MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE EMERALD ISLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019 - 6:00 P.M. TOWN BOARD MEETING ROOM 1. Call to Order The regular monthly meeting of the Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Eddie Barber at 6:00 PM in the Town Board Meeting Room. 2. Roll Call Present for the meeting: Mayor Eddie Barber, Mayor Pro-Tem Floyd Messer, Commissioners Candace Dooley Steve Finch, Jim Normile, and Mark Taylor. Also, present during the regular meeting: Town Manager Matt Zapp, Attorney Richard Stanley, Town Clerk Rhonda Ferebee, Finance Director Laura Rotchford, Parks and Recreation Director Alesia Sanderson, and Town Planner Josh Edmondson. Also in attendance: Greg 'Rudi' Rudolph, Carteret County Shore Protection Officer 3. Opening Prayer Mayor Barber offered the opening prayer. 4. Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Barber led the Pledge of Allegiance. 5. Adoption of Agenda Motion was made by Commissioner Finch to adopt the Agenda as amended adding Item 9e – Resolution Designating FEMA Agent (Hurricane Dorian) to the Consent Agenda. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried. 6. Introduction of New Employee a. Rachael Kelly, Finance Technician / Administrative Support Specialist Finance Director Laura Rotchford introduced the Administration Department's newest full-time member Rachael Kelly, Finance Technician. Director Rotchford stated that Rachael had stepped

right into her new role and would be helping with accounts payable, payroll, reporting and the

implementation of new software. Director Rotchford noted that Rachael grew up in Emerald

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- 1 Isle, graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2013, bringing a lot of experience in administrative,
- 2 and business management from the UNC Gene Therapy Center where she worked previously,
- and most recently she was employed by NC Division of Marine Fisheries in Morehead City.
- 4 Director Rotchford was pleased to have her on the team.

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The Board and public welcomed Rachael to her new position with the Town.

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7. Proclamations / Public Announcements

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Mayor Barber noted the following Proclamations and public announcements:

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- Friday Free Flick Friday, Oct. 11 7 pm Emerald Isle Community Center
- League of Women Voters host Candidate Forum Mon. Oct 14 6-8pm Town Board Meeting Room
- Police Educating the Public (PEP) Tuesday, Oct 15 10 am Town Board Mtg. Room
- Golf Cart Advisory Committee Tues. Oct 15 5:30pm Town Board Meeting Room
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Wed. Oct. 16 9 am El Comm Center
- Dog Park Development Committee Wednesday, Oct. 16 3 pm Community Center
- American Red Cross Blood Drive Fri Oct. 18 2-7pm Emerald Isle Comm Center
- Coffee With a Cop Thursday, Oct. 24 9 am Stir It Up
 - Halloween Carnival Friday, Oct. 25 6-8pm Emerald Isle Community Center
 - Planning Board Regular Meeting Monday, Oct. 28 6 pm Town Board Meeting Rm
 - Municipal Election Day Tuesday, November 5 6:30am-7:30pm El Comm Center
 - Neighborhood Watch Board Meeting Tues. Nov 5 6 pm Police Dept. Conf. Rm.
 - Friday Free Flick Friday, November 8 7 pm Emerald Isle Community Center
 - Veteran's Day Town Holiday Monday, Nov. 11 Town Offices Closed
 - Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Tues., Nov 12 6 pm Town Bd. Mtg. Rm.

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8. Public Comment

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Brief Summary:

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The public will have the opportunity to address the Board about any items of concern not on the agenda. The Mayor and Board welcome and appreciate all comments from the public, and will take these comments into consideration as they make decisions on Town issues and provide direction to Town staff. Public comment is a time for the Board to listen to the public's concerns and ideas, and is not intended for a lengthy dialogue or question and answer session.

- The Mayor, Board, and Town staff are happy to meet with any citizen during normal business hours or at any other mutually agreeable time to discuss Town issues and answer any questions.
- Joanne Flick, full-time resident Boardwalk RV Park, commented that she and her husband had
- 42 attended the Planning Board meeting earlier in the month and learned that a decision had been

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made in order to leave Louise Avenue and Boardwalk as two-way streets but that the plan was still in place to make Islander Drive from Reed Drive to Louise Avenue a one-way to allow for golf cart parking, etc. Ms. Flick said in speaking with John McLean and other residents of the park they wanted to register they were definitely opposed to having all of the traffic from Islander Suites as well as the beach access coming down Louise and onto Boardwalk. Ms. Flick said there were a substantial number of people who lived on the back section of the park so there was constant pedestrian traffic going across Louise Avenue, in addition to fishing carts, bicycles, small children; it was always busy in the summer and there was a concern of all of that traffic being routed down that street. Ms. Flick said they had asked at the Planning Board meeting if there were things that may be considered such as crosswalks, flashing lights, and were told that none of those things were really being considered because emergency vehicles such as fire trucks had a problem with speed bumps. Ms. Flick said that John McLean couldn't be here tonight as he was at a school board meeting but she said that he and other residents of the park wanted her to find out if there was any recourse they had to convince the Board to reconsider routing all of that traffic down Boardwalk and Louise, and if they were going to continue on that route would they be doing anything for the safety concerns for all who lived in the park and had to cross there.

Town Manager Matt Zapp stated that currently they were looking at the redesign and had engineers surveying the area specifically at Islander and Louise. Manager Zapp said they ran into a delay unfortunately due to the tornado that came through that whole area so their efforts were shifted from survey work to clean-up work. Manager Zapp apologized they didn't have the engineers drawing to share at this time, and the second point was to have the drawings and work through each of the concerns. Manager Zapp said they were aggressively pursuing crosswalks, and the full gamut of safety procedures in the area. Manager Zapp said safety was the number one reason to leave Louise Avenue a two-way street. Manager Zapp said they heard her loudly and clearly and would take everything into consideration with the goal to bring that information back to be digested in a public forum.

Elton Matheson, 7008 Sound Drive, said he had it on an unimpeachable source that the Town (Simmons & Simmons) would no longer pick up wood. Mr. Matheson said the alternative he was given was that if he took wood in his trailer which he didn't have to some landfill in Peletier and it would be free. Mr. Matheson said he wasn't physically able to do that and said he was paying taxes or a fee for that service. Mr. Matheson said the landfill charged \$58 per ton so he was entitled to 5 or 6 tons he thought on that basis. Mr. Matheson said he couldn't burn it, the container that was refused contained an old garden cart made of wood, some metal, and some decomposed whatever. Mr. Matheson said it was hurricane damage and he thought they had FEMA help for this and he hadn't received anything. Mr. Matheson said the Town was giving Simmons & Simmons a \$58 a ton pass, being one ton they didn't have to take even though the Town was paying them. Mr. Matheson said to follow the money it came right back to Simmons & Simmons, and Commissioner Messer. Commissioner Messer stated he had no interest in

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- 1 Simmons & Simmons. Commissioner Messer asked Mr. Matheson if his problem had been taken
- 2 care of to which Mr. Matheson said it had not, it sat there for a week, but when asked if it was
- 3 still there said it had been removed this morning. Mr. Matheson said he had a deck to repair and
- 4 still had a lot of debris lying around that he couldn't burn it. Mr. Matheson said wood would
- 5 decompose and was not an environmental issue.
- 6 Carol Newsome, Emerald Drive, said she wasn't aware of this problem and thought Mr. Matheson
- 7 had a good point.
- 8 Town Manager Matt Zapp addressed the issue stating for the sake of the public that the
- 9 conversation they had was that Mr. Matheson called and they were able to identify that he had
- 10 contaminant material that our contract with Simmons & Simmons doesn't allow to be picked up.
- 11 Manager Zapp said he and the Public Works Director both visited Mr. Matheson's home,
- inspected his material, called him on the phone, made arrangements to grab the can that was at
- 13 his home and emptied it. Manager Zapp said they also made arrangement to pick up all the
- material he had placed at the street which was very similar to everyone else in this room if they
- had hurricane related damage. Manager Zapp said that in the future if there was an issue if a call
- was placed to his office, any of his team members, or elected officials they circled right around
- and tried to get that, and recommended if there was an issue with construction related debris
- 18 from Hurricane Dorian they were going to get that. If it was regular construction debris when
- 19 engaging in a contract with a contractor that contractor should take that material away. Manager
- 20 Zapp stated in this particular case they responded in 48 hours, the team made arrangements to
- 21 empty Mr. Matheson's personal can and cleared at the street, along with a couple of other items
- 22 they addressed.
- 23 Commissioner Messer said Mr. Matheson had also called him about a month ago about a similar
- 24 situation. Commissioner Messer called Public Works Director Artie Dunn and the situation was
- 25 resolved within 24 hours.
- 26 Pat Lister, 8108 Sound Drive, gave kudos to the Town officials, employees, and volunteers that
- 27 excelled in the last 3 weekends with huge town events; Day4Kids, 1st Annual Emerald Isle Fishing
- 28 Tournament, and the Beach Music Festival. Mr. Lister said he had the pleasure to attend two of
- 29 those events and help out and he really enjoyed himself. Mr. Lister gave a shout out to Parks &
- 30 Recreation Director Alesia Sanderson, as well as all other Town Departments. Mr. Lister said he
- 31 appreciated them for bringing those great events to Town.
- 32 Charlie Tingen, 138 E. Seaview, commented that he attended the Board meeting in August when
- he brought a matter to the Board's attention about the illegal shelter still standing at 118 E.
- 34 Seaview. Mr. Tingen said the shelter was originally brought to the attention of the Town officials
- in July 2018. Mr. Tingen said Hurricane Florence was blamed for delays in handling the matter
- but he felt there had been plenty of time to have it moved or removed. Mr. Tingen felt it was so

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- simple to resolve as the homeowner deliberately broke all building codes, no permits, no
- 2 inspections, building within 10 feet of the setbacks. Mr. Tingen felt this should not be left as a
- 3 prime example to anyone else who chose to build within the required setback and then get help
- 4 from the Town of Emerald Isle to make it legal. Mr. Tingen felt they must all follow the codes as
- 5 violations have a real impact on property values, and he would like to know the status of this
- 6 issue.
- 7 Town Planner Josh Edmondson said they were currently working with the property owner to
- 8 resolve the situation. Planner Edmondson said the property owner was still in contact with his
- 9 neighbor about obtaining property to meet the side setback. Planner Edmondson said the owner
- was moving forward with the plan they set forth earlier this spring.
- 11 Commissioner Messer understood they tried to help everybody they could get into compliance
- but felt they needed to set a timeframe for the owner to either get it done or not.
- 13 Planner Edmondson said he would discuss further with the Town Manager on this issue.
- 14 John Flick, Boardwalk RV Park commended the Town on a phenomenal job following the tornado.
- 15 Mr. Flick said they were there when it came through and EMS, Police, Fire were all there in an
- amazing way. Mr. Flick thanked them for the way it was handled as it was a mess, and it was
- 17 really appreciated.
- 18 Terry Wade, Spinnakers Reach, commented about the bike path and having proper bathroom
- 19 facilities at the Point. Ms. Wade said huge strides had been taken over the 6 years she had lived
- 20 here with developing better parking and facilities for the tourists and residents who lived in the
- area and felt the Point was such an important place especially this time of year for the fishermen,
- 22 residents and tourists who came every year to use the bike path. Ms. Wade said she had noticed
- there were no facilities and limited parking at the Point. Ms. Wade mentioned conversation with
- former Town Manager Frank Rush before he left and there was open dialogue about a grant or
- 25 possible improvements at the Station Street Park or possibly at the beach access. Ms. Wade
- 26 wanted to bring this to the Board's attention as something that could possibly be done to make
- 27 it nice for everyone at that end of the beach. In addition, Ms. Wade also mentioned the issue of
- red flags not being property put out on the beach this time of the year down at that end of the
- beach and she had a couple of occasions to tell tourists of red flag notifications that the tourists
- that were already here didn't have access to so she would like to request they add a couple of
- that were already here didn't have access to so she would like to request they and a couple of
- 31 flags toward the end of the beach when they are red, and some trash cans this time of year to
- keep the beach nice and clean, and keep residents and tourists safe.
- 33 Town Manager Matt Zapp noted that throughout 2019 the Town had multiple flag changes and
- 34 worked to improve the process. Manager Zapp said that seasonally they had 18 higher level flags
- 35 and they assessed the beach strand and determined you could see those flags looking east or
- west. Manager Zapp the Town would normally start those flags at the start of the season and

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- end of the season bookended by Memorial Day and Labor Day. Manager Zapp said this year they
- 2 ran flags all the way through the month of September, and were leaving up and maintain
- 3 lifeguards through the Beach Music Festival. Manager Zapp said because the weather has been
- 4 so warm heading into October they extended the flags even further into October, but had
- 5 reduced the flags from 18 down to 7 which were the dominant locations. Manager Zapp said
- 6 they tried to cover the most populated areas. Manager Zapp said feedback received questioned
- 7 when the weather service provide rip current updates and notices, and that time period was
- 8 between the beginning of April and October 31. Manager Zapp said they would be reviewing
- 9 that for 2020 and determine the best plan and have further recommendation. The current plan
- was to leave the flags up until October 31 in concert with the National Weather Service notices
- 11 about rip currents.

12 9. Consent Agenda

- a. July 9, 2019 Regular Meeting
- b. July 9, 2019 Closed Session
- 15 c. August 13, 2019 Regular Meeting
- 16 d. September 10, 2019 Regular Meeting
- e. Resolution Designating FEMA Agent (Hurricane Dorian) (added Item e) (19-10-08/R1)
- 18 Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as
- 19 amended. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.
- 20 Clerks Note: A copy of Resolution 19-10-08/R1 and all other consent agenda items as noted above are incorporated herein
- 21 by reference and hereby made a part of these minutes.

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10. Emerald Isle Post-Florence Beach Nourishment Project – Phase II

- a. Resolution Authorizing Design Services Contract with Moffatt & Nichol Engineers
 (19-10-08/R2)
 - b. Resolution Authorizing Construction Contract (19-10-08/R3)
- 27 c. Capital Project Budget Ordinance
- 28 Greg 'Rudi' Rudolph provided an in-depth overview of the Phase I project recently completed and
- the upcoming planned Phase II project for the Board's consideration. Included in Mr. Rudolph's
- 30 presentation was a PowerPoint with historical beach nourishment details, and projections for the
- future phases. Mr. Rudolph noted that the website for the Phase II project would include updates
- 32 approximately 3 times per week and the public could learn the location of the dredges, and
- 33 project status. Mr. Rudolph provided a video that consisted of drone footage over the non-
- 34 nourished and nourished parts of the beach.
- 35 Mayor Barber asked for any comments from the public. There were none.

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- 1 Mayor Barber thanked Mr. Rudolph for his hard work, as well as Commissioner Normile and
- 2 former Commissioner Wootten who serve on the Beach Commission who worked long and hard
- 3 with Mr. Rudolph and he appreciated his leadership.
- 4 Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to approve the Resolution Authorizing Design
- 5 Services Contract with Moffatt & Nichol Engineers. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in
- 6 favor. Motion carried.
- 7 Motion was made by Commissioner Normile to approve the Resolution Authorizing
- 8 Construction Contract with Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, LLC. The Board voted
- 9 unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.
- 10 Motion was made by Commissioner Finch to approve the Capital Project Budget Ordinance.
- 11 The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.
- 12 Clerks Note: A copy of Resolution 19-10-08/R2 and 19-10-08/R3 as noted above are incorporated herein by reference and
- 13 hereby made a part of these minutes.

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- 15 <u>11. Presentation Installation of Additional Golf Cart Spaces James Street / Ocean Drive</u>
- 16 **Public Access**
- 17 Town Manager Matt Zapp and Parks and Recreation Director Alesia Sanderson addressed the
- 18 Board concerning this Agenda item. The following excerpt from Town Manager Zapp's memo
- 19 to the Board is provided for additional background:
- 20 GENERAL OVERVIEW- On September 17, 2019 the Golf Cart Advisory Committee had further discussion and review
- 21 of the James Street BETA test case prototype as requested by the Board of Commissioners during their September
- 22 10, 2019 regular meeting.

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- JAMES STREET BETA- The Golf Cart Advisory Committee voted to recommend installing a revised parking
- improvement plan at the James Street / Ocean Drive access area. Attached is the revised concept drawing for your
- 26 consideration.

- 28 **FUNDING-** Funding for the increased parking can be attributed to the Golf Cart Reserve account.
- 29 PARKING LOT RESEARCH- Staff also researched the cost / development opportunities associated with the purchase
- 30 of the vacant lot at James Street/Ocean Drive. The estimated market value for the vacant lot is \$400,000-\$500,000.
- 31 Estimated cost to install parking improvements range from \$150,000-\$300,000. A total of 15 vehicle and 15 golf cart
- 32 spaces could be developed. The anticipated ROI will exceed 60-years, if we charged \$10/day per vehicle/cart to park
- 33 in the lot. Staff will report further on this topic during the October 8, 2019 Board meeting.
- 34 **RECOMMENDATION** Attached for your consideration is the revised, professionally engineered, site drawing. The
- 35 current site plan was compiled based upon input from the GCAC, Board of Commissioners, CAMA, local citizens, and
- 36 town staff.
- 37 With Board approval, Town staff will coordinate the installation of the increased parking area at James Street in the
- 38 ROW.

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- 1 Parks and Recreation Director Alesia Sanderson summarized the Golf Cart Advisory Committee
- 2 recommendation presented during the September meeting to install parking improvements at
- 3 the James Street access as a BETA test case. Following the September meeting the Board's
- 4 direction to staff was to have further discussion and review of the James Street BETA test case.
- 5 Director Sanderson noted that the Golf Cart Advisory Committee had indicated there was a need
- 6 for increased golf cart parking based on 1,000 golf carts and 62 golf cart parking spaces. Director
- 7 Sanderson said they started looking at areas where the highest number of parking citations were
- 8 issued and to also look at where public walkways were being rebuilt in this budget year. Director
- 9 Sanderson said the first match was James Street. Director Sanderson thanked Taney Browder,
- 10 Chair of the Golf Cart Advisory Committee for the extensive work he performed producing 14
- different engineered drawings with #14 being presented to the Board tonight for consideration
- as presented onscreen to bring a safe, effective and functional solution to the James Street area.
- 13 Director Sanderson noted the revised prototype would accommodate 8 golf cart parking spaces,
- one being designated for handicapped parking. Director Sanderson noted all funds to build
- 15 would come from golf cart revenues generated from golf cart fees. Director Sanderson pointed
- out the additional landscaping, buffers. Director Sanderson said the intent was to remove the
- 17 two existing golf cart parking spaces which led to confusion from golf cart parking perspective.
- 18 Director Sanderson said they would post and rope that lot to prevent parking until such time that
- 19 lot was developed.
- 20 Mayor Barber asked for comments from the public.
- 21 Jordan Madorsky, 317 Parkins Drive, asked if a ratio had been established as to how many golf
- 22 cart parking spaces were actually being sought.
- 23 Director Sanderson said they didn't have an exact answer at this time, they were using this as a
- 24 BETA test. Director Sanderson noted they could only do this at accesses with 15'-25' easement
- 25 areas.
- 26 Mr. Madorsky also wondered about using homeowners' property allowing them to lease space,
- a parking sort of arrangement. Mr. Madorsky said some of the older duplexes had a lot of parking
- 28 with long driveways and the Town could possibly work out a deal with them for x number of
- 29 spaces between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
- 30 Tedd Burr, 105 James Drive, said there were a number of people tonight from James Drive and
- 31 none were happy with what was being proposed. Mr. Burr said the problem was not that there
- were not enough golf cart spaces but too many golf cart spaces. Mr. Burr spoke of 13 accesses
- on Ocean Drive counting the one on James Drive there were 10 golf cart spaces. Mr. Burr said
- there concern was why they were pouring all the traffic down James Drive when there were 12
- other accesses that had zero or one golf cart parking space, feeling this was not fair and should
- 36 be spread out. Mr. Burr liked the plan being presented as far as the boardwalk was concerned

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- and if they had to most could live with the 8 spaces. Mr. Burr said the problem was on the other
- 2 side of the street he counted 17 at one time that were illegally parked except for two. Mr. Burr
- 3 suggested to Town Manager Zapp, who he felt was trying to come up with a fair solution, that if
- 4 they put the 8 spaces in he felt most would not have an objection if they made sure no one parked
- on those two corners illegally. Mr. Burr felt a simple solution would be to put same post and
- 6 rope around both corners of those vacant lots, low cost, no future problems of illegal violators,
- 7 and saving the Police Department time.
- 8 Director Sanderson stated that was a part of the current proposal to install the post and rope on
- 9 both corners and the entire front of the vacant lot.
- 10 Mr. Burr said based on Director Sanderson's comments he thought that would resolve their
- 11 objections.
- 12 Commissioner Normile asked Town Manager Zapp to reaffirm the spirit and intent of the Town
- involving the post and rope on the corners.
- 14 Town Manager Zapp reaffirmed the Town's position of the proposal for clarity noting that the
- 15 goal was to improve the beach access, making improvements on the boardwalk and put in the
- golf cart spaces as indicated in the diagram onscreen which was +/- 8 spaces also delineating
- one for handicapped access to address ADA compliance issues. Manager Zapp said for this to
- 18 be successful the staff, Golf Cart Advisory Committee, including public input had determined
- that something must happen to stop the condition of illegal parking. Manager Zapp said the
- 20 current proposal brought forward by Director Sanderson was the post and rope at each corner.
- 21 Manager Zapp stated there would be an 8 car parking area blended with vegetation
- 22 improvements/beautification and a post and rope scenario on the existing vacant and adjoining
- corner to decrease the attractiveness of illegally parking. Manager Zapp said they were
- 24 working toward a common sense approach that was fair and reasonable for the people at
- 25 James Street as they can move the process out and spread out the golf cart accessibility,
- 26 walkability.
- 27 Mr. Burr gave one last thought with 8 spaces you were quadrupling the number there now
- and they also had automobiles parking there illegally, and by eliminating the parking with the
- 29 post and rope you eliminated a whole lot of problems for the Town, Police Department and
- 30 owners.
- 31 The question was asked by a resident regarding the 160-170 citations whether they were
- 32 residents or tourists.
- Town Manager Zapp responded that approximately 7% of the citations per calendar year were
- on a rental cart, leaving 93% of the citations to those not on rental carts.

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- 1 Police Chief Tony Reese stated the fine for a citation was \$50 which by State law was the
- 2 maximum.
- 3 Don Martin, James Street, said he noticed on the agenda it said installation of additional golf
- 4 carts but now he was hearing they would just have the spaces on the Ocean side. He thought if
- 5 you had additional golf carts that meant they would be added to some already there.
- 6 Town Manager Zapp said in his mind they were taking two and replacing with 8 which was a
- 7 gain of six which was where the term installation of additional came from so apologized for the
- 8 grammatical error.
- 9 Mr. Martin mentioned two trucks being parked there today as well as one on James Drive
- 10 where it came onto Ocean so felt that if the ropes went up and they took care of those illegally
- 11 parked there.
- 12 Taney Browder, Sound Drive, Chair, Golf Cart Advisory Committee commented they worked
- really hard and they heard a lot of people who live on the other side of the island and want to
- 14 get to the beach and there was a real need for parking. Mr. Browder said they could contain
- parking, provide more parking and spread it out so no particular area was burdened. Mr.
- 16 Browder said they were trying to solve all the issues by the locals who live there and had to live
- 17 with this situation, and provide more access.
- 18 Parks and Recreation Director Sanderson responded to a question from Commissioner Messer
- 19 about the reason there were different number of spaces in areas and whether that was just
- 20 footage restraints by noting that not always and they were trying to get away from parking just
- 21 in the right-of-way. Director Sanderson said that was still on-street parking which was illegal
- and they were trying to eliminate illegal parking. Director Sanderson said they had tried to be
- as accommodating as they could with folks in neighborhoods requesting spaces at their access
- 24 and that had gotten a little out of hand and they had done as much as they could do and it was
- 25 causing problems sight issues for intersections, people crossing streets, but more specifically
- it was more or less in some places there were utility fixtures within the right-of-way and
- 27 distance had to be maintained.
- 28 Commissioner Messer felt we were headed in the right direction.
- 29 Commissioner Normile recapped what the Board's concerns were that had been addressed
- 30 tonight:
- Chairman Browder did a great job scaling down the size of the project going from 15
- 32 spaces down to 8 spaces
- Separated cart traffic from pedestrian traffic
- Additional vegetation for looks as well as a buffer for residents
- A plan to deal with the illegal parking problem

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- 1 Commissioner Normile felt okay to move forward.
- 2 Commissioner Finch said there was a lot of thought and effort put into the design as well to
- 3 make it as safe as possible.
- 4 Commissioner Taylor liked the idea and saw there was a problem with the parking and would
- 5 like to request that they go ahead and put the ropes up now and just not block off the two
- 6 spots there until the work was completed in order to give that neighborhood some relief.
- 7 Town Manager Matt Zapp leaned to Chief of Police Tony Reese and Parks and Recreation
- 8 Director Alesia Sanderson but his opinion was when they were meeting as a team they
- 9 discussed whether there was a stop gap or something they could do today unfortunately they
- 10 felt the behavior exhibited by the individuals parking there if they roped everything excluding
- those two spaces they had evidence that they drive through the rope in other locations.
- 12 Manager Zapp felt if they left any opening they would plow through or drive through and start
- 13 to park behind the rope thinking that was an actual quarantined parking spot. Town Manager
- 14 Zapp felt they were in a situation of all or nothing and it was much easier to have Police say you
- 15 are not in a certified spot.
- 16 Motion was made to allow town staff to install a beta test of golf cart parking lot spaces at
- 17 James Street and Ocean Drive utilizing funds from the Golf Cart Reserve Fund. The Board voted
- 18 unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.
- 19 12. Consider a Request from Cary L. Harrison for Final Plat Approval for 10010 Coast Guard
- 20 Road Subdivision
- 21 Town Planner Josh Edmondson addressed the Board concerning this Agenda item. The
- following excerpt from his memo to the Board is provided for additional background:
- 23 Cary L. Harrison is requesting the final plat approval for a five-lot subdivision on Coast Guard Road. Currently,
- the parcel is +/- 10.3 acres with one single-family structure, detached garage, pier/dock and swimming pool on
- 25 the property. The proposed five-lot subdivision meets all the density and dimensional requirements as outline
- in Chapter 5 of the Unified Development Ordinance. The minimum requirements are outlined below:

2728 Minimum

Minimum Lot Size: Single Family – 12,500

Duplex - 15,000

30 Minimum Lot Width: 75'

Minimum Lot Width Sawtooth Lot: 30'
Minimum Setbacks: 30' Front Street
15' Side and Rear Yard

30' CAMA Setback Mean High Water (if applicable)

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The following is an overview of each five lots proposed to be subdivided:

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39 Lot Size: 3 Acres, 130,839 sq. ft.

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Lot Width: 252.39' Setbacks: 30' Front Street 15' Side and Rear Yard 30' CAMA Setback Mean High Water Lot 2 Lot Size: 15,281 sq. ft Lot Width: 97.54' Setbacks: 30' Front Street 15' Side and Rear Yard Lot 3 Lot Size: 15,286 sq. ftl Lot Width: 124.34' Setbacks: 30' Front Street 15' Side and Rear Yard Lot 4 Lot Size: 3.55 Acres, 154,518 sq. ft. Lot Width (Sawtooth Lot): 32.20' Setbacks: 30' Front Street 15' Side Yard 30' CAMA Setback Mean High Water

The single-family structure, detached garage, pier/dock and swimming pool will remain on lot 4 as shown on the plat. All existing structures will meet required setbacks once subdivided.

Lot 5

Lot Size: 1.62 Acres, 70,408 sq. ft.
Lot Width (Sawtooth Lot): 32.20'
Setbacks: 30' Front Street

Setbacks: 30' Front Street 15' Side Yard

30' CAMA Setback Mean High Water

This subdivision does not involve the creation of any new right of way or water/sewer improvement. All lots are located within 500' of an existing fire hydrant as seen on the attached map. The plat meets all requirements as set forth in the Unified Development Ordinance with all required certificates signed. Staff is waiting to receive the soil evaluation from the Environmental Health Office. The Planning Board recommended approval of the subdivision at their September 2019 meeting contingent upon receiving a favorable soil evaluation from Environmental Health

Attached to this memo is a copy of the plat, general location map and fire hydrant location map. I look forward to discussing this with the Board at their October 8, 2019 meeting.

Town Planner Josh Edmondson outlined the request from Cary L. Harrison for final plat approval for a five-lot subdivision located at 10010 Coast Guard Road and provided the plat/ maps onscreen to show the details of the proposal. Planner Edmondson noted the parcel was 10 acres and Mr. Harrison planned to downsize and intended to take one of the properties to build a smaller structure for himself and sell the lot where his home was now. Planner Edmondson noted

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- 1 there was no creation of any new right-of-way. Planner Edmondson stated they were still waiting
- 2 on the soil evaluation report and Hurricane Dorian had slowed that process by a few days and he
- 3 didn't expect there to be any issues. Planner noted the Planning Board recommended approval
- 4 of the subdivision at their September meeting.
- 5 Mayor Barber asked for comments from the public. There were none.
- 6 Commissioner Normile asked what the storm water mitigation plan was for those roads if any.
- 7 Town Planner Edmondson noted what was shown on the map was an existing driveway and the
- 8 storm water was mitigated by a low-lying depression for that driveway. Planner Edmondson said
- 9 there would be no other roads put in but just two driveway cuts to Coast Guard Road and when
- 10 they were put in part of the property being developed would be approval for storm water for
- 11 each particular lot when developed.
- 12 Motion was made by Commissioner Dooley to approve the final plat for a five-lot subdivision
- 13 located at 10010 Coast Guard Road contingent upon receipt of a favorable soil evaluation
- 14 from Carteret County Environmental Health. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor.
- 15 Motion carried.

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13. Consider Waiver of Permit Fees

a. Ordinance Amending FY 19-20 Fee Schedule

- 19 Town Planner Josh Edmondson addressed the Board concerning this Agenda item. The
- 20 following excerpt from the Town Manager's memo to the Board is provided for additional
- 21 background:
- 22 Last September, the Board approved an amendment to the FY18-19 Fee Schedule for properties affected
- 23 because of Hurricane Florence. Permits where still required to be obtain for all work associated with repairs
- 24 from these damages. While damages from Hurricane Dorian were not widespread like Florence, there was still
- 25 isolated substantial damage in the Islander Drive area. Because of this damage, staff is requesting to waive all
- 26 building permit fees for those affected by Hurricane Dorian. As was done last year, the request is to waive
- these fees through December 31, 2019.
- 28 Town Planner Edmondson briefed the Board on this request to waive all building permit fees
- 29 for those affected by Hurricane Dorian as was done following Hurricane Florence through
- 30 December 31, 2019.
- 31 Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adopt the Ordinance Amending FY 19-20 Fee
- 32 Schedule to Waive Certain Fees Associated with Damage from Hurricane Dorian. The Board
- 33 voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

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1 14. Appointments

a. Dog Park Development Committee – 1 Vacancy

- 3 Brief Summary: The Dog Park Development Committee currently has 1 vacancy remaining. As
- 4 this committee was established with a specific goal the establishment of a Dog Park the
- 5 terms are open ended. There is one individual at this time who has expressed interest in
- 6 serving. I have included a request from Patricia Kall for your consideration.
- 7 Motion was made by Commissioner Normile to appoint Patricia Kall to fill a vacancy on the
- 8 Dog Park Development Committee. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion
- 9 carried.

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10 15. Comments from Town Clerk, Town Attorney and Town Manager

- 11 There were no comments from the Town Clerk or Town Attorney.
- 12 Town Manager Matt Zapp was thankful that the Board was able to amend the agenda tonight as
- they were very pleased to indicate they had received declaration and anticipated funding to come
- back through FEMA for all the efforts expended by the team and community. Manager Zapp
- stated if the FEMA project worksheet moved forward the Town of Emerald Isle stood to receive
- 16 back in excess of \$225,000.

17 16. Comments from Board of Commissioners and Mayor

- 18 Commissioner Taylor thanked everyone for the hard work that went into the 1st Annual Emerald
- 19 Isle Fishing Tournament. Commissioner Taylor noted they raised just over \$6,000 for scholarships
- 20 this first year and they had set the date for next fall September 19, 2020. Commissioner Taylor
- said the scholarship program would give \$3,000 to a student from Croatan and \$3,000 to a
- 22 student from Swansboro and more information would be issued in the spring. Commissioner
- 23 Taylor thanked Mayor Barber and the Commissioners for their support of his idea and helping to
- 24 make it happen, and thanked the staff for their assistance. Commissioner Taylor also mentioned
- 25 that he wanted to spruce the area up between Coast Guard and Islander Drive bringing some
- 26 color to Emerald Isle, and with the assistance of the Mayor and Commissioner who had
- 27 contributed their personal funds to support his fall planting day on October 22 with volunteers
- from Transportation Impact assisting with planting 700 daffodil bulbs in the pine needle beds
- 29 there. Commissioner Taylor noted that Holiday Trav-L-Park had donated half the funds needed
- 30 to purchase the other half of the bulbs. Commissioner Taylor hoped in the springtime they would
- 31 see the row of daffodils blooming.
- 32 Commissioner Finch said he looked forward to digging holes.

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- 1 Commissioner Dooley congratulated staff for the FEMA reimbursement and thanked
- 2 Commissioner Normile and Rudi Rudolph for their hard work to have zero cost to the Town of
- 3 Emerald Isle for beach nourishment.
- 4 Commissioner Normile said last meeting he paid tribute to Senator Burr's staff, and
- 5 Representative McElraft and staff, and Rudi and many others. Commissioner Normile said since
- 6 then our Beach Commissioner met and through the work and labors of many they bunched up
- 7 enough money so our cost for Phase II was nothing. Commissioner Normile said they were
- 8 excited to pull it off with no cost for this go round and now they would roll up their sleeves for
- 9 Phase III.
- Mayor Barber said since Matt had been here he had started using the term team and he thought
- 11 that was a great concept. Mayor Barber said they had a great team of staff members,
- commissioners, and it was a joy to see this team work so well together.
- 13 Mayor Barber mentioned he was invited by the owners of the Panthers to sit in the owners' suite
- the past Sunday and had a great time. Mayor Barber was happy to be able to share with so many
- people the marvelous work they were doing here and he stressed the fact that our beach was
- open for business. Mayor Barber had a great experience and it was an honor to represent
- 17 Emerald Isle.
- 18 **17. Adjourn**
- 19 Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted
- 20 unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.
- 21 The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.
- 22 Respectfully submitted:
- 24 Rhonda C. Ferebee, NCCMC, CMC
- 25 Town Clerk