

July 11, 2016

DEC meeting: Guests Jonathan Robinson, County Commissioner,  
Mr. Eugene Foxworth, Director, Carteret County Dept. of Planning

Attendees: Richard Lowdermilk, Theresa Burkhart, and Barbara G-Blake

Gene Foxworth issue 1: **Harkers Island high rise bridge** slow process (DOT), asked for public input 3 mos ago, and looking at 2017, 2018 completion. 4 options: 2 on west side, 2 east. 5<sup>th</sup> option seems most favorable: swings out to the east and misses fishing pier. Jonathan: promise to access old bridge to fishing pier still good? Gene: yes. County would retain 30 year lease. May exclude vehicular traffic.

Foxworth issue 2: **Cherry Point Regional Joint Land Use Study** (James Morris involved): recommendations pertinent to DE: 1. Strengthen tall structure ordinance (to protect bombing ranges) (Craven and Pamlico following suite), 2. Access around Piney Island: facilitate discussion about that. 3. Take a look at DE Conservation Ordinance. The plan is to see what each community wants. Know “what we want to be when we grow up.” BGB recounts saga of Down East Tomorrow, and expresses appreciation that this process is finally getting support. Jonathan says we must understand this process in context of military.

Jonathan expressed concern about people losing access around Piney Island, suggested a system of lights that warn people when restricted, when not. No need to close whole area.

Implementation is next step. Will proceed slowly. Military overlay districts, info meetings. 5 – 7 years. Process driven by military. They hold purse strings.

Foxworth issue 2. **New flood maps released for county.** Maps very detailed, not smooth lines. Must look at it online. 90 day comment period will start in January.

Jonathan: asks for sign update. Richard recaps sign process. Signs ready in 3, 4 weeks. We are some 1,300 shy of complete payment.

Jonathan: commissioners want to go before voters for **quarter cent sales tax referendum** (to 7 cents) for waterway enhancement. Wainrights Channel needs dredging, serious. Need corps to do emergency work. W/ sidecast dredge 10 days, 300k. County formed committee to look at this. Each commissioner appts someone from their district. Bradley Styron is DE rep. Should generate 2.5 mill year. Leveraging 7 million. 60 percent sales tax revenue comes from people outside county. Food and medicine excluded. **Jonathan: can DEC help promote this to the community?**

**Bgb thought: cover dish/bbq in mid to late September to bring these issues to larger group? Sept 20 (Tues)?**

JR: HI wants golf carts. Atlantic might want to reconsider. Adjourned 8:30.