

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 1995
6:00 P.M.

Present: Campbell, DeGrandpre, Ruff, Mann, Bishop, Wold, Bennett

Library Lease Options:

Jack Riddle summarized the cost of renovating the present library for retail purposes. The cost to renovate would be \$270,000. At 6% borrowing a value of \$6.00 per square foot would be placed on the lease by a tenant. Jack recommended the building be delivered as a "white box" which would ease negotiations and widen the tenant pool. The consensus of the Council was to accept the recommendation up to \$270,000.

Fire/Rescue Organization:

Council Wold summarized the study committee report. The committee's recommendation is to have three distinct departments, each with its own chief. A Rescue Chief would also address the need of a daytime first responder. This would require a full-time position. Changes in the Administration would have to be made to accomplish this. The Budget issue would also have to be addressed.

The Council agreed to make this issue a priority.

Booster Peddler Location/Depot Street:

The Council reached a consensus that a budget figure of \$15,000 would be requested in FY97 for support of the Depot Street Restroom Facility in return for 10% of the gross income from the Boosters Peddler cart.

Coastal Waters Committee:

The Committee shared with the Council issues that are under consideration concerning possible ordinance amendments. The licensing of Tour Boats was highlighted. Other issues included dumpster location, coastal access study, commercial marine enterprise moorings, prioritize mooring assignments, placement of dingys, allowable motor size, assessment of mooring fees, appeals process, extending dock, rack system for smaller boats and more stringent enforcement system.

Another issue is the reservation of service moorings for commercials and giving residents more opportunity for moorings.

Concerning Tour Boats, the Coastal Waters Commission is opposed to the use and consider the use non-conforming.

The Council agreed that as a next step the Commission should draft its amendments and forward proposed amendments to the Council for consideration through the Ordinance Committee.

Committee Consolidation:

Members of the Coastal Waters Commission oppose consolidation with Shellfish and feel that the issues are by and large unrelated. Concern was also expressed about the dilution of waterfront oversight.

Horace Gower, of the Recreation Committee, voiced concern about consolidation and having fewer involved in the governmental process. Councilors Wold and Bishop expressed reservations about consolidation and felt other measures could be taken such as better defined roles and sunset provisions. Councilor Ruff expressed concern about overburdening agendas and felt each proposed consolidation should stand on its merits.

Allison Trusdale expressed concern about overlapping issues among committees and voiced support for some consolidation, i.e. Landbank, Conservation and Recreation with an increase in the number of members.

The Council agreed to focus on consolidating the ATL and Traffic and Parking Committees and the Landbank and Conservation Commissions. These discussions will take place at the annual Board and Committee workshops.

Adjourned 9:00 p.m.