DEC - June 2

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Tom Hesselink. It was unanimously agree to dispense with the reading of the April minutes. Sixteen people were in attendance: Lillie Miller, Barbara Blake, Lura Hill, Dave Boileau, Art Noyes, Penny Hooper, Mark Hooper, Anthony Nelson, Danny Styron, Brenda Lowdermilk, Richard Lowdermilk, Susan Mason, Debra Faw, Richard Lupton Jr., John Coffman, and Tom Hesselink.

Tom Hesselink presented information regarding the Local Hero Award

Chandler Taylor was the recipient of the award. Funds donated by Hooper Seafood, Hesselink, Chadwick Tire, Jarrett Bay

DE Welcome Sign

Richard Lowdermilk along with Art Noyes and Dave Boileau attended a meeting with the Scenic Byway - contractors and county manager to consider ways to "enhance and support the byway project"

Richard – would like to get members from every community to serve on the committee.

DECN

Down East Community News is active again. Suggestions for future stories were made by those attending the meeting. Ideas included:

Register oak trees Oral history article

Catherine Elkins

I J Wan - farm

Coastal Voices

Barbara Garrity-Blake

Effort to record history of the communities - oral histories

They have an online presence which will be enhanced in the coming months.

Diamond City Homecoming - August 16-17

Core Sound Waterfowl Museum Need input - life on Shackleford

Survey Results

Top issues suggested by were:

*Education - local students

After much discussion, it was decided that Mark Hooper would create a survey to be reviewed by council members for further discussion

*Publicize DECN

*Open-air markets

Motion: Develop education to meet needs of students - outboard motor repair, boat building

July meeting will be held at Cedar Island to begin at 6:00 with a fish fry. Danny Styron would make all the arrangement.

There being no future business, the meeting was adjourned.