

**Town of Sewall's Point
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 22, 2008**

Present: Mayor Busha, Vice Mayor Subin, Cmsrs. Bausch, and Osteen, and Town Manager Kellogg, Attorney Torcivia, Chief Cerniglia, and Building Official Adams

Absent: Commissioner Morris

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Busha called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk called the roll.

a. **Approval of Agenda** – Mayor Busha asked to include under 5. New Business, Letter from FLDOT, and to table under Consent Agenda 4e. Donation to the Elliott Museum; motion made by Vice Mayor Subin, seconded by Cmsr. Bausch.

In Favor: Bausch, Osteen, Subin and Busha

Opposed: None

2. **Comments from public on topics not on the agenda** – None

3. **Public Hearings and Presentations**

a. Women Supporting the Arts - Mayor Busha reiterated that at the Town Meeting of November 27th, the Commission supported a proposal to paint the utility boxes. Sheila Harrigan Kurtz who was in attendance, told the Commission that on January 4th, “it was official” – the Town had received the grant from WSA for a mural to be painted onto the [two] green electric boxes in the spirit of *Art in Public Places*. The work will begin on February 20th, she said. Cmsr. Osteen made a motion to approve the beginning of the work, seconded by Vice Mayor Subin.

In Favor: Bausch, Osteen, Subin and Busha

Opposed: None

b. Preliminary Plan Review of the Arbella Property – A very lengthy discussion was held and concerns were expressed by several residents as follows: drainage, right-of-ways, street width, access [changing] to property/roads, security and safety, impact of people “driving through” area; seawall, and buffer, to name a few.

The Commission asked Joe Capra to speak to drainage concerns and he explained the criteria that was to be followed and noted that it was necessary to comply with the Town Code. Issues of concern were articulated by the Commission, i.e., not knowing the drainage numbers (preferring to know *before* deciding on the project), discharge into the river, elevation, lot sizes, and the Mayor asked for documentation from the Fire Marshall who approved the “T” turnaround design, with Town Manager Kellogg indicating that he would follow-up on that request. Discussion continued with questions/answers. In the end, Mayor Busha questioned where we were in the process and suggested that Attorney Torcivia and staff meet with the engineer and developer and come back at the next (or another) Commission meeting, saying this would give staff an opportunity to work out the details.

c. New Town Website – A draft of the new website was given to the Commission by Town Manager Kellogg who noted that some of the Town history had been pulled [from the previous draft], and that pictures would be brought back for the Home Page. Cmsr. Osteen stated this was a “work in progress and once on line, people could make suggestions” as to what the home page might include. It was suggested by Mayor Busha that there be another link with flood information available.

d. Update on FEMA CRS Regulations – Mayor Busha stated that she, Town Manager Kellogg, and Building Official Adams had a conference call with FEMA. Less than half the residents [in town] benefit from this, she said, and that we should “do what we are doing, make sure we continue with Building Official Adams’ report by strengthening flood plan regulations, Coastal “A” Zones (changing one of our ordinances which has a maximum value of 650 points), with Vice May Subin suggesting that the town be prudent in its building codes.

4. **Consent Agenda**

a. Vice Mayor Subin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Cmsr. Osteen.

In Favor: Bausch, Osteen, Subin and Busha

Opposed: None

5. New Business

Letter from FDOT – Mayor Busha stated FDOT had analyzed the intersection at State Road A1A at Sewall’s Point and determined that the “southbound to westbound free flow right turn lane should be removed, along with the triangular island and the flexible delineator posts.” She is opposed and Cmsr. Osteen asked about an alternative. A call will be placed by Town Manager Kellogg to Mr. Overton at FDOT. Conversation continued as to whether or not the poles would be removed, would there be striping in place for traffic control, and a suggestion of getting a rendering before the October construction is to begin.

6. Town Manager’s Comments

Town Manager Kellogg said he would prepare information for the next meeting regarding the State Investment Pool, and investments with Gulfstream Bank and Bank of America.

Town Hall parking lot issue was also discussed and Mayor Busha was pleased that the Town Manager had caught the problem and went back to McGreggan for repaving.

The final phase of the tree replanting will be starting soon, said Town Manager Kellogg. The issue of placement of trees was brought up due to the possible overhang on wires and public right-of-ways. Town Manager Kellogg stated that “we are going to have to choose real hard where we can put these trees because of this these situations.”

7. Comments from Commissioners on topics not on the agenda.

The next Workshop will be February 12th at 4 P.M., and the Regular Meeting will be held on February 26th at 7 P.M.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann-Marie S. Basler
Town Clerk