

December 9, 2022

To: Planning Board Members:

From: John Finelli, ETJ Representative

I've asked Wes to place an item on the December Planning Board Agenda pertaining to the Martin's Point commercial properties. And that is a discussion of the possible transfer of these properties from the ETJ to Dare County for planning and zoning purposes.

All of Martin's Point used to be under the planning jurisdiction of Southern Shores, but the residential properties were released in 2000. In my opinion, the commercial properties should have been transferred at the same time, but it didn't happen. But better late than never.

Over the past several months I have had discussions with Wes, Andy, the Town Manager and the Mayor about a possible transfer. We seem to be in general agreement that the interests of the Town and of Martin's Point might be best served if Dare County took over the planning and zoning responsibilities for the 10 properties in the Martin's Point commercial subdivision.

I was asked by the Mayor to conduct a survey of the property owners to see if they were in favor of the transfer or if they wanted to remain under Southern Shores for planning and zoning. I'm in the process of doing that. So far, 60% have responded that they are in favor of the move to Dare County and none are opposed. I have informed the remaining property owners that this item will be on the December Agenda if they wish to address the Planning Board during Public Comment.

The Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners and the Dare County Planning Director are aware of my efforts and are supportive. But ultimately, it will be up to the Southern Shores Town Council to approve the transfer.

At the conclusion of our discussion I would like for a motion in support of the proposal or a motion stating that Planning Board Members have no objections.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Finelli ETJ Representative