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From: jhyvonen@cfl.rr.com
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2016 1:45 PM
To: Hunt, Peg
Subject: 124 old carriage road -special assessment for dredging

My name is Jon Hyvonen , homeowner at 124 Old Carriage Road. I would be willing to pay a reasonable special assessment for dredging . Thanks!

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Hunt, Peg

From: Richard Davis <Davis_Yank@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 08, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Hunt, Peg
Cc: tad
Subject: Canal Dredging

To: Ponce Inlet Town Council
From: Owners of 118 Anchor Drive, Ponce Inlet
Subject: Canal Dredging

Thank you for your letter of December 1, 2016 inquiring of our interest in dredging the canals. This is a long overdue project that should be done. The existence and condition of the canals is a major component of the value of these properties and is an asset to the whole community. We would support a special assessment to maintain the dredging of the canals.

In 1985, when I purchased the house at 118 Anchor Drive, I envisioned owning a sailboat and docking it behind my home. In 1989 I purchased a sailboat that would be large enough to cruise to the islands yet be suitable to turn around in the canal. Of course I did not consider my 5'-6" draft a problem. There had been a history of some large power boats anchoring in the mouth of the canal and using their engines to wash out the mud and build up at mouth of canal. I installed a higher stronger dock after observing storm water at very top of canal.

Twice, during the 1990s, I tied up my boat for the winter. I found that at low tide, the boat bottom was a foot deep in the mud. We had had a portion of sea wall, on mine and neighbor's house, collapse and a lot of dirt had entered canal. The new dock and tie off pilings, was also designed to hold boat further from wall in deeper water. On my last exit in spring, I was delayed and given the tide, I ran hard aground. The vessel healed about 40 degrees and I was scared. I found that even at high tide, the sand bar had built up so high and the passage so small, it was not practicable for me. I have not been back with boat since. We have rented the property since to a man with very small boats.

I have explained to people over the years that the problem with these canals is that they are not condominiums. The owners have no governing organization, like a yacht club, to spearhead obtaining permits and arrangements. I was told that attempts by private owners to dredge were unsuccessful. The attitude was let the big boat people do it and that the widows would not contribute.

We think it would be wonderful if the city would take the lead in this endeavor. The city would more likely be able to obtain necessary permits and deal with various agencies. The costs should be view as a betterment and apply to all the abutters. It will maintain this value of our homes on which we are already being taxed.

Respectfully,
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January 9, 2016

132 Old Carriage Road
Ponce Inlet, Florida

Jeaneen Witt, CMC
Town Manager -Ponce Inlet

Dear Jeaneen Witt:

In response to your letter of December 1,2016, I will be unable to attend the Dredging workshop on January 19, 2017. I have a Board of Directors meeting to attend at the exact same time.

Having participated in Dreging Study Committees in 2000 and 2008, I am very pessimistic regarding the approach the current Town Council has taken -i.e. Have the residents pay for the dredging. Please see my comments in my email to Gary Smith et. al. Sent in mid December 2016

The north Old Carriage 150' wide canal is a public usage canal(95% non resident usage). This canal is also the tidal drainage and replenishment of Wilbur Bay all the way to the Boondocks marina etc. We have lived in our home at the end of Old Carriage for 18 years. Most of the sand in the mouth of the canal has come from the ICW erosion of the former Parker Mitchenberg property(that is now owned by the Town). The north west point of the canal used to be 30' farther into the ICW when we moved here.

A majority of the 80 homes in this section of Emerald Isle are not going to vote for an assessment in excess of the then \$25,000 estimate we put together in 2008. We tried. It failed. Many homeowners have just given up on the Town doing anything constructive to help the situation. In 2008 the Town lawsuits overwhelmed any such consideration. The only path to success, I see, is for the Mayor, Gary Smith, to take on a strong can do leadership role(like the one 4 term Port Orange Mayor , Allen Green did) to lead the Council and Staff to obtain the government funding Port Orange and Summer Haven have successfully achieved. Please read my comments, email and news articles into the minutes of the January 19th meeting.

Sincerely,


David McConnell

cc. Gary Smith

Dave Mary <mccdm323@yahoo.com>

12/13/16 at 8:55 AM

To Gary Smith, Nancy Epps, Brandon Roth, Aref Joulani

CC Henry Dreifus, Ellen Pagliarulo, Clifford Shepard

BCC Dave Mary

I spent time with Allen Green yesterday (four term retiring mayor of Port Orange) discussing dredging. I asked him how they arranged the \$51 million restoration (\$10 million dredging) project to do Rose Bay. Short answer--"twenty years of hard work and smaller amounts of money from many sources". When asked if they assessed any of the property owners --he indicated no. There was some shared work on some rebuilding of sea walls I mentioned our 150' wide north canal on Old Carriage. He knew in detail the original construction of the canal and streets. I indicated that 95% of the usage of the canal are non residents and that the Town was considering a property owners assessment to pay for dredging. He thought that was an unwise and unworkable plan. "Your canal is like the public usage on the ICW and it is the tidal replenishment of Wilbur Bay going all the way to Boondocks". He also indicated that getting rid of the spoilings is a very big issue. Even details of moving Gopher Tortoises and having to test them for TB comes into play. Getting government funding from five plus agencies was their path to success over a long term effort led by the Town of Port Orange.

Has anyone really sat down and talked with Allen or others from Port Orange on this issue? Or up in Summer Haven where they were awarded a \$2.8 million grant to dredge a canal completely filled with sand?

Not to be a broken record but...when Mike Reid and I did the soundings of the three canals in 2010--Just removing 5' of sand 300' to 600' ft into the canals resulted in 53 million cubic yards of spoil--which back then we thought would be at a cost of \$2million--divide by 80 homes is like \$25000 a property and that was 6 years ago!

In addition individual owners would have had to incur additional expense to dredge their boat house slips etc to the seawall.

I cannot support assessing property owners adjoining a highly public usage waterway for a 95% public use! It's like assessing property owners adjoining Peninsula for repaving the street used by all

*P.S
55% of the sand to be removed in the 2008 estimate was from the north canal*

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HOME/NEWS

Summer Haven River dredging gets \$2.8 million in funding

By Sheldon Gardner Tue, Mar 22, 2016 @ 5:36 am | updated Tue, Mar 22, 2016 @ 5:39 am



Peter Wilton/The St. Augustine Record
 Summer Haven River, a once-popular recreational site, has been clogged with sand since 2008 but new state funding will allow dredging and restoration.

ST. AUGUSTINE | Florida's budget includes more than \$2.8 million for the Summer Haven River, a water body that once mingled with the Matanzas Inlet but is now filled with sand.

The funding will go toward dredging and restoration of the river, a once-popular recreation spot.

"We will have the Summer Haven River back," Sen. Travis Hutson said on Monday.

The river began filling with sand after dunes were breached in 2008, according to a previous St. Augustine Record report. People in the community and elsewhere have pushed for the river's restoration.

"We've said all along that the river has environmental value, economic, historic, recreational, safety, and educational value," said Linda Ginn, president of Friends of the Summer Haven River.

Gov. Rick Scott signed a roughly \$82 billion budget last week, according to the Associated Press. Some local items were cut from the budget, including upgrades to West Augustine's sewer system.

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However, the budget provides funding for local projects such as \$152,500 for the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum, according to Hutson's office.

The budget also includes \$1 million for exterior restoration at a couple of Flagler College buildings that are part of the former Hotel Ponce de Leon complex, said Flagler College President William Abare Jr.

The lighthouse plans to fund upgrades of World War II-era buildings, among other things, said Kathy Fleming, lighthouse and museum executive director.

The Summer Haven River has received state funding before.

In 2015, the state approved \$400,000 to create final plans and bid packages for contractors who will apply to be hired to remove the sand, according to a previous St. Augustine Record report.

That funding is still being used.

The project design is being finished, and bidding is expected to open this summer, said Ken Craig, vice president of coastal engineering for Taylor Engineering.

Taylor Engineering is the project engineer, and project funding is being managed by the St. Augustine Port, Waterway and Beach District.

The construction phase of the project will move sand from the previous path of the river, Craig said. That sand will go back to the beach and create a dune system.

The project will also create an alternative habitat nearby for birds that have used the sand-filled river as a nesting site, he said.

Construction should take about six months, and one of the project permits doesn't allow work to begin until Nov. 1, Craig said.

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20-year, \$51M restoration nears end

4/3/2010

By KELLY CUCULIANSKY
STAFF WRITER

Restoration project that is more than 20 years will be to a close this year when 100,000 cubic feet of silt and mud is pumped from the bottom of Rose Bay.

May 4 groundbreaking to mark start of final step

Through the years, Port Orange, the St. Johns River Water Management District, Volusia County and the Army Corps of Engineers have worked closely.

Spokesman Ed Garland said the Army Corps is designing and building the dredge material management area to "very different federal specifications."

Especially since Hurricane Katrina, containment construction areas are inspected very closely," he said. "Because the site is remote, inspections, minor modifications and re-inspections all require additional

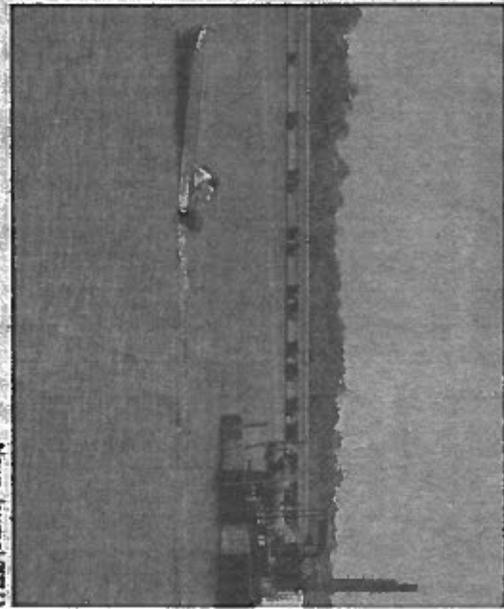
to eat oysters out of a pristine bay, and it's always been a goal that it will reach that standard again.

"We, as humans, have the unbelievable power to destroy, create or perpetuate," he said. "I believe for the most part, we misuse our strengths sometimes. But we have an obligation to make it better than we found it."

During Florida's explosive growth, the once-productive estuary was a vital nursery for fish and habitat for shellfish until it became polluted by storm-water runoff carrying fertilizer, dirt, grease, chemicals and other pollutants that streamed into the bay. Leaky septic systems added to the contamination.

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A boater motors past a dredge in Rose Bay on Friday. A boater motors past a dredge in Rose Bay on Friday. delays, equipment is now in place, and the \$10 million leg of the dredging project may start in the next three

News-Journal/KELLY

RESTORATION

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while two causeways restricted water flow and circulation of the bay.

During the past two decades, several agencies worked to clean up the bay through a five-point plan that included storm-water improvements, hooking up houses to a sewer system, replacing a bridge span to maximize water flow and removing an abandoned causeway.

After this final leg of the restoration is completed, an additional project will complement the agencies' efforts.

The city of Port Orange plans to fund the removal of about 80,000 cubic yards of silt from a nearby drainage canal to prevent it from flushing back into the bay.

How Rose Bay Got its Name

- According to family members, Rose Bay was named after Rose McDonald, who lived in the area along the bay in about 1859.
- The McDonald family, formerly known as the McDaniels, worked for a logging company and took care of cattle in the area where the Harbor Oaks neighborhood is located today, said Harold Gardwell, a Port Orange historian. "It was just wild country back then and I'm sure they were the only ones right there at the time," Gardwell said.
- Rose McDonald was a homemaker, while her husband took care of the cattle.

— Kelly Cuculiansky