

# MINUTES

Workshop of the Town Commission

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

**Present:** Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch, Vice Mayor Schoppe, Cmsrs. Bausch, Busha, and Luger, and Town Manager Kellogg, Chief Cerniglia and Building Official Adams

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, a motion was made by Cmsr. Bausch, seconded by Vice Mayor Schoppe to approve the agenda as noted. All in favor. (5-0)

**In Favor:** Bausch, Busha, Luger, Schoppe and Thurlow-Lippisch

**Opposed:** None

2. **Comments from the public on topics not on the agenda** - Residents: Ella Ford asked about process for making change(s) to the Town Charter, i.e., when a department head leaves and before a replacement is hired she would like the Commission to approve; Vinnie Barile asked about the noise ordinance as it pertains to home owners' use of power tools and the times of day/night.

3. **Discussion** –

- a. Discussion of Bluff Ordinance – Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch said she met with approximately 30 bluff owners and talked about issues of concern. They agreed specifically, that if “... a structure being built or modified will greatly “change the contour of the land,” this is an “impact” on the community, neighbors, and upon the visual compatibility of the shoreline; and “Material impact on neighbors, especially that which impacts one’s view, should be avoided.” Discussion followed with Building Official Adams explaining what the County regulations are regarding setbacks on shoreline properties and how they allow for view corridor for all of the houses. Conversation continued as to what the initial concern had been (protecting the bluffs) and how it had morphed into more, i.e., setbacks, seawalls [large], angles of repose, property values, and aesthetics. Cmsr. Bausch gave a brief overview of Jupiter Island’s Impact Review Committee saying they were very strict as to color, design, etc., and did not think “... our citizens would like that.” Due to the complexities of this issue, it was agreed by all to have further discussion on this subject at the May Workshop.
- b. Discussion of Pocket Park Improvements at Lantana - Cmsr. Luger gave an overview of the initial drawing from Lucido on Lantana Park saying the plan showed mobile soccer goals, landscaping, benches, etc. He noted cost of lighting is expensive and asked for Commission input. Ideas were shared – too much landscaping on plan, grass instead of turf, benches to be moved to the Lantana Lane side and one idea to offset costs is a bench could be purchased and a nameplate placed on bench, respect shown to neighbors, retaining wall, and parking, to name a few. Cmsr. Luger said he also planned to visit all of the neighbors, door-to-door, and ask for their opinions and feelings about such a park.
- c. Discussion of Establishing Committees – Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch explained this was an attempt to come up with a formula for establishing committees in the future. Comments were made that committees should be totally objective and “not derive any benefit from it [decisions], said Cmsr. Busha; must have unanimous vote on the part of the Commission, purpose must be clear, whether or not these committees would usurp authority of Commission re. decision-making while being respectful of such committee(s) – bottom line, Commission takes information from committee(s) but they make the final decision. The straw poll topic was discussed by Cmsr. Luger who said it was a “hot topic” in the community and felt with an additional five people (sitting on a new committee), it would contribute to making a decision re. trucks/vans. Bringing in experts was Cmsr. Bausch’s suggestion and he said he did not support a straw poll. Town Manager Kellogg suggested revisiting the truck/van issue at a workshop in May and in the meantime, send him comments and he will bring to next meeting. Residents: David Shore commented that committees allow residents to participate in government. Vinnie Barile said if it is done right, a committee would be ok. However, he believes the truck/van issue should go to the entire community, and that a non-resident should not sit on a town committee. It was decided to bring back for discussion at next meeting.

d. Discussion of meeting date in June – Cmsr. Bausch asked if June meetings could be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, as he will be out of state. After checking calendars, it was determined that a decision will be made in May whether or not a Workshop will be necessary in June, but a Regular meeting will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

4. **Comments from Commissioners on topics not on the agenda** - Work on the AIA corridor begins in late August/September. Question was raised if it was necessary to have two meetings during the summer; historically the Commission does not meet in August, unless it is needed. The first TRIM hearing would be tentatively on September 15 (depending on what school board will be doing), with Final TRIM hearing tentatively on September 25.

- Cmsr. Luger attended the Quisenberry hearing and said it did not go well. Judge Bauer recused himself from hearing the case, the last complaint will be filed separately and they hoped to get on the docket and move quickly to resolution; however, it may go to litigation. Town Manager Kellogg was asked how much had been spent to date on this case; responding, he said about \$90-100,000.00.
- Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch received a letter stating there was going to be a FEMA Kick-off meeting re. mapping (which no one else knew about), and that FL Wildlife Assn. was going to try and make Bird Island a critical wildlife area, which would be the first in the State of FL in 20 years.
- Vice Mayor Schoppe recognized a significant improvement in landscaping in Town, with Town Manager Kellogg saying Joan Bausch should be given credit because she and her friends have worked on manicuring and grooming the areas.
- Cmsr. Bausch said he continues to get calls re. Regatta and parking and hoped the Chief will be very strict about regulating the parking on private property.

5. **Adjourn** - A motion was made by Cmsr. Bausch, seconded by Vice Mayor Schoppe to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM. All in favor. (5-0)

**In Favor:** Bausch, Busha, Luger, Schoppe, and Thurlow-Lippisch

**Opposed:** No

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann-Marie S. Basler, Town Clerk