

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 13, 2018**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Saxton called the July 13, 2018, Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councilmembers Don Boteler, Sue Callaway, Frank Weisgerber, and Mayor Tim Saxton; Chief Troy Crowson; and Administrative Assistant Pam Smith

PRESENT BY REMOTE ACCESS: Councilmembers Wayne Schrader and Carol Stevenson

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Councilmember Jimmy Oliver

PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION RESOLUTIONS

- **Resolution No. 3-18, a Resolution to Recognize Pat Voveris**

Mayor Saxton read Resolution No. 3-18:

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE PAT VOVERIS

WHEREAS, Pat Voveris dedicated seven years of service to the Town of South Bethany; and

WHEREAS, Pat served four years as Mayor and 3 years on Town Council; and

WHEREAS, Pat served as Treasurer and chaired the Budget and Finance Committee providing sound and practical financial recommendations to Council; and

WHEREAS, Pat worked diligently and put in long hours of service to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town benefited from Pat's hard work and thoughtful research; and

WHEREAS, Pat served as an active member of the Association of Coastal Towns and the Ambulance Service Sponsor's Oversight Committee (SOC); and

WHEREAS, Pat effectively guided the Town through multiple issues regarding FEMA; and

WHEREAS, Pat was a reliable presence as a Council member and Mayor;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of South Bethany that Pat Voveris should be commended for her faithful service and offered sincere thanks for her contribution to the Town.

ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY ON THE 28TH DAY OF JUNE 2018.

- **Resolution No. 4-18, a Resolution to Recognize Tim Shaw**

Mayor Saxton read Resolution No. 4-18:

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE TIM SHAW

WHEREAS, Tim Shaw has dedicated two years of service to the Town of South Bethany as a member of the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, Tim served as Town Council Secretary and Mayor Pro-Tem; and

WHEREAS, Tim served as an effective and efficient liaison with the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Town benefited from Tim's activities with outside governmental committees; and

WHEREAS, the Town benefited from Tim's hard work and dedication;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of South Bethany that Tim Shaw should be commended for his faithful service and offered sincere thanks for his contribution to the Town.

ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY ON THE 28TH DAY OF JUNE 2018.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS (See Attachment 1)

COMMITTEE REPORTS (See Attachment 1)

PROPERTY OWNERS' PARTICIPATION

- Ed Nazarian (20 Peterson Dr.) – Stated that he is concerned about the roads in town, particularly S. Anchorage Drive which is in very bad repair. Mr. Nazarian said that utility companies and construction trucks are damaging the roads and it is a hazard. Mr. Nazarian suggested taxing or charging a fee to these major trucks (excluding trash trucks). Mayor Saxton said he will talk to the Town Manager and have Public Works take a look at S. Anchorage Dr. to see what can be done for a temporary basis. Mayor Saxton noted that S. Anchorage Dr. is one of the roads that is next on the resurfacing schedule.

Mayor Saxton said that S. Anchorage Drive is crowded in the morning with parked construction vehicles and it is sometimes difficult to get cars down that road in the morning. Councilmember Callaway said Bayshore Dr. has that same problem with construction trucks and trucks with trailers attached. Councilmember Callaway said it is very dangerous on Bayshore Dr. where there are walkers, bikers, and renters. She believes it needs to be addressed. Councilmember Callaway questioned whether it should be the police or code enforcement that monitors how the construction trucks are parked. Property owner Dick Schmitt (8 Bayshore Dr.) said there was a problem across the street from him where construction trucks were tearing up the grass in the right of way. He also stated that when the project started there was no silt fence put around the property. Mayor Saxton said he will speak to the Chief of Police and the Code Enforcement Constable regarding this issue.

- Diann Nazarian (20 Peterson Dr.) – Asked if the Town had ever considered not allowing construction during the summer months. Mayor Saxton said to his knowledge this Council has never considered it. Charter and Code Committee Chair John Fields said years ago that was put in but it has been overturned by the courts because you are denying people the right to make a living. Years ago the Council had to stop the prohibition against working in the summer, but the Town can regulate the beginning hours, the ending hours, work on Sunday and holidays, etc.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes, June 28, 2018 – A motion was made by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Callaway, to accept the June 28, 2018, Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes. The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Councilmembers Stevenson, Weisgerber, Callaway, Boteler, Schrader, and Mayor Saxton

AGAINST THE MOTION: None

The motion was unanimously carried.

Town Council Executive Session Minutes, June 28, 2018 – A motion was made by Councilmember Weisgerber, seconded by Councilmember Boteler, to accept the June 28, 2018, Town Council Executive Session Minutes. The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Councilmembers Stevenson, Weisgerber, Callaway, Boteler, Schrader, and Mayor Saxton

AGAINST THE MOTION: None

The motion was unanimously carried.

Discussion and possible vote on \$3,500 for the Association of Coastal Towns (ACT) to hire Tony Pratt as a Consultant

Mayor Saxton said Tony Pratt will provide services to about six towns that are part of the Association of Coastal Towns (ACT) and he will help to work with state and federal agencies. Councilmember Callaway and Mayor Saxton suggested that Councilmember Weisgerber contact Mr. Pratt regarding the Widgeon Grass (see pages 9 & 10 regarding Widgeon Grass in South Bethany Canals). Mayor Saxton said he will reach out to Mr. Pratt about the Widgeon Grass.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Callaway, to approve donating \$3,500 to the Association of Coastal Towns (ACT) to hire Tony Pratt as a consultant contingent upon the approval of the ACT Charter before signing the contract.

Discussion: Mayor Saxton said all of the towns are going to try it for one year to see if it works. At the end of the year ACT will look to see if all of the towns benefitted from Mr. Pratt's services. Mayor Saxton said if the Town can get Mr. Pratt to help with the Widgeon Grass or help the Town obtain a grant, it will be well worth the \$3,500.

Vote: The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Councilmembers Stevenson, Weisgerber, Callaway, Boteler, Schrader, and Mayor Saxton

AGAINST THE MOTION: None

The motion was unanimously carried.

Discussion and possible vote to appoint Jimmy Oliver and Tim Shaw as members of the Charter and Code Committee and remove Frank Weisgerber as a member of the Charter and Code Committee

Mayor Saxton nominated Jimmy Oliver and Tim Shaw as members of the Charter and Code Committee and suggested removing Councilmember Weisgerber from the committee because he is already chairing the Canal Water Quality Committee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Callaway, to appoint Jimmy Oliver and Tim Shaw as members of the Charter and Code Committee and remove Frank Weisgerber as a member of the Charter and Code Committee. The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Councilmembers Stevenson, Weisgerber, Callaway, Boteler, Schrader, and Mayor Saxton

AGAINST THE MOTION: None

The motion was unanimously carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- **Consideration and Possible Vote to Reappoint Martha Fields and Charlene Sturbitts as Board of Adjustment Members**

A motion was made by Councilmember Callaway, seconded by Councilmember Boteler, to reappoint Martha Fields and Charlene Sturbitts as Board of Adjustment Members. The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Councilmembers Stevenson, Weisgerber, Callaway, Boteler, Schrader, and Mayor Saxton

AGAINST THE MOTION: None

The motion was unanimously carried.

- **Consideration and Possible Vote to Reappoint Planning Commission Member Linda Lewis**

A motion was made by Councilmember Callaway, seconded by Councilmember Weisgerber, to reappoint Linda Lewis as a Planning Commission Member. The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Councilmembers Stevenson, Weisgerber, Callaway, Boteler, Schrader, and Mayor Saxton

AGAINST THE MOTION: None

The motion was unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE BEACH ACCESS IMPROVEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE (TIM SAXTON)

Mayor Saxton said the committee will be looking at ways to improve access to the beach on each of the walkways and make proposals to Council. Depending on what the proposals are, it could be a one year project or it could be a multi-year project. Mayor Saxton does not think it will be more than a three or four month committee. Mayor Saxton said it is probably the right time do the evaluation now that the dunes are being done.

Mayor Saxton stated that Councilmember Oliver is recommending the following property owners be appointed to the Beach Access Improvement Ad Hoc Committee: Jimmy Oliver, Joe Conway, Dave Wilson, and Pam Blumenstein.

A motion was made by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Weisgerber, to approve the appointments of Jimmy Oliver, Joe Conway, Dave Wilson, and Pam Blumenstein as members of the Beach Access Improvement Ad Hoc Committee. The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Councilmembers Stevenson, Weisgerber, Callaway, Boteler, Schrader, and Mayor Saxton

AGAINST THE MOTION: None

The motion was unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Boteler, seconded by Councilmember Weisgerber, to adjourn the July 13, 2018, Town Council Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m. The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION: Councilmembers Stevenson, Weisgerber, Callaway, Boteler, Schrader, and Mayor Saxton

AGAINST THE MOTION: None

The motion was unanimously carried.

ATTACHMENT 1**LEADERSHIP REPORTS**

- **Mayor's Report**—Submitted by Mayor Saxton:
 1. Attended ACT meeting with Mayor Pro-Tem Callaway and Town Manager Maureen Hartman. The meeting had a discussion regarding utilizing Tony Pratt as a consultant to assist the participating Town's with specific water and natural resource issues. The cost for each town would be \$3,500.00 for one year. The information was brought to the Town Council workshop for discussion and will be voted on July 13, 2018.
 2. Attended the weekly meetings on Beach Replenishment with the Town Manager. Worked with the Town Manager to devise a plan to notify the residents of beach access closures on a daily basis. *Mayor Saxton stated that the beach replenishment is going very well and they have moved down the beach quickly now that they have finished the north end. They reported this past Wednesday that they are on schedule, but it depends on the weather.*
 3. Participated in the South Bethany Boat Parade. The attendance of the community was exciting to observe. A job well done by the SBPOA in hosting the event this year.
 4. Participated with the CPR committee in the Bethany Beach Parade. The Town was well represented in the Parade.
 5. Participated in the Opening of the South Bethany Exercise Park. The CEC and Town staff did an excellent job putting this together. We look forward to the use of the park by all.
 6. Met with the Town Manager regarding the hiring of a new supervisor for the Public Works Department. Don Chrobot will be retiring in August and a search for his replacement is now underway.
 7. Along with Mayor Pro-Tem Callaway and Town Manager, held a Town Hall meeting with Police Department members. Objective was to meet the members, introduce ourselves as the new Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem and gain feedback as town employees.

- **Town Manager's Report**—Submitted by Maureen Hartman:
 - Joe Hinks and I worked for weeks compiling additional documentation to submit for the 5-year verification cycle of the Community Rating Service (CRS) program. Under the CRS, the flood insurance premiums of a community's residents and businesses are discounted to reflect the community's work to reduce flood damage to existing buildings, manage development in areas not mapped by the NFIP, protect new buildings beyond the minimum NFIP protection level, preserve and/or restore natural functions of floodplains, help insurance agents obtain flood data, and help people obtain flood insurance.

Since the introduction of this program to the Town of South Bethany, many different versions of the "Coordinator's Manual" has been used as a requirement guide. The most recent manual, dated 2017, requires documentation for numerous areas in which South Bethany no longer qualifies.

We were notified on July 2 that several of our submittals no longer qualify for credit and therefore, we will be retrograded to a CRS Level 9, which means that our community will be provided a 5% discount instead of 10%. The CRS representative advised us that smaller communities such as ours are having a difficult time meeting FEMA's requirement.

- We have received numerous calls asking why the yellow lines in Cat Hill have been removed.
- Town Hall has been busy with the replenishment now underway. We will be posting daily notices on the Town's website under the tab "Beach Replenishment Daily Closures", as well as the Town's Facebook page. We will also post a daily notice on the front door at Town Hall (apart from weekends).

JULY REMINDER

Town Council Regular, 6:00 PM	July 13, 2018
Town Council Workshop, 3:00 PM	July 26, 2018
BOA Hearing, 2:00 PM	July 27, 2018

Mayor Saxton said the Town is starting to receive complaints about more tents on the beach this year, where they are located, and that they are starting to group together. Mayor Saxton hopes it never gets so bad that Council has to do anything about it.

- **Treasurer's Report**—Submitted by Councilmember Boteler:

7/11/2018

Town of South Bethany
Monthly Treasurer's Report - As of June 30, 2018
 by Don Boteler, Treasurer



Fiscal 2019 Year-to-Date (5/1/18 – 4/30/19) Revenues and Expenditures

	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>%</u>
Total Operating Revenue	\$2,394,690		\$2,394,690	\$856,772	36%
Total Operating Expenditures	<u>\$2,394,690</u>		<u>\$2,394,690</u>	<u>\$463,861</u>	<u>19%</u>
Revenue less Expenditures	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$392,911</u>	
Revenue from Grants/Donations	\$7,624		\$7,624	\$600	8%
Expenditures from Grants/Donations	<u>\$7,624</u>		<u>\$7,624</u>	<u>\$600</u>	<u>8%</u>
Revenue less Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Capital/Reserve Revenue (from Fund Balance)	\$197,966		\$197,966	\$8,713	4%
Capital/Reserve Expenditures	<u>\$197,966</u>		<u>\$197,966</u>	<u>\$8,713</u>	<u>4%</u>
Revenue less Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Revenue - All Funds	\$2,600,280	\$0	\$2,600,280	\$866,085	33%
Total Expenditures - All Funds	<u>\$2,600,280</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,600,280</u>	<u>\$473,174</u>	<u>18%</u>
Revenue less Expenditures	\$ -	\$0	\$0	\$392,911	

Fiscal 2019 (5/1/18 – 4/30/19) Summary of Year-to-Date Departmental Budget to Actual

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>%</u>
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	\$520,463		\$520,463	\$294,667	57%
Realty Transfer Taxes	\$380,000		\$380,000	\$175,200	46%
Gross Rental Taxes	\$522,000		\$522,000	\$3,930	1%
Grants	\$7,624		\$7,624	\$0	0%
All other revenue	\$947,790		\$947,790	\$392,288	41%
Transfer from Reserve (Capital Projects)	\$197,966		\$197,966	\$0	0%
Budgeted Surplus	<u>\$24,437</u>		<u>\$24,437</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0%</u>
Total Revenue	\$2,600,280	\$0	\$2,600,280	\$866,085	33%
Expenditures:					
General & Administrative Department	\$691,838		\$691,838	\$153,262	22%
Public Works Department	\$268,075		\$268,075	\$39,976	15%
Trash	\$327,400		\$327,400	\$54,557	17%
Public Safety Department	\$733,316		\$733,316	\$125,129	17%
Ambulance	\$74,518		\$74,518	\$0	0%
Beach Patrol Department	\$274,653		\$274,653	\$80,895	29%
Town Committee	\$24,890		\$24,890	\$10,043	40%
Grants	\$7,624		\$7,624	\$600	8%
Other (Capital)	<u>\$197,966</u>		<u>\$197,966</u>	<u>\$8,713</u>	<u>4%</u>
Total All Expenses	\$2,600,280	\$0	\$2,600,280	\$473,174	18%

Highlights on Revenue

Revenues are tracking to budget.

Highlights on Expenditures

Expenditures are tracking to budget.

Councilmember Boteler pointed out that after only two months into the fiscal year the Realty Transfer Taxes, which the Town budgeted at \$380,000 for the year, are already at \$175,000 (46%) collected. Councilmember Boteler said it is very unusual and a nice surprise, but he believes this pace will not keep up. Councilmember Boteler said it could reflect following effects of changes in the building code regarding bathrooms, height limits, and allowing for the enclosure of ground level space under homes for storage and parking.

- **Police Department Report**—Submitted by Chief Troy Crowson:

Building Repurposing Project

Renovations are continuing. Expecting most of the renovations to be complete on Friday, July 13th. *Update - Chief Crowson stated that he thinks within the next two weeks it may be finished.*

Office of Highway Safety Pedestrian/Enforcement

Office of Highway Safety, the South Bethany Police Department participated in the “Pedestrian Outreach Enforcement” from June 5th through June 19th. Delaware has had the highest pedestrian fatality rate in the country 4 out of the last 5 years, totaling 150. Pedestrian fatal crashes tend to occur at night, on high speed multi-lane roadways. Pedestrians are often under the influence and determined to be at fault of the crash. The most common ages hit are 10-24 years old.

Office of Highway Safety Impaired Driving

Office of Highway Safety, the South Bethany Police Department has participated in the “Impaired Driving Enforcement” from June 21st through July 2nd. The Delaware Office of Highway Safety core outcome and behavioral measures target for alcohol impaired driving fatalities is to decrease impaired driving fatalities so that the alcohol impaired fatalities has a five year (2014-2018) average of 43.

31% of impaired fatalities occur between 9pm – 2am
 76% of drivers in impaired driving crashes were male
 63% of impaired driving crashes occur on the weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
 43% of fatal crashes in 2017 were impaired related.

The Office of Highway Safety has requested to have an executive member of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration do a ride along with our agency to observe our efforts made by the police and the town towards the improvement of pedestrian safety.

Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Audit was conducted on June 12, 2018.

Several of the more notable investigations consist of 5 drug arrests (3 on Route 1, 1 on Kent Place and 1 on Bayshore Drive). Death Investigation – determined natural causes. Theft on Ocean Drive.

In response to a question from property owner Jack Wise (146 Evergreen Rd.), Chief Crowson stated that if the barricade at Black Gum Drive and Kent Avenue is in place past 1 p.m. motorists are able to go around it and enter Black Gum Drive using caution due to outgoing traffic. Chief Crowson said the barrier does not have any penalty associated with it after 1 p.m.

- **Beach Patrol Report**—Submitted by Capt. Ryan Dacey:

The Town Manager reported to Mayor Saxton that there is nothing significant to report and the Beach Patrol is handling movements around the beach replenishment very well.

Jr. Lifeguards – Councilmember Callaway commented that her two granddaughters have been participating in the Jr. Lifeguard Program the last two weeks and the program is amazing. Councilmember Callaway said she is very impressed with what the lifeguards are teaching the junior lifeguards and how interactive they are with the kids. Councilmember Callaway said the program is a very positive experience.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Budget and Finance Committee** – Submitted by Councilmember Boteler:

The Budget and Finance Committee has not met since the last Town Council Regular Meeting. The Town is in the process of transitioning to a new audit firm which is very time consuming. Councilmember Boteler said the Budget and Finance Committee plans to meet after the audit process begins.

- **Canal Water Quality Committee** – Submitted by Councilmember Weisgerber:

Tuesday June 19th, the Best Little Beach in Delaware came up big. 45 plus South Bethany Floating Wetlands Volunteers, the Canal Water Quality Committee, Center for Inland Bays and South Bethany Maintenance did a lot of hard work on a very hot and humid day. After 7 hours Tuesday and an additional two hours on Wednesday the majority (95%) of the task was completed. Due to shortage of plants the actual completion happened a week later after shorted plants were delivered. Final count had 10,400 plants spread across 130 floating mats delivered to Town dead-end bulkheads and 26 owner docks.

- Don Chrobot and John Stiffler from our maintenance department pre-installed all the eye bolts for the large mat assemblies at the canal dead ends, assisted the land crews for the attachment of the mats, set up the Bristol cul-de-sac staging area and then cleaned it up after we were done.
- The Landing teams did an unbelievable job in the heat riding bikes from one bulkhead hook up to the next.
- Joe Mormando, SBPOA President, and the SBPOA supplied all the ice and cold water on a very hot day, supplied the delicious hot lunch and jumped in and helped.
- Property owner boat captains and their crews had the tough task to move the mats into position while fighting the winds and the tide.
- Finally, the volunteers at Bristol Drive staging area functioned under the intense heat with no breeze to assemble the mats with the plants.

Special Thanks to the project team leads George Junkin and Kent Stephan.

Here is a link to pictures that were taken during the event:

[Small but mighty: Floating wetlands ready to battle pollution in South Bethany canals](#)

Widgeon Grass – Councilmember Weisgerber reported the presence of Widgeon Grass in the southern dead-end canals which started three or four weeks ago. This is the first time Widgeon Grass has been seen in South Bethany canals. Widgeon Grass grows from the sediment up to the surface. When the Widgeon Grass first appeared Councilmember Weisgerber sent pictures of it to the University of Delaware Oceanography, DNREC, and the Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) for help in identifying what it was. They then came to South Bethany to look at it in person and identified it as Widgeon Grass. They have been trying to get Widgeon Grass to grow in the coastal bays and the Chesapeake Bay but have not been successful. Unfortunately, some South Bethany canals has it growing without even trying to get it to grow. The grass is very active in producing an environment that encourages sea creatures and fish and it eats up nitrogen and phosphorous which is what we are trying to get out of our canals. It is a very healthy grass to grow. The downside is boaters are getting it wrapped around their propellers and their motors are overheating. They asked us to be patient for about two weeks until it goes to seed so that they can gather the pods and use them in the coastal areas, but it got pretty bad so Councilmember Weisgerber notified them that we want to bring the harvester in and get rid of it. There is some question whether the harvester can handle it. However, Councilmember Weisgerber received the following

information making that question not relevant: "The watershed branch of DNREC has requested and notified other divisions that they are not to harvest the Widgeon Grass because it is a habitat value for watersheds." Councilmember Weisgerber said he is scrambling to deal with this because the Town can't handle it without a permit yet DNREC controls the permits. Councilmember Weisgerber questions how South Bethany's canals qualify as a watershed. Councilmember Weisgerber said South Bethany's canals are there for the property owners' use for boating purposes, not to be a nursery to grow Widgeon Grass for other areas. Councilmember Weisgerber is working on it and may have to get Senator Hocker involved. Mayor Saxton questioned what causes the Widgeon Grass to proliferate. Mayor Saxton agreed with Councilmember Weisgerber that he should go up the line with DNREC, and if that does not resolve the problem then get Senator Hocker and Representative Gray involved.

- **Charter and Code Committee** – Submitted by John Fields, Chair:

The Charter and Code Committee has not met since the June 11, 2018, Council meeting. Therefore, the Committee has nothing to report at this time.

- **Communications and Public Relations Committee** – Submitted by Councilmember Stevenson:

Summer Activities have commenced. The second annual Town Band Concert was held on July 3rd at the Town Hall. The Jay Vending cart was on site so that drinks, Italian ices, and snacks were available for purchase. Over 300 residents and guests listened and danced to the sounds of the Over Time Rock Band. The C and PR Committee members Lisa Saxton, Ann Boteler, Margaret Oliver, Linda Whitney, and Steph Bunoski passed out small American Flags to all who attended the event. Special thanks to our Town Manager, Maureen Hartman, who provided handy bathroom facilities! The band played Old Time Rock and Roll, Patriotic Songs, and our own South Bethany Town Song!

July 4th brought another award winning day for South Bethany and the parade contingent at the Bethany Beach Independence Day Parade. First came the Mayor and his wife, Tim and Lisa Saxton driven by Councilman Frank Weisgerber at the lead. Councilwoman Sue Callaway furnished her convertible for the event. Following the Mayor was our Town Rescue Vehicle driven by Police Chief Troy Crowson. Patrick Wiley from the Police Department also assisted in driving the Rescue Vehicle to the Parade Staging Area. The South Bethany Parade Float was driven by Don Chrobot our Maintenance Chief assisted by Todd Stevenson. Folks working the parade float on a very hot day included our Candy Walkers, Jenn Regardie, Eddie Oliver, Lexie and Kenzie Forston, and Jonathan and Samantha Stephan. Lucy Fulk rode in the Humvee Rescue Vehicle and waved to the crowds. Our Town Manager, Maureen Hartman, put on a tri-cornered hat and became Paul Revere, waving to the crowds. On the float were George Junkin as Uncle Sam; Gene Hendrix as Abraham Lincoln; John and Alicia Blamphin as George and Martha Washington; Carol Stevenson as Betsy Ross; Sadie Regardie as girl patriot Sadie Ross; and Stephanie Bunoski refilling the candy buckets and manning the cold water cooler.

Many folks helped design and build the float. Signs were designed by Maureen Fulk. Garnet Timbario, Bobbe Stephan, Pat Weisgerber, Todd Stevenson, Sue Callaway, John and Alicia Blamphin, Don Chrobot and Jon Stifler, and Sandy Raymond helped with design and build of the float. Special thanks to Don and Jon for their Birthday Cake Design, and Todd for development of the Candle Smoke feature of the Birthday Cake.

Yoga and Boot Camp Classes are in full swing at their usual beach locations, or at alternate locations as necessary. These offerings have become very popular and we are fortunate to have such outstanding instructors! Boot Camp Instructors also assisted CEC with their new Fitness Area! Great job explaining the equipment. Stellar Job! Debbie Finger our Yoga Instructor is planning a special benefit yoga class. All proceeds of the class will go to the Lifeguard fund for a new beach wheel chair. It should be a great event, Yoga with the Lifeguards!

July 11th will be the date for the first Summer Movie, "Sing." Karaoke will be a pre-movie activity at the movie. Children will receive glow necklaces and small gifts. Popcorn will be provided for all. We hope to have the event at the Handicap Ramp at South 3rd, but it may be closed due to Beach Replenishment. If so, C and PR member will be on hand to assist folks in getting to and from the beach safely. Toilet facilities will be available that night! *Councilmember Stevenson reported that the movie on the beach was successful. There will be another beach movie night on Saturday, August 11.*

Mayor Saxton said 4th of July week was very successful and it was very nice to see community members and town employees working together with the Communications and Public Relations Committee driving it.

- **Community Enhancement Committee** – Submitted by Councilmember Callaway:

CEC UPDATES

- With the talented support of Frank Weisgerber, the CEC is working on creating a separate Childrens' Little Free Library next to the Town Hall Adult LFL. Sue Callaway has agreed to stock it initially and maintain it.

Update on the Proposed South Bethany Fitness Area

- 1) Final site preparation was completed in mid-June.
- 2) Equipment Arrival and Installation: The equipment arrived on June 6. Liberty Parks assisted with layout and Public Works completed full installation the week of July 2. Councilmember Callaway thanked Public Works for the great job they did installing the equipment.
- 3) Email News Updates announcing the Opening were distributed on June 29 and July 5th.
- 4) The CEC hosted the Grand Opening and ribbon cutting of the South Bethany Fitness Area on Friday, July 6, 2018. The Opening was attended by CEC members, numerous property owners, Coastal Point, Mayor Tim Saxton and Councilmembers Callaway, Boteler, Stevenson, and Weisgerber and Town Manager Maureen Hartman and Public Works Don Chrobot and Jon Stiffler. In addition, South Bethany boot camp instructors Kim and Melvin Royster offered multiple suggestions on how to use the equipment and alternative options for use of each piece of equipment. Their presentation was very well received by everyone in attendance! The CEC and others greatly appreciate their participation. *Councilmember Callaway asked Council if there was anyone objecting to contacting fitness instructors Kim and Melvin Royster to see if they are interested in holding "senior fitness" classes at the fitness area. There were no objections from Council.*

South Bethany 2018 Photography Exhibit

Email News Updates have been distributed weekly announcing the event. The CEC hosted the OPENING NIGHT of the Exhibit on Saturday, June 9th. The Opening Night was very well attended and everyone had a great time! The CEC appreciates the support of the Communications & Public Relations Committee at the Opening Night. Daily visitors have viewed the Exhibit at Town Hall. The Exhibit will come to a close on Friday, July 13th. *The exhibit was very successful – almost 100 people signed in to see the exhibit between June 9 and July 13.*

Update on Adopt-A-Canal Program

- CEC member Sue Callaway took photos of both land and water views of each canal end and she and Bobbe Stephan installed the Adopt Contest signs on Tuesday, June 26th at all 35 sites.
- The owners of the Inland Bays Garden Center are sponsoring the contest prizes and will also offer a 10% discount to any adopters who wish to purchase from their nursery.
- The online voting format was given a new look this year and the Email News Update and voting forms were distributed on Friday, June 29th.
- The Adopt Contest runs from June 29th to July 20th.

July 4th Float

Thanks to all CEC members who worked on creating the award winning South Bethany July 4th Float. It was a lot of hard work, but fun and so rewarding. Thanks to the leadership of Float Chair, Carol Stevenson and the extraordinary support of Public Works Don Chrobot and Jon Stiffler. *South Bethany's float won overall "Best in Parade".*