

1                                   **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**  
2                                   **OF THE EMERALD ISLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
3                                   **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**  
4                                   **TOWN BOARD MEETING ROOM**  
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7    **1. Call To Order**  
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9    The regular monthly meeting of the Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners was  
10 called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Floyd Messer at 7:00 PM in the Emerald Isle  
11 Town Board Meeting Room.  
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13   **2. Roll Call**  
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15 Present for the meeting: Mayor Pro-Tem Floyd Messer, Commissioners Nita  
16 Hedreen, Tom Hoover, John Wootten, and Maripat Wright.  
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18 Absent for the meeting: Mayor Art Schools.  
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20   ***Motion was made by Commissioner Wright to excuse the absence of Mayor***  
21   ***Schools. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***  
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23 Others present during the regular meeting: Town Manager Frank Rush, Town  
24 Attorney Richard Stanley, and Town Clerk Rhonda Ferebee.  
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26   **3. Opening Prayer**  
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28 Bernie Whalley, Emerald Isle resident and business owner, offered the Opening  
29 Prayer for the meeting.  
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31   **4. Pledge of Allegiance**  
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33 All who were present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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35   **5. Adoption of Agenda**  
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37   ***Motion was made by Commissioner Wootten to adopt the Agenda. The***  
38   ***Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***  
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40   **6. Proclamations / Public Announcements**  
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42 Mayor Pro-Tem Messer noted the following announcements for the public:  
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- 44       • **Christmas Show Bus Trip to Durham Performing Arts Center –**  
45       **Friday, November 18 – Waiting List Only**  
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- 2 • **Thanksgiving Holiday – Thursday, November 24 and Friday,**
- 3 **November 25 – Town Offices Closed**
- 4 • **Thanksgiving Holiday – Community Center closed Thursday,**
- 5 **November 24, but open Friday, November 25**
- 6 • **No trash collection Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25**
- 7 • **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerald Isle Christmas parade – Saturday, November 26 –**
- 8 **3 pm – NC 58**
- 9 • **Planning Board Regular Meeting – Monday, November 28 – 6 pm –**
- 10 **Town Board Meeting Room**
- 11 • **Photos With Santa – November 29, 30, and December 1 – Community**
- 12 **Center – Must Pre-Register**
- 13 • **Friday Free Flick – Friday, December 2 – 7 pm – Community Center**
- 14 • **Breakfast With Santa – Saturday, December 10 – 10 am – Community**
- 15 **Center – Must Pre-Register**
- 16 • **Adult Indoor Soccer Leagues – Begin Sunday, December 11 –**
- 17 **Community Center**
- 18 • **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – Tuesday, December 13 –**
- 19 **7 pm – Town Board Meeting Room**
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## 21 **7. Consent Agenda**

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- 23 a. **Minutes – October 11, 2011 Regular Meeting**
- 24 b. **Tax Refunds / Releases**
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26 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Hedreen to approve the items on the***  
27 ***Consent Agenda. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion***  
28 ***carried.***

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30 **Clerks Note:** A copy of all Consent Agenda items as noted above are incorporated herein by  
31 reference and hereby made a part of these minutes.

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## 33 **8. Public Comment**

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35 **Brief Summary:** The public will have the opportunity to address the Board  
36 about any items of concern not on the agenda.

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38 There were no comments from the public.

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## 40 **9. Discussion – Deer Management Efforts**

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43 Town Manager Frank Rush addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.  
44 The following excerpt from his memo to the Board is provided for additional  
45 background:

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In response to ongoing concerns about the deer population in Emerald Isle, I have scheduled time on the Board's November 15 meeting agenda to discuss this issue. I am seeking direction from the Board on what, if any, deer management efforts the Town should pursue during the winter 2011-12 winter and future years.

The Town routinely receives concerns from the public about the negative impacts associated with an increasing deer population. In response to these concerns, since 2005 the Town has sought information and technical assistance from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (NC WRC) on these issues, commissioned a periodic deer population estimate by the NC Wildlife Resource Commission's regional biologist, and undertook its first deer population reduction effort in January – February 2010. As you know, there are strong convictions about this issue by both sides, and the Town has attempted to implement deer management efforts based on data, expert testimony, and practical logistical concerns rather than emotional arguments (from both sides).

The Town has retained the NC WRC's regional biologist for the past several years to develop a deer population estimate for the Coast Guard Road area of Emerald Isle, the area with the highest prevalence of deer. Recent years' survey results, and the Town's actions (or lack thereof) are noted below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Deer Population Estimate</u>	<u>Town's Actions</u>
Fall 2005	65 – 91 deer	No action taken, as this population density was generally considered to be an acceptable range for a community such as Emerald Isle.
Fall 2009	149 deer	The Town investigated and considered non-lethal deer management approaches, including use of deer contraceptives, sterilization, and tranquilization / relocation of deer at this time, but was advised by the NC WRC biologist that these approaches are not effective, are costly, and may also result in deer fatalities anyway. After consideration, the Town applied for and received a "depredation permit" from NC WRC, and undertook an effort to reduce the deer population with targeted bow hunting by Police Officers in Emerald Isle Woods Park in January – February 2010. This effort resulted in the elimination of 11 deer, with the deer meat donated to feed the hungry.
Fall 2010	102 – 108 deer	No action taken, as this population density was more in line with the 2005 estimate. Some in the community disputed the 2010 population estimate, as personal observations and conventional wisdom in the community suggested that the deer population estimate had not decreased from 2009 to 2010. The Town did work with Carolina Home and Garden and Yardworks Landscaping to present a workshop on deer-tolerant plant species. While very informative, the workshop was only lightly attended.
Fall 2011	174 deer	<b>To be determined.</b>

As noted, the Fall 2011 deer population estimate is the highest estimate yet, and this estimate coincides with personal observations and the conventional wisdom in the community that the deer population has increased in recent years. With winter fast approaching, now is the time to begin planning any targeted deer elimination efforts. If the Town proceeds with another targeted bow hunting effort, it would need to occur in January and/or February 2012.

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I believe the Board has the following practical options available for consideration at this time:

1. The Town could again apply for a special "depredation permit" that would allow the Town to authorize a limited group of bow hunters in Emerald Isle Woods Park during a short period of time this winter. The Town would essentially repeat its January – February 2010 effort, and would likely utilize Police Officers again to insure public safety. This new effort could be coordinated relatively easily, but is not likely to result in a significant reduction in the overall deer population along Coast Guard Road. (The 2010 effort resulted in the elimination of 11 deer.) Emerald Isle Woods Park would again be closed during certain early morning and evening hours, and all adjacent property owners would be notified about hunting activities.
2. The Town, along with willing private property owners, could apply for a special "depredation permit" that would allow the Town to authorize a limited group of bow hunters in Emerald Isle Woods Park and on other authorized private properties during a short period of time this winter. This option would require significant coordination with private property owners to determine their willingness to participate in the program, secure the depredation permit(s), select qualified hunters, and establish other protocols to insure public safety, but it could likely be done in time for the January – February 2012 timeframe. This approach is likely to result in the elimination of more deer than the 2010 effort, and would theoretically make a greater impact on the overall deer population. If the Board pursues this option, efforts would likely be focused on large privately owned parcels only, and also any common areas owned by subdivision homeowners associations.

The Lands End community has expressed interest in working with (or without) the Town on a limited bow hunting effort within Lands End on the common areas controlled by their homeowners association. The Town had previously informed Lands End that it would provide any reasonable technical assistance to Lands End if they secure the approval of the Lands End Board of Directors to undertake this effort. At this time, I know that Lands End continues to have strong interest in doing something this winter, however, the exact details have not been finalized. I expect Hans van Welzen, Lands End HOA President, to attend the November 15 Board meeting, and I also expect to meet with him and others from Lands End sometime soon to discuss further. The Board should note that if Lands End does undertake a bow-hunting effort and utilizes hunters that are not Police Officers, then the Town's ordinance will need to be amended to allow for bow-hunting in limited circumstances like this one. Such an ordinance amendment could be presented to the Board for consideration at the December 13 regular meeting or the January 10 regular meeting.

3. The Town could make a request to the NC Wildlife Resources Commission to establish an "urban archery season" in Emerald Isle. This is a special season for bow & arrow hunting in urban areas, and is typically scheduled after the regular hunting season in January and early February of each year. The Town could also implement a Town permit program for participation in the Town's urban archery season, and could incorporate all desired requirements to promote maximum public safety. Several North Carolina municipalities have established an urban archery season and also established additional local requirements to promote maximum public safety.

If the Town establishes an urban archery season, the hunter would need permission from the private property owner to hunt on private property. This would then make it a personal property owner's decision as to whether or not to allow hunting, and, once an Emerald Isle urban archery season and program has been implemented, the Town would be removed from annual decisions about whether or not to undertake special efforts to reduce the deer population. In theory, annual bow hunting activities would then help to regulate the deer population in Emerald Isle. The Town's future involvement would be limited to administering and enforcing the requirements of the Town's permit program.

In the past, I have been somewhat resistant to the idea of establishing an urban archery season in Emerald Isle, however, my opinion on this option has changed over the years, and I now believe that this option likely represents the most effective, least expensive, and least controversial solution going forward – as long as appropriate safeguards are established to promote maximum public safety. I would envision that a Town urban archery program would only allow bow hunting on certain larger congruous tracts (possibly including a

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2 group of smaller properties working together to create a larger tract for hunting purposes), would establish  
3 specific dates and times for hunting to occur, would require bow hunters to secure a Town permit and  
4 demonstrate proficiency, and would also require education on safe bow-hunting practices within Emerald  
5 Isle.  
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7 If the Board is interested in pursuing this option, I will begin to draft an ordinance outlining a potential  
8 Emerald Isle urban archery program and plan to present additional information to the Board in the coming  
9 months. The Board should note that the implementation of this option could not occur until January 2013. A  
10 special Town application to the NC Wildlife Resources Commission would need to be submitted by April  
11 2012.  
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- 13 4. The Town could simply do nothing. Many people in Emerald Isle enjoy watching the deer, and are willing to  
14 tolerate any inconvenience or risks associated with a high deer population.  
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16 Town Manager Rush outlined potential options for the Board to consider to  
17 include: 1) another targeted bow-hunting effort in Emerald Isle Woods Park only,  
18 2) an expanded targeted bow-hunting effort that includes Emerald Isle Woods  
19 Park and other large private properties in the Coast Guard Road area, 3) the  
20 establishment of an urban archery season in Emerald Isle for 2013 and beyond,  
21 and/or 4) no action.  
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23 In addition, Mr. Rush stated that he had been talking with the Lands End  
24 community about deer issues as they had been very concerned in their  
25 community and noted that Sam Downs and Hans van Welzen were in attendance  
26 from Lands End from their Board and had expressed an interest in a controlled  
27 hunt in Lands End. Mr. Rush indicated they had discussed their issue with  
28 Robbie Norville from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission about  
29 securing a depredation permit to allow that to happen and they seemed to have  
30 support within their community. Mr. Rush said there may be an opportunity for  
31 the Town to partner with them or to assist them in some way. Mr. Rush stated  
32 that if the Town did support Lands End in their effort the Town would need to  
33 amend the local ordinance because the current ordinance states no hunting  
34 allowed in Emerald Isle; the Board would need to consider an amendment that  
35 would allow hunting under special circumstances.  
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37 Mr. Rush also spoke of an urban archery season; North Carolina Wildlife  
38 Resources Commission authorizes a special urban archery season usually in  
39 January and February of each year. A community has to apply for permission to  
40 have that hunting season. Mr. Rush said several municipalities in North Carolina  
41 had done that for bow-hunting only and it was an option the Town to consider.  
42 Mr. Rush said while initially he had been opposed to that idea, over the years as  
43 they had struggled with this issue, he had now come to the conclusion that it may  
44 be the best approach.  
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46 Mr. Rush said if they applied for an urban archery decision it would be a personal  
47 decision for the property owners as to whether or not they would want to allow

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2 hunting on their property. The Town would not be involved in the coordination of  
3 that so there would be no burden on Town staff. Theoretically that would do  
4 more good to control the deer population by opening it up to more areas, more  
5 hunters, and if the Town were to do this he envisioned the Town would create a  
6 bow-hunting certification program or local bow-hunting license to be sure people  
7 were educated about what was appropriate and what the safety expectations  
8 were in Emerald Isle. Mr. Rush pointed out that they could not do it this winter;  
9 an application would need to be submitted by April, 2012 in order to be eligible  
10 for the January 2013 timeframe.

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12 Mayor Pro-Tem Messer asked for any comments from the Public.

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14 Hans van Welzen, President of Lands End Homeowners Association, said they  
15 had been talking about this for some time. He said they had talked with Robbie  
16 Norville and collected all sorts of information and their understanding was they  
17 would get a depredation permit and get the appropriate folks in there to bow-hunt  
18 in the late fall-early winter timeframe. He felt there would be a big uproar if it  
19 would take another year. He said they were looking at something they want to  
20 do with the Town but if not they want to do this by themselves. Mr. van Welzen  
21 said talking to Robbie he knew what they needed, he had collected all the  
22 information, and it was the kind of thing they want to go forward with and do this  
23 winter. He said they had Lyme disease cases and property damage in the tens  
24 of thousands. He said they couldn't wait another year.

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26 Mr. Rush said that in order to accommodate Lands End for this winter the Board  
27 would need to amend the ordinance to allow hunting in certain limited  
28 circumstances.

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30 Commissioner Hedreen asked what was expected with Option 2 if the Town  
31 entered in with other property owners. Mr. Rush said under Option 2 the logical  
32 parcels were the ones mentioned down in the Point Bogue area where you had a  
33 large open area and not many homes, Emerald Isle Woods Park, the large tract  
34 of land just to the west of the bridge when you come onto the Island, and the  
35 large parcel right behind the Town Hall. Mr. Rush said they would go through an  
36 effort to work with those property owners and make sure they addressed any  
37 liability issues, and were comfortable with the individuals who would actually do  
38 the hunting.

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40 Commissioner Wootten said they had talked about the need for more qualified  
41 hunters beyond what could be provided with the Town's police force.

42 Commissioner Wootten asked if Mr. Rush was still thinking that they would let  
43 Lands End do their own thing but let the Town deal with the other properties as  
44 far as controlling who hunted. Mr. Rush said the Town would come up with a  
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2 standard to prove they were responsible, qualified bow-hunters, and they would  
3 feel comfortable with the appropriate waivers and liability issues addressed.  
4 They would probably take the same approach with Lands End, just work  
5 cooperatively with them as they would have the same issues within their  
6 community as the Town would with the other large properties with everyone's  
7 goals to be making sure it was done as safely as possible.

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9 Following the Board discussion, Town Manager Rush summarized his  
10 understanding of the Board's direction to be to hold off on the urban archery  
11 option until they see the results in January, to help Lands End with their efforts,  
12 and to work toward Option 2 working with the larger property owners.

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14 Mr. Rush said he would work toward having all of the details worked out for this  
15 effort by the January Board meeting, so that hunting could occur in January and  
16 February, and he would have the ordinance amendment on the December 13  
17 agenda. The Board was unanimously in agreement with proceeding in this way.

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19 **10. Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 – Beach and Shore Regulations – of**  
20 **the Code of Ordinances Regarding Required Emergency / Town Vehicle**  
21 **Travel Lane on the Beach Strand (11-11-15/O1)**

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23 Town Manager Frank Rush addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.  
24 The following excerpt from his memo to the Board is provided for additional  
25 background:

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27 The Board of Commissioners is scheduled to formally consider the attached ordinance amendment that clarifies the  
28 town's requirement for an unimpeded 20 ft. vehicle travel lane for emergency vehicles and other town vehicles on the  
29 beach strand. The unimpeded vehicle travel lane is specifically required in a 20 ft. wide area at the base of the frontal  
30 dunes.

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32 The 20 ft. vehicle travel lane requirement was originally adopted by the Board in January 2010 as part of the Town's  
33 "unattended beach equipment ordinance", and was included at the request of the Town's emergency services  
34 personnel who were concerned about the difficulty responding to calls in certain crowded areas of the beach during  
35 periods of high beach visitation. In some locations at certain times, there simply is not an adequate passageway on  
36 the beach strand to enable an expedient and safe response by emergency vehicles on the beach strand, and it can  
37 also be difficult for other Town vehicles to efficiently complete their work on the beach strand in these areas. The goal  
38 of this ordinance provision was simply to enable emergency services personnel and other Town personnel to perform  
39 their duties in a safe, expedient, and efficient manner, and was in no way an attempt to encroach on the rights of  
40 private oceanfront property owners or other beach visitors.

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42 This ordinance provision was always intended to be utilized during the peak beach visitation season only, and was only  
43 intended to be utilized in specific areas of the beach where no alternative vehicle travel lane (away from the frontal  
44 dunes) exists. In short, there is no practical need for this requirement during periods of low beach visitation, nor is  
45 there a practical need for this requirement in sparsely visited areas of the beach strand. In reality, if an alternative  
46 vehicle travel lane is available closer to the surf zone, our emergency vehicles and other Town vehicles will generally  
47 utilize those areas farther from the frontal dunes anyway. Most people understand the rationale for this ordinance  
48 provision, and also the practical utilization of it by emergency personnel and other Town personnel. In response to  
49 concerns raised by one oceanfront property owner, however, the attached ordinance amendment is presented to

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2 correlate the Town's intent and the practical utilization with the official ordinance language. As such, because beach  
3 visitation is highest between May 1 and September 30, this requirement would now only apply between those dates.  
4 Additionally, language has been added to clarify the Town's expectation that our emergency services personnel and  
5 other town personnel utilize the designated, unimpeded vehicle travel lane only when an alternative, safe vehicle travel  
6 lane is not available elsewhere on the beach strand. In practice, this is generally what happens anyway.

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8 Town Manager Rush said this amendment clarified the intention that made it  
9 clear that it would only apply from May 1 through September 30 when the beach  
10 was most heavily visited, and secondly that in any cases where an otherwise  
11 suitable vehicle travel lane existed the Town personnel and emergency vehicles  
12 should use that as opposed to the 20 foot area at the base of the dunes.

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14 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Wright to adopt the Ordinance***  
15 ***Amending Chapter 5 – Beach and Shore Regulations – of the Code of***  
16 ***Ordinances Regarding Required Emergency / Town Vehicle Travel Lane on***  
17 ***the Beach Strand. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion***  
18 ***carried.***

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20 **Clerks Note: A copy of Ordinance 11-11-15/O1 as noted above is incorporated herein by reference**  
21 **and hereby made a part of these minutes.**  
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23 **11. Comments from Town Clerk, Town Attorney, and Town Manager**

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25 There were no comments from the Town Clerk or the Town Attorney.

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27 Town Manager Rush updated the Board on several important issues including  
28 that BB&T planned to open a branch in Emerald Isle probably in the April-June  
29 timeframe, leasing the Bank of America building.

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31 Mr. Rush updated the Board about his meeting with Greg Rudolph and FEMA  
32 officials regarding the Town's beach erosion claim after Hurricane Irene.

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34 The following is an excerpt from the Town Manager Comments memo to the  
35 Board providing additional background information for all items of importance:

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37 **Thank You / Back at Work**

38 I wanted to publicly thank the Mayor and all of the Commissioners for your gracious support for Suzanne and I over the  
39 past 2 months. It was an unbelievable and difficult experience, but your support and understanding made it much  
40 easier to navigate, and for that I will always be grateful.

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42 I am attempting to work as normal of a work schedule as possible now, but may need to be gone on certain days or for  
43 certain hours here and there to assist Suzanne with her recovery. I will do my best to return to normal status and  
44 provide the best possible service for our citizens, our visitors, all of you, and our employees.

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46 **Priorities Moving Forward**

47 Several projects / initiatives have been delayed over the past 2 months during Suzanne's ordeal, and I am trying to  
48 pick up where I left off on these. My top priorities to move along at this point are as follows:  
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- Complete Management's Discussion & Analysis document so that June 30, 2011 financial statements and audit report can be finalized and presented to the Board at the December 13 meeting.
- Solicit construction bids for the Island Circle storm water pump station.
- Finalize FEMA beach erosion claim and begin planning to replace sand lost during Irene.
- Oversee and review solicitation of construction bids for Community Center roof replacement.
- Secure FEMA reimbursements for Hurricane Irene as soon as possible.
- Oversee repair of Town facilities damaged by Hurricane Irene in a timely manner.
- Complete research on best strategy to address Cape Emerald storm water pipe repairs.
- Prepare FY 10-11 Annual Report of Town activities, projects, accomplishments, etc. for December Island Review article.

There are several other smaller items that need my attention in the coming weeks, and I will also be working hard to address those items in a timely manner, but the list above represents the most significant items. Please let me know if there are particular items – large or small – that you'd like me and/or Town staff to focus on sooner rather than later.

**FEMA Beach Erosion Claim**

The Town experienced total beach erosion losses of approximately 953,000 cy during Hurricane Irene, and previously submitted a request to replace this lost sand with FEMA funding. The Town's claim requested a total of approximately \$13.3 million for this effort.

Greg Rudolph, Carteret County Shore Protection Officer, and I recently met with FEMA beach engineers to review this claim and receive their recommendation for FEMA funding. The FEMA beach engineers are recommending FEMA funding to replace approximately 157,000 cy of sand from eastern Emerald Isle only, and have deemed all erosion losses in central and western Emerald Isle ineligible due to the fact that the volume of sand remaining post-Irene is greater than the amount placed during the Town's original nourishment projects in 2003 and 2005. The total estimated amount of funding authorized in their recommendation is approximately \$3.85 million.

Although I am disappointed that the entire claim has not been recommended, I understand and respect the rationale used by the FEMA beach engineers in making their recommendation, and I believe the Town should embrace this recommendation. The FEMA beach engineers' recommendation will now be submitted to higher authorities within FEMA for final approval, which we hope to receive within the next few weeks. If that final approval is granted, I will begin working with Greg Rudolph on a more specific plan to nourish the beach in eastern Emerald Isle (likely combined with the ongoing efforts in this area that are separate from Irene losses), and also seek alternative strategies for western Emerald Isle – particularly in the vicinity of Deer Horn Dunes, Sea Dunes, and Ocean Oaks, etc.

I hope to present additional information to the Board in the coming weeks.

**Compensation Adjustment for Mayor Schools**

Commissioner Hoover has suggested that the Board might consider providing a one-time adjustment to Mayor Schools' compensation in recognition of his efforts while I was on my recent leave of absence with Suzanne. If the Board wishes to pursue something like this, it should consider a motion during the November 15 meeting.

**Eastern Emerald Isle Storm Water Outfall Removal Project**

After much hard work and several months of waiting, Artie Dunn, Public Works Director, recently received necessary CAMA permits for this work and also received approval from NCDOT. As you know, the materials for this work are being funded by the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund, and Public Works will provide the labor. The grant has a March 2012 deadline, however, we will likely request and should receive an extension to provide more time to complete the work at these 17 locations.

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2 **12. Comments from Board of Commissioners and Mayor**  
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4 Mayor Pro-Tem Messer noted that BB&T had made an offer to take Bank of  
5 America out of their lease and they had no response to this point but if they did  
6 they could possibly come to Emerald Isle earlier than next April.

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8 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Hoover to provide a one-time payment***  
9 ***to Mayor Art Schools in the sum of \$500 for the travel and extra time spent***  
10 ***at Town Hall during the last two months. The Board voted unanimously 5-0***  
11 ***in favor. Motion carried.*** Commissioner Hoover said Mayor Schools had put in  
12 a lot of time and he felt it was a nice thing for them to do.

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14 There were no further comments from the Board of Commissioners.

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16 **13. Closed Sessions**  
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- 18 a. Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(6), to discuss a personnel matter.  
19 b. Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(3), to preserve attorney-client  
20 privilege.

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22 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Hedreen to enter Closed Session.***  
23 ***Closed session was held pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(6), to discuss a***  
24 ***personnel matter, and NCGS 143-318.11(3), to preserve attorney-client***  
25 ***privilege. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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27 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Hoover to return to Open Session. The***  
28 ***Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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30 There was no action taken by the Board upon returning to Open Session.

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32 **14. Adjourn**  
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34 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Wootten to adjourn the meeting. The***  
35 ***Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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37 ***The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.***

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39 Respectfully submitted:

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43 Rhonda C. Ferebee, CMC  
44 Town Clerk