility**

Much has also improved in beach accessibility since 2006. Seventeen ~~17~~ over-the- dune walkways have been installed.

In 2011 the town experimented with Mobi-Mats to facilitate walking over the dune. The 2011 survey indicates that 63% of respondents who had an opinion felt that they were not needed. When asked about Future Needs, Mobi-Mats scored 9<sup>th</sup> out of 15. The town has purchased several sets of these mats but does not plan to purchase more.

When questioned about installing hand rails on the dune 59% of those with an opinion responded that they are either not needed or wanted. However, when asked to prioritize Future Needs they scored rather high at 5<sup>th</sup> out of 15. There are no current plans to install hand rails.

One handicap boardwalk is installed at S 3<sup>rd</sup> St. In response to the question about installing two additional handicap boardwalks across the dune, 59% of those with an opinion said they were not needed or wanted. However, when asked to prioritize future needs handicap boardwalks scored 4<sup>th</sup> of 15. There are no current plans to install additional handicap boardwalks.

## **Canal Maintenance**

Several initiatives have been taken to improve canal appearance and cleanliness. An Adopt-a- Canal program solicited volunteers to plant and maintain shrubs and flowers at the canal dead ends. A volunteer program to remove trash and debris from canals has also started. These programs should be continued.

In the spring, macroalgae often form in areas with poor circulation and high nutrients. These algae were abundant in the spring of 2012 covering the full width of many canal dead ends located adjacent to Route 1. The algae are unsightly and contribute to low oxygen levels in the water as they decay. The current solution is to request DNREC to remove the algae with a mechanized harvester built for this purpose. The Town should continue to pursue options to mitigate the formation of algae through reduced nutrient load and/or improved circulation, especially at the dead end locations.

## **Canal Dredging**

Respondents in the 2011 Community Survey placed “Maintain Dredged Canals” 2nd in a list of 15 future needs. Ninety percent of those with an opinion said maintaining dredged canals was either needed or very much needed. Of the 322 respondents who selected “Maintain Dredged Canals” as a top priority 57% were willing to have taxes increased for that purpose.

Occasional dredging of the canals is necessary to remove silt deposited during storms to improve water circulation and maintain adequate depth for boat navigation. A survey was made in 2009 that identified canal areas with a depth of less than 3 feet at mean low tide, and dredging was done in the 2009/2010 time period at a cost to the Town of over \$300K. At the same time DNREC dredged the Assawoman Canal to facilitate improved boat navigation and water circulation between Little Assawoman Bay and Indian River Bay. Since canal dredging is expensive and has been identified as an important future need, the Town should set aside money each year for this purpose.

## **Tidal Pump**

A Tidal Pump has been considered in the past to improve canal water circulation and water quality. The concept is to install piping between the ocean and the canals to allow an exchange of water driven by relative tide changes. A Town funded study showed the concept would reduce residence time in the canals from 120 days to just a few days. The estimated cost for the system was \$7M and would take approximately 2 years to complete. The proposal was not accepted by DNREC in part because the beneficial effects would be limited to the Town and would not appreciably affect the inland bays. Consequently, the Tidal Pump project is not viable at this time.

## **Wetlands**

The Town owns environmentally sensitive wetlands that must be maintained. Regulatory protection of wetlands is mandated under Federal 404 provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act. Tidal wetlands are also protected by the State of Delaware Code under Title 7, Chapter 66. Compliance with these statutes may require approval of the Army Corps of Engineers and/or DNREC.

## **Town Hall and Police Facilities**

The Town has constructed a separate Town Hall facility with offices and meeting rooms for the Mayor, Town Council, Town Manager, and Staff. It is located adjacent to the building for the Police Department which formerly housed both the town government and the Police Department.

## **Recreational Park**

A recreational park to be located in the triangular wooded parcel east of Town Hall was considered by the Town in 2010. Facilities such as playground equipment, exercise stations, and a pavilion were suggested as possibilities for the park. A survey was mailed to property owners to assess interest in the park in November, 2010. Seventy three percent of property owners responded to the survey and 81 percent of the respondents were not in favor of the park. The triangular wooded parcel east of Town Hall should remain in its current state.

Replace Pages 44-46 with the following:

### **TOWN FINANCES (BUDGET AND FINANCE)**

The Town is in sound financial condition. The pie charts provided on the following page show the percentage of General fund revenues and General fund expenses as of April 30, 2012.

Detailed spreadsheets for Revenues and Expenses can be accessed at the Town of South Bethany website, [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org) . Click on, "Budget and Finance" on the column on the left side of the home page.

An area of revenue concern is transfer tax. This is significantly down due to the slow real estate market. Projections for this revenue stream remain very conservative. The Council also continues to review other revenue opportunities, eg. property tax increase, construction fees, and fees for non-reporting of rental income. These areas of possible income should continue to be reviewed and studied.

The Town continues to review expense cuts. The budget is very lean. The Council pursues Federal, State and County grants when available to mitigate expenses and has had success in this area.

The FY 2012 Revenue/Expense Recap (Operating Budget) is provided on the following pages. It reflects a surplus of \$181,000 for FY 2012. The 2013 Budget has been approved and can be viewed on the South Bethany website.

Replace Pages 47-48 with the following:

## **STREETS AND PARKING**

### **Drainage**

The 2011 Community Survey conducted in April showed 78% of respondents who had an opinion (594) were satisfied with the Town's storm water management. There were 68 written comments identifying 11 streets that respondents stated had "large puddles", or "flooding", or "too much standing water".

Standing water or flooding on town roads can be caused by inadequate drainage, low road elevation, private property grading, or extreme high tides that breach the bulkheads or allow backflow through the drain pipe. Observations after Hurricane Irene in late August 2011 indicated minimal issues with storm water control. Flooding occurred in some low lying lots and low lying roads due to the extreme high tide that back flowed storm drains and overflowed bulkheads.

Initiatives to address this issue include:

- Document all storm water drain locations and their condition
- Request input from homeowners to identify specific problem areas
- Encourage homeowners to grade their property toward property lines so that water will flow toward the street
- Encourage property owners to fill low areas or convert low areas into rain gardens
- Consider check valves in some storm water drains to prevent back flow during high tide events
- Provide contour maps of property elevation in South Bethany to help property owners understand the flooding issue
- Accept flooding during extreme high tides. If roads were raised, then property flooding would be worse.

### **Speed**

The speed limit on Town streets is 20 mph, and on Route 1 it is 35 mph within Town boundaries. Three stoplights on Route 1 at York Rd, Layton Rd, and Evergreen Rd. control traffic so that pedestrians can more easily and more safely cross Route 1. Speed bumps are used on some streets to actively control speed.

## **Evacuation Routes**

Emergency evacuation routes for Bethany Beach area have been established by Sussex County and the State of Delaware. The three primary routes are: Route 1 north to Kent County; Route 26 west to US 113 north; and County Road 361 (Kent Avenue) to State Route 20.

The State of Delaware ordered a mandatory evacuation of all areas within 0.75 miles of the coast for Hurricane Irene in late August, 2011. The evacuation was successfully executed in South Bethany.

## **Landscaping**

Shrubs and flowers are planted at both the northern and southern approaches to the Town along Route 1 and along the walkway on the west side of Route 1. In 2011, the Town Beautification Committee and Water Quality Committee joined forces to enhance the west side walkway and Route 1 median strip with tree and shrub plantings in bio retention areas that allow storm water to be absorbed by the ground rather than directly discharge into the canal. The Beautification Committee also initiated an “Adopt a Canal End” program which allows residents to adopt a Town-owned street/canal end and landscape the area to improve appearance and water absorption.

The 2011 Community Survey showed 90% of 788 responses with an opinion were either satisfied or very satisfied with the maintenance of the Town landscaping.

## **Parking**

Permit parking on the east side of Route 1 is required from May 15 through September 15. This practice should be continued. Parking permits are not required on the west side of Route 1.

## **Bicycle Paths and Street Walkways**

Bicycle paths are located along the east and west sides of Route 1. Street walkways are located along the west side of Route 1 and along the southern end of York Road.

Bicyclists are not permitted on walkways. Additional bike and street paths on Town streets are not planned at this time due to limited street width and right of way.

Additional pavement also increases the discharge of pollutants into the canals during storms. Sixty two percent of 738 respondents with an opinion thought additional bike and walking paths were not needed or not wanted in the 2011 Community Survey.

## **Street Maintenance**

Ocean Drive, the Town’s most eastern street that runs parallel to the beach, was repaved in 2011 at a cost of \$88,341.88. Within the last two years, the Town began a permitting process for cuts and bores made in and under town streets to accommodate utilities. It

sets standards for cuts made into the road and their repair and allows the Town to track road cuts and bores.

The Town has one truck equipped with a snowplow and plans to have a second when the Beach Patrol truck is replaced. The use of salt to melt snow and ice is restricted to intersections to minimize cost and limit runoff of salt into the canals.

The 2011 Community Survey indicated 90% of the respondents who had an opinion were satisfied or very satisfied with street maintenance and 90% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with snow removal.

Replace Pages 49-51 with the following:

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Five public utilities serve South Bethany to provide water, sewer, electricity, propane, and cable/telephone. The utilities are listed in Appendix C.

### **Public Water Supply**

The South Bethany water system provides water service to over 98 percent of the Town's residents. A limited number of residents have elected to continue using their own wells. The underground system was completed in 1999 and is owned and operated by Artesian Water Company. The primary sources of water are two wells, each with a capacity of 1,500 gpm, and located on the grounds of Town Hall. Water is pumped to an elevated tank with a 500,000 gallon storage capacity. The system is capable of supplying 2.0 million gallons per day. Water is treated for iron removal, disinfection (chlorine), corrosion control (phosphate), pH control (sodium hydroxide), and it is also treated with fluoride.

When water demand is reduced in the off season, the South Bethany facility goes off line and water is provided by Artesian's Bayville facility located off Route 54 west of Fenwick Island. The Bayville facility has two wells, each with a capacity of 700 gpm and a storage tank with a capacity of one million gallons.

### **Wastewater**

South Bethany is one of 12 Sewer Districts that use the South Coastal Region wastewater treatment facility operated by Sussex County. The facility is located at Beaver Dam Road and has a capacity of 9 million gallons/day. Treated wastewater is discharged into the ocean, approximately one mile offshore from a location between Bethany Beach and Sea Colony.

The County has recently upgraded the four wet pumps located within the Town.

## **Electricity**

At the present time, approximately 40% of Town residents are served with underground electric, telephone, and cable wires. Underground electric service reduces outages during storms and improves the aesthetic environment. The Delaware Public Service Commission requires new services be installed underground. The 2011 Community Survey did not include this issue due to unsubstantiated cost estimates. The Town should solicit cost/foot estimates for underground electric, cable, and phone services and survey residents as appropriate.

A system of pole mounted street lights are installed on many streets within the Town. The results of the 2011 Community Survey showed 69% of those with an opinion said more street lights are not needed or not wanted. The Town should investigate a means to reduce side glare from existing lights without compromising good vision at street level.

## **Cable**

Cable service for television, telephone, and the Internet is provided by Mediacom. Competing landline and internet service is provided by Verizon and competing television service is provided by satellite carriers. The Community Survey conducted in April, 2011 showed 53% of the 704 respondents with an opinion were either “Not Satisfied” or “Very Unsatisfied” with the Mediacom service.

The Towns of South Bethany, Bethany Beach, Millville, and Ocean View formed the Southern Delaware Cable Consortium and contracted with a Cohen Law Group to negotiate a new cable franchise agreement for the individual towns.

A town wide Wi-Fi service was investigated in 2012. The large seasonal variation in town population would increase costs to town residents. Potential legal issues with the cable provider and near term upgrading of existing cell phone networks were additional reasons to not pursue a town wide Wi-Fi service.

## **Propane**

Propane is delivered to homes either in underground pipes owned by Sharp Energy Co. or by truck from another provider that refills tanks mounted outside the home. The underground pipes deliver propane from an underground tank located near Town Hall. This arrangement eliminates the gas tank at individual homes and reduces truck traffic on town roads.

Replace Pages 55-56 with the following:

### **PRIORITIES**

The 2011 Community Survey identified beach replenishment and canal dredging as the most important future needs with 55% and 57% respectively willing to increase taxes for that purpose. The Survey also indicated property owners are generally satisfied with the Town the way it is. That said, continued attention and improvement to the following items are important to the property owners:

- Maintain a clean, accessible, and safe beach
- Improve canal water quality
- Maintain the canals
- Maintain sound financial and budgeting practices
- Ensure uniform enforcement of ordinances and laws
- Ensure uniform enforcement of building codes
- Maintain streets, walkways, and landscaping
- Continue current level of town services

Page 58, replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraphs with the following:

Each year as part of its annual report, the Town Council should include a review of the Comprehensive Plan describing what was implemented in that year and what is planned for the next year.

The Planning Commission hopes this Plan will be used, modified, and enacted in a continual manner for the betterment of our Town.

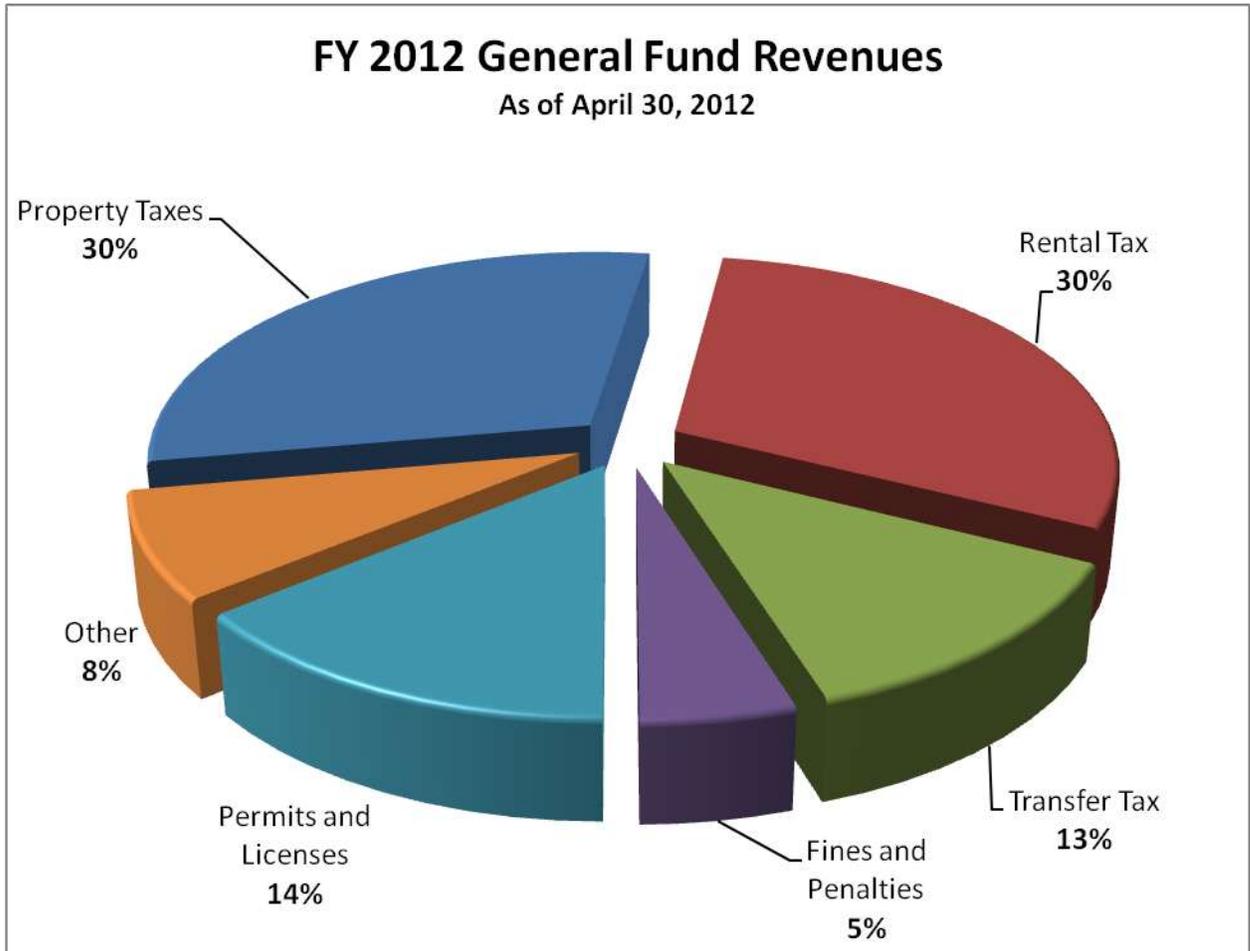
## APPENDICES

### Appendix A FY 2012 General Revenues

#### References

1. Town of South Bethany Community Survey April 2011 Comprehensive Plan Community Survey Results Report – July 2011. (See Town Website)
2. South Bethany 2010 U.S. Census Data, Sussex County 2010 Census Data
3. Sussex County 2010 Census Data broken down by various measures. See [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov), Fact Finder, 2010 Population Finder, 2010 Demographic Profile

**Appendix A**



# FY 2012 General Fund Expenses

As of April 30, 2012

