

<b>TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JULY 13, 2012</b>
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**ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT: Mayor Kathy Jankowski; Councilpersons Al Rae, Jim Gross, Pat Voveris, George Junkin, Sue Callaway, and Mark Damato; Beach Patrol Captain, Ben Chandlee; Cpl. Mark Burton; and Administrative Assistant Pam Smith

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Town Manager Melvin Cusick

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Jankowski called the July 13, 2012, Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**RECOGNITION RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor Jankowski thanked Jay Headman and John Fields for their service to the South Bethany community.

- **Resolution 4-12, A Resolution to Recognize Jay Headman**

Mayor Jankowski presented Resolution No. 4-12 to Jay Headman. Mr. Headman thanked the Council and said it was a privilege and an honor to work with the Town. He stated that South Bethany is an excellent town with an excellent staff and an excellent Council.

- **Resolution 5-12, A Resolution to Recognize John Fields**

Mayor Jankowski presented Resolution No. 5-12 to John Fields. Mr. Fields thanked Mayor Jankowski and the Council for passing Resolution No. 5-12. He stated that it had been a pleasure to have worked on the Council for 8 years. Mr. Fields thanked the property owners for electing him.

**PROPERTY OWNERS' PARTICIPATION**

- **Jean Bohner (120 New Castle Dr.)** – Stated that she has sent in two letters to the Town regarding lifeguard training expressing her concerns that the guards do not seem to be trained in heavy surf. Ms. Bohner stated that the only response she had received was a letter from the Beach Patrol Captain, but she feels his letter did not address specifically the concerns she had raised. Referring to a couple of days when Ms. Bohner said South Bethany's beach was the only major beach in the area closed due to heavy surf, Ms. Bohner said she would like to see the lifeguards practicing in those heavy surf days. Ms. Bohner asked what happens when someone with a genuine concern sends in a letter and does not hear anything back. Mayor Jankowski stated that she had sent a letter back to Ms. Bohner. The Administrative Assistant stated that the letter from Mayor Jankowski to Ms. Bohner was mailed a couple of days ago. Mayor Jankowski stated that she had met with the Town Manager and the Beach Patrol Captain and discussed and addressed all of the issues raised in Ms. Bohner's letters. Mayor Jankowski said that the Town considers safety more importantly than anything else. Mayor Jankowski stated that in some of the circumstances when South Bethany's beach was closed, Middlesex and Sea Colony were also closed. Mayor Jankowski also noted that conditions can change along the beach. Mayor Jankowski asked the Beach Patrol Captain if he had anything to add. He stated that the lifeguards were practicing on those days, but they may not have been practicing in Ms. Bohner's proximity. He said the guards were practicing on Stand 9 on the day that Ms. Bohner was referring to. Captain Chandlee stated that he feels very confident with every one of his guards in those conditions. He said that on the dates the water was closed, the Town was issued a warning (in a report that comes to the Town Manager) that rip currents would be fatal if people were in them. Captain Chandlee stated that the guards had warned individuals on those days not to

go in the water, and every individual that was warned on those two days ended up having to be pulled (rescued) out of the water by the guards. The Beach Patrol Captain stated that if the Town receives a report that there are life-threatening conditions, that is enough for him to realize it is not necessary to put anybody in those conditions. The Beach Patrol Captain stated that it is not a matter of the competence of the lifeguards – it is a matter of the competence of other swimmers. Captain Chandlee said it is the Beach Patrol's approach to eliminate or prevent injuries or accidents before they happen. Captain Chandlee stated that he appreciates Ms. Bohner's concerns and anytime she would like to set up a meeting, he would be happy to meet with her.

- Tom Roche (141 Henlopen Dr.) – Asked what the status is on the TV (cable) contract. Mayor Jankowski stated that the towns (South Bethany, Millville, Bethany Beach, and Ocean View) have gone together to negotiate with Mediacom. The lawyer for the towns has looked over the contract and has sent back comments to the towns. Mayor Jankowski, Bob Cestone, and the Town Manager reviewed the contract and sent forth their comments to Millville's Town Manager who is arranging the group meeting of all the towns to go over the contract. A date for the group meeting has not been set yet. Mayor Jankowski asked Mr. Cestone if he wanted to add any details. Mr. Cestone stated that there is not too much the towns can demand because they are not really regulated. The towns can require Mediacom to meet the FCC Rules and Regulations and they can establish the franchise fee that the Town's property owners pay. Mr. Cestone stated that the next step is for the other towns to submit their comments and meet again to establish what comments the towns will go back to Mediacom with. Mr. Cestone stated that this is all channeled through the attorney that the towns hired. The attorney is experienced in dealing with franchise agreements with cable companies. Mr. Cestone noted that the Town's current agreement expires in the middle of November. Councilwoman Callaway asked if the 11 pages of comments that the Council submitted had been acknowledged. Mayor Jankowski stated that she would take a look at it to see if the comments were addressed. Mayor Jankowski noted that the length of the contract has been changed from 15 years to 5 years.
- Mary Suazo (7 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.) – Inquired if the Town's new trash cans on Ocean Drive were for recycling. Ms. Suazo stated that she has seen people throw dog waste into the cans. Mayor Jankowski stated that the cans were not for recycling and she encouraged people to throw dog waste in the cans instead of leaving it on the road. Councilman Junkin noted that there are recycling cans on the beach. Ms. Suazo reminded Council to watch carefully to see that the trash pickup and recycling pickup is working through the summer, especially keeping Ocean Drive clean. Ms. Suazo expressed her appreciation to the Community Enhancement Committee on the beautiful job done on the trash bins and flowers on Ocean Drive.
- Mary Suazo (7S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.) – As President of the Historical Society, Ms. Suazo was pleased to announce that they had started with 15 members 2 ½ years ago and today she just enrolled their 60<sup>th</sup> member. Ms. Suazo encouraged people to join even if they do not have the time to come to the meetings. She said that by becoming a member and giving the \$15 membership donation helps because the Historical Society needs the financial support. Ms. Suazo said that the Historical Society is trying to put together a list of all the people that have been property owners in South Bethany from the 1950s and 1960s in an effort to try and interview them. She asked that if you know of anyone, to please let the Historical Society know.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENTATION – SOUTH BETHANY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 5 YEAR REVIEW**

Dick Oliver, Planning Commission Chairman, stated that the Town has to develop a Comprehensive Plan every 10 years and the Town is also required to update their Comprehensive Plan every 5 years. The Planning Commission used the Town Survey results as well as various other source materials for the 5-year review. The Planning Commission members met and separated portions of the Comprehensive Plan and did the updates. The Planning Commission will meet on August 1 to do more work on this. The Planning Commission expects to have its work completed for submission to Council before the end of August. Councilman Gross clarified that the annual report to the State is a progress report on what has been accomplished during that year. He added that the 5-year review is

not a look back but a look at what the Town should do in the future. Mr. Oliver stated that the Planning Commission is also looking at updating the vision statement for the Comprehensive Plan to make it more comprehensive.

### **LEADERSHIP REPORTS**

- **Mayor's Report**—Mayor Jankowski reported:

The July 12 BBVFC Ambulance Service Sponsors Meeting was cancelled because of the large fire in north Bethany on Wednesday night. The fire company was engrossed in that from 8:30 at night until 3:00 the next afternoon.

Mayor Jankowski, Councilwoman Callaway, Councilman Damato, and the Town Manager participated in the beach replenishment celebration in Rehoboth Beach on July 3. Governor Markell, Senator Carper, and Senator Coons were there to recognize the completion of the beach replenishment project from Lewes to Fenwick Island.

- **Town Manager's Report**—Melvin Cusick reported:

In the Town Manager's absence, there was no report.

At this time, Beach Patrol Captain Ben Chandlee gave the following report:

#### **South Bethany Beach Patrol Report - June (6-9-2012) to July (7-13-2012):**

**Rescues to Date: 45**

#### **First Aid Incidents:**

- (6-20-2012) – Female severely lacerated her lip upon impact in shore break. Sent to Beebe Medical for stitches.
- (6-23-2012) – Victim sent to Beebe Medical for fish hook through foot.
- (6-26-2012) – Spinal Injury near Stand 7, Male age 8, Bethany Ambulance responded and transported victim to Beebe Medical in Lewis.
- (6-28-2012) – Ankle Sprain, Stand 1, Female age 13, Family transported her for further care.
- (6-28-2012) – Spinal Injury, Stand 1 and 2, Male age 16, Bethany Ambulance responded and transported victim to Beebe Medical in Lewis
- (7-2-2012) – Stand 4, Female age 12, Following impact from shore break victim complained of neck and back pain. Ambulance responded, Doctors released her following Father's request.
- (7-11-2012) – Stand 7, Male age 58, Collapsed from heart attack. Beach Patrol responded along with DNREC, Bethany Fire and Ambulance, and South Bethany Police. Individual was transported to Beebe Medical in Lewis for further treatment. He was released Friday (7-13-2012) from medical care alive and well. (During discussion Captain Chandlee stated that rookie guards were the first to respond and without their response the man may not have survived. Also, the AED donated by the South Bethany Property Owners Association was used and played a part in saving his life. Captain Chandlee stated that he could not thank the SBPOA enough for that. Captain Chandlee said that the DNREC worker who was working on the dune fence happened to be a volunteer fire fighter and had the foresight to back up his flatbed truck to transport the victim down to the south end to evacuate him in the ambulance. Captain Chandlee said it was a number of factors combined that helped save the man's life.)

**Beach / Water Closures:**

- (6-14-2012) – Water Closed for Swimming due to Large Surf and Rip Current
- (6-15-2012) – Water Closed for Swimming due to Large Surf and Rip Current
- (6-16-2012) – Water Reopened for Swimming at 2:30 pm
- (6-22-2012) – Beach Closed – Lightning 12:20pm – 5pm
- (6-25-2012) – Beach Closed – Lightning 10am – 12:40, 2pm – 5pm

**Other:**

- (6-14-2012) Vandalism: Stand 3 missing in AM. Relocated South of Fenwick State Park where it washed up in non-salvageable condition.
- (6-14-2012) Between the hours of 5:30 and 7pm Former SBBP Lieutenant Dave Berry and Beach Patrol Captain Chris Miller were present on the beach after hours when they rescued an 18 year old Male who was caught in a large rip current.
- (6-15-2012) Lifeguards rescued 2 individuals from State Park (South of SB border). Individuals were previously warned of hazardous conditions and disregarded warnings. Following rescue the victims were asked to leave the beach if they refuse to comply with warnings.
- ((6-24-2012) Prosthetic Limb recovered near Stand 5

**Lifeguard Competitions:**

- Sea Colony Lifeguard Challenge: South Bethany scored first place.
- USLA Regionals in Rehoboth:
  - The land line team got 5<sup>th</sup> overall (that is everywhere from New York to Virginia).
  - The swimmer rescue got second overall. This is a team of Thomas Chandlee, Tyler Dorsey, Caleb Marsh, and Wade Marsh.
  - The power pickup was second overall.
  - Beach Aquatics – Nick Priano was first overall in the whole region.
  - Surf swim race – Wade Marsh was first.
  - The men's 4 X 100 was fifth.
  - The women's 4 X 100 was second overall.
- Mid Atlantic Regional Lifeguard Competition: SBBP Guards Qualified for USLA Nationals in Cape May, New Jersey.

Mayor Jankowski thanked Captain Chandlee and the Beach Patrol for the outstanding job they are doing.

Mary Suazo suggested giving the Beach Patrol a hand, and the audience applauded.

- **Treasurer's Report**—Pat Voveris reported as of June 30, 2012:

May Balance Brought Forward	\$ 1,870,740.69
June Revenue	\$ 546,451.28
June Disbursements	<u>\$ 326,349.46</u>
Balance	\$ 2,090,842.51

Year to Date Profit and Loss:	
Total Revenue	\$ 961,615.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 473,115.00</u>
Leaving excess revenue of	\$ 488,500.00

Operating Budget Recap:

- Revenue is at 37%.
- Expenses are at 24%.
- Transfer tax for June was \$10,853.50 which is 54% less than in June of 2011. In the two months of the FY2013 Budget, the Town has collected 24% of what was budgeted. Though May Transfer Taxes were the highest for May since FY2008, June proved to be the lowest since June FY2008.

Highlights on Revenue:

- The Town has collected \$407,758 in Property Tax which is 82.4% of the budget. Taxes were due by the end of June. The Financial Administrator now shows \$473,545 as of July 10, which represents a 96% collection rate.
- The Town has collected \$21,820 from Parking Permits which is 83.9% of the budget number of \$26,000
- The Town has collected \$28,930 from Mercantile Licenses which is 72.3% of the budget number of \$40,000. Approximately 200 licenses have been sold only 4 of which were 30-day licenses. This accommodation to property owners is not negatively impacting revenues.
- The Town has collected \$2,813 in Penalties/Fines where just \$500 was budgeted. This materialized due to street damage by some builders and the fine associated with such.

Councilwoman Voveris thanked the Town Manager and the Code Enforcement Constable for protecting the Town's interests.

Councilwoman Voveris reported that the Town has notification that it will be receiving just over an additional \$10,000 in MSA money. This will be restrictive funds and can only be used for road repair. The Town has also been told that beginning in FY 2014 MSA money can no longer be used in the law enforcement areas. With the Town's Asset Replacement and Maintenance Reserve (ARM Reserve) firmly in place, Councilwoman Voveris does not feel this will have a negative impact because the Town is saving for the replacement of police cars.

• **Police Department Report/Questions**—Cpl. Mark Burton reported for the month of June, 2012:

Regarding June Bugs, Cpl. Burton stated that the Town had three more complaints this year than last year. He stated that there were more arrests and more evictions. Cpl. Burton noted that all of the evictions were from unchaperoned houses. There were a total of 14 town ordinance violations for Peace and Good Order. The Police Department received 21 complaints related to senior weeks. Of the 21 complaints, 20 were on the ocean block and one was on the west side of Route 1.

Overall in the month of June 2012 the Police Department received more complaints than in June of 2011. Traffic arrests were up, warnings were up, and criminal violations were up.

- June 1 Gentleman stopped for expired tags. He had warrants for his arrest and he was placed in Sussex Correctional Institution.
- June 2 Gentleman stopped for not wearing a seat belt. He ended up having to go to court because he was wanted.
- June 2 Assisted Fenwick Island with a burglary in progress.
- June 5 Assisted Fenwick Island. The operators of the vehicle were arrested for the possession of marijuana.
- June 7 Gentleman stopped and he had warrants for his arrest.

- June 8 Gentleman stopped and he had warrants for his arrest.
- June 11 Vehicle accident at York Drive and southbound Rt. 1. No injuries. (Cpl. Burton noted that there were no injury accidents in the month of June.)
- June 18 Suicidal subject was taken to Beebe Medical Center.
- June 23 Regarding the prosthetic limb that was recovered near Stand 5 on the beach, South Bethany Police responded to an incident where the gentleman was intoxicated and he was also wanted.

Cpl. Burton reported that on June 29 the South Bethany Police Department had its first bicycle safety checkpoint which was a huge success. Cyclists were provided with free bike lights which were installed by South Bethany Police and DelDOT employees at the checkpoint. Helmets were provided free of charge to cyclists who wanted them. Another bicycle checkpoint is tentatively scheduled for August 24 in South Bethany (the secondary date is August 20).

National Drug-Take Back is scheduled for September 29, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Bethany Police Department in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Any unused medications, both over the counter or prescription, will be collected and destroyed in an incinerator. This is a safe way to get rid of medications. Cpl. Burton noted that if medications are flushed down toilets it gets into the ground water which comes back to us.

Cpl. Burton referred to the new "Walk This Way in South Bethany" flyer which was available on the sign in table. Cpl. Burton noted that vehicles have the right of way along Rte. 1, and vehicles only must yield to pedestrians if the pedestrian is already in the crosswalk. Also, never hold out your hand or arm to stop vehicles. Pedestrians cannot count on all drivers to be paying attention and see the wave. Cpl. Burton noted that South Bethany probably has more marked crosswalks in its one mile strip than any other town. Cpl. Burton encouraged everyone to use the crosswalks.

Councilwoman Callaway stated that the June Bug Committee will go through all of the reports and meet in September.

Ms. Rae stated that she appreciated the police being out on Rt. 1 on July 4 to stop traffic and help the pedestrians cross the highway.

Ms. Bohner thanked the Police Department for their increased presence on Route 1.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Before going to committee reports, Mayor Jankowski introduced Jerry Masiello, the newest member of the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Masiello thanked the Council for their vote of confidence and for the opportunity to contribute to the welfare of the community.

- **Assawoman Canal and Trail Update** – Councilman Rae reported:

In a communication from DNREC employee Bob Ehemann, Program Manager for the Assawoman Canal Trail, Mr. Ehemann reported that the division staff had a meeting and it was decided to design the segment of the trail on the Ocean View side down to Rt. 26 where the State not only owns the land on both sides of the canal but also owns additional land in that section which will be helpful for the trail.

The Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) is interested in removing hazardous debris identified in the Inland Bays and the Assawoman Canal. Councilman Rae referred to the Inland Bays Hazardous Debris Identification Datasheet which can be used to report hazardous debris in the Inland Bays and the Assawoman Canal. The CIB ask people to provide the GPS coordinates and a photograph if possible. Councilman Rae encouraged South Bethany property owners to send their reports to him and he will coordinate sending them into the CIB for South Bethany. Councilman Rae noted that a lot of cell phones provide GPS positions and that there is an app that can be downloaded that will give the GPS position. Mayor Jankowski noted that GPS coordinates can also be found on Google Earth. Councilman Rae stated that the Town will also post the datasheet on the Town's website.

- **Community Enhancement Committee** – Councilwoman Callaway reported:

In the Summer 2012 edition of *Going Green on Delmarva*, South Bethany's bioretention areas were featured in an article by Laura Walter titled "Water off the Road: Green in the middle: South Bethany's dual purpose highway". Councilwoman Callaway will contact Laura Walter to thank her for the article and encourage her to do another article on the Town's seventeen new rain gardens along Route 1.

The Community Enhancement Committee met on June 27 and discussed the following:

- The bioretention project in the Rt. 1 Median is completed except for the replacement of a few plants that did not survive. Due to the heat, the plants will be replaced the end of August.
- DeIDOT TEP Grant Project to landscape York Beach Mall, develop 11 rain gardens along the pedestrian walkway, and develop 6 circle beds in the Rt. 1 median strip is completed. Councilwoman Callaway thanked the Maintenance Department for watering these areas which was necessary during such a hot dry summer.
- Ocean Drive – The Community Enhancement Committee has been receiving many compliments about the bins, trash containers, and plants (which are doing well thanks to the Maintenance Department's vigilant watering). The Maintenance Department put up three more new Ocean Drive signs this week. Committee member John Speer took the initiative to place the Beautifying South Bethany Makes Dollars and Sense in the clear real estate boxes along Ocean Drive. The committee had a discussion about lighting on Ocean Drive. The committee is looking at what kind of low light can be used (perhaps solar lighting). The committee is not looking at street lights, but something to shed a little bit of lighting for evening walking during the summer.
- The Adopt-A-Canal program will have its Second Annual Beauty Contest the last two weeks in August. This year there are 14 adopt-a-canal ends as compared to 6 last year. This year there will be online voting, and photos of the canal ends will be posted on the Town's website.
- Councilwoman Callaway stated that the SBPOA had donated \$500 to the Community Enhancement Committee. The committee is very appreciative of that and they are contemplating what they will do with the funds.
- The committee is working on another tree grant which is due August 1.
- The committee is looking at an opportunity to work with the Department of Agriculture on a coastal initiative regarding the invasive plant, phragmites.

"Walk This Way in South Bethany" flyer – The flyer was created in response to people who had comments about pedestrian safety. The flyer is posted on the Town's website and will be distributed through an email News Update. Chief Deloach will distribute the flyer to realtors to put in their rental packages. Mayor Jankowski would also like the flyers added to the welcome bags.

- **Budget and Finance Committee** – Councilwoman Voveris reported:

The Budget and Finance Committee met on June 22 at Town Hall. Three new members were present so the committee took time to get acquainted and go over plans. The committee discussed the FY 2012 results. The committee reviewed percentages of revenues and expenses. The committee reviewed final numbers. The Financial Administrator made a presentation regarding the May results and discussion followed. Kent Stephan brought in a detailed report on the three year budget projection which is very important for planning. A discussion followed. Keith Krenz, Joe Conway, and Kent Stephan addressed long range planning issues. The committee talked about establishing a beach replenishment and canal water reserve due to a concern about future federal funding. Also, if the diffuser pilot project is successful, some planning would be needed on that as well. The committee discussed FY2013 topics.

The next meeting is planned for July 27, 2012.

- **Canal Water Quality Committee** – Councilman Junkin reported:

The committee has an ongoing program of monitoring the water in the canals at approximately 11 or 12 places. This is led by Dave Wilson and the group is doing an excellent job.

A small group of people are doing water samples in the Little Assawoman Bay and also taking seaweed samples for the University of Delaware.

The committee has just completed a survey of all the Town drains that go into the canals. These are drains that come from the Town right-of-way (not the drains that come from the Rt. 1 right-of-way). There are approximately 100 drains that the Town has that go into the canals. The Town has to make sure that the drains going into the canals are done the best possible way. The idea with stormwater management is to stop flooding but to also minimize pollution to the canals by slowing down how fast the water gets into the canals. The committee is going to make recommendations on how to improve these individual drains going into the canals.

Pilot Diffuser Project – The committee was not awarded a grant from the EPA. Sixty proposals were submitted to the EPA in Region 3 and the EPA funded three of those proposals. The Town Council had passed authorization to go ahead with the diffuser project even if the Town did not get an EPA grant. Councilman Junkin has written a draft RFP that has been reviewed by the Town Manager and a few other people. Councilman Junkin will meet with the Town Manager on Monday to finalize the RFP in order to go out for quotations. The diffusers should be in the Petherton Canal by spring of 2013.

The following new flyers were available on the sign in table:

1. ***The Future Water Quality of Our Canals is At Risk*** – This flyer shows shower water and rain water off the roof being piped into the canal. This enables excess nutrients and fecal coliforms (harmful bacteria) to enter and pollute the canals.
2. ***Taking Care of Your Lawn*** – This flyer explains that property owners who live on the water should have a 6-foot wide 'no-mow' zone of low maintenance plants between their lawn and the canal to slow down and absorb pollutants before they run into the canal. If property owners put a lot of fertilizer on their turf grass and it runs into the canal, that helps feed the algae and is harmful to the canals.

3. ***Getting Stormwater Into the Ground and Out of Our Canals and Bays*** – This flyer educates the public about impervious surfaces. When a community gets to 10% impervious surfaces, damage to the water starts. South Bethany is probably about 50% impervious surfaces. The flyer lists seven things property owners can do for cleaner canals and bays. Impervious surfaces are the worst thing for water quality. Impervious surfaces cause everything to flush into the canal.

Ms. Rae asked if South Bethany gets runoff from Middlesex and Sea Colony. Councilman Junkin said yes and it goes into the Anchorage Canal at the forebay. Ms. Rae asked if there was ever thought about closing that drain. Councilman Junkin stated that the drain is DelDOT's and several years ago DelDOT put in the forebay to help mitigate the damage from the runoff. In association with the Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) Anchorage Canal Watershed Study, Sea Colony has put in some little dams along their road to slow down the water and decrease the amount of nutrients. The next phase from the CIB's study was the bioretention areas in the Route 1 median. Currently the CIB is working on a grant that would create a stormwater management pond in the triangular piece of land near the bank in Sea Colony. This pond would collect all of the stormwater from Sea Colony and a little bit north into Bethany. This would cause the stormwater to be treated before it gets into the pipe that goes into the Anchorage Canal. Councilman Junkin explained that you cannot stop an excess of stormwater from going into the canals or you will have floods.

- **Planning Commission** – Councilman Gross reported:

There are no hearings scheduled. The Planning Commission is working on the Comprehensive Plan 5 Year Review.

- **Charter and Code Committee** – Councilman Rae reported:

The objective of the Charter and Code Committee is to review any changes that would make sense in the Charter and the Town Code. This committee will take a look at the Charter and Code and see if there are any recommended changes. The Town's Code Enforcement Constable has already put together a list of inconsistencies that he has found in the Code. The committee should be helpful to the Town in terms of changes to the Code that make sense. At this time the committee consists of Councilman Rae (Council liaison), the Code Enforcement Constable (a non-voting member), Ed Turulski, John Fields, and Bob Cestone. Mayor Jankowski has recommended having one more person on the committee so that there will be five voting members rather than four voting members.

- **Communications and Public Relations Committee** – Councilman Damato reported:

The first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 14, 2012, at 9 a.m. at Town Hall. Currently the committee members are Sue Callaway, Barbara Sears, John Speer, and Jennifer Riggione. Councilman Damato is looking at strengthening and enhancing the town's identity and improving communications with the residents, perspective purchasers, and renters. At the meeting the committee will assess its goals and have an idea exchange on what the committee can do to better improve communication.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Gross, seconded by Councilwoman Voveris, to adjourn the July 13, 2012, Town Council Regular Meeting at 8:47 p.m.