

**TOWN OF EMERALD ISLE  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2015**

Vice-Chairman Pete Watcher called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present were, Pete Watcher, Ken Sullivan, Jim Osika, and Paul Schwartz. Also present was Josh Edmondson, Town Planner.

A motion was made by Ken Sullivan to approve the minutes of the Planning Board meeting held on May 26, 2015. The motion was seconded by Paul Schwartz and passed unanimously (3 to 0).

**SUBJECT: Election of Officers**

With the resignation of Chairman Jim Craig, a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman was voted on. A motion was made by Paul Schwartz to elect Ken Sullivan as the new Chairman. The motion was seconded by Jim Osika and passed unanimously (3 to 0). A motion was made by Ken Sullivan to elect Pete Watcher as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Paul Schwartz and passed unanimously (3 to 0).

**SUBJECT: Report from Town Planner**

Town Planner, Josh Edmondson gave his report informing the Board of the Commissioners approval of the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, the approval of the Plaza Mexico exterior paint color request and the approval of the FY 15-16 Budget. A brief overview of the monthly Inspections figures were provided for May 2015 as follows, issued permits with a total value in excess of \$544,719 bringing the fiscal year total to over \$14,900,000 in total value and the department collected over \$14,482 in permit fees.

**SUBJECT: UDO Amendment regarding Off-premises Directional Signs**

The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) did not allow for off-premises signage. In an effort to allow them in a limited number the following regulations were proposed as amendments to the UDO:

**(1) Chapter 10, “Definitions and Rules of Interpretation”, Section 10.2 Definitions of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended to add the following definition:**

Off-premises Directional Sign - A free standing sign that displays only the name of a business and directional arrow that is located at a place other than the property on which such sign is located and is applicable only to those businesses located more than one-thousand (1000) feet from Emerald Drive.

**(2) Chapter 6, “Development Standards”, Section 6.6.6 Signs in Commercial, Government and Mixed Use Districts is hereby amended to add the following:**

(7) One (1) permanent, freestanding off-premises directional sign permitted, in accordance with the following:

- (A) The business is located in a commercial or mixed use zoning district and is not a residential or residentially related use
- (B) The off-premises sign will be located in a commercial or mixed use zoning district
- (C) The business is located more than one-thousand (1,000) feet from Emerald Drive
- (D) Only one such sign allowed per business
- (E) Owner of the property where the off-premises sign is to be located shall provide written permission as part of the sign application

(F) The sign shall be no larger than thirty-two (32) square feet

(G) The sign shall not exceed five (5) feet in height

After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Ken Sullivan to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve the text amendment as submitted. The motion was seconded by Paul Schwartz and passed ( 3 to 0).

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Jim Osika to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Paul Schwartz and passed unanimously (3 to 0).

Respectfully submitted by:

Josh Edmondson, Secretary  
Town of Emerald Isle Planning Board