

Avon to Open Bids on July 3 For Marina



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Tess Neilson, president of the Avon Education Foundation asked Mayor Robert Mahon for some "public space" to display the organization's plaque of donors.

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Avon Borough Engineer Charles Rooney told the Avon Board of Commissioners that 18 companies have requested specs for the new marina project planned by the borough. The bid openings is set for July 3.

"There's been a lot of interest," Rooney said.

He said the project will be awarded the following week and construction could begin in August.

Rooney also said dredging in the area can only continue until Nov. 1.

Phase I of the project calls for the building of a new bulkhead and dredging of 1000 yards of material which will be dewatered on the site before being taken to a Neptune landfill.

If there are any funds remaining, floating docks will be installed.

"Keeping the project moving forward is a good thing," said Mayor Robert Mahon.

Commissioner Frank Gorman also reported that the Army Corps of Engineers' dredging vessel, now in the inlet is picking up shoaling and dredge materials

and will be there for another couple of weeks.

"That's a good thing for all us, especially after the two boating accidents we've had already this year," he said.

During public comments, Tess Neilson, president of the Avon Education Foundation asked the commissioners for a spot to hang a large plaque listing donors to the foundation.

"I'm seeking public space," she said.

Mayor Mahon asked Neilson why she didn't want it placed at the school.

Neilson said many residents and businesses are not necessarily involved in the school, but make significant donations.

"It affects all people," she said.

Mahon took the plaque and said they would find a suitable space to hang it.

"Right here would be fine," he said referring to the municipal building.

Gorman suggested it could be the first plaque hung at the new marina after it is built.

"Better than being home in my closet," Neilson said. "We're very proud of it."