

**TOWN OF EMERALD ISLE
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010**

Chairman Jim Craig called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present were: Jim Craig, Ken Sullivan, Bill Keadey, Pete Wachter, Bob Smith, Eddie Barber and Tom Kelly. Also present was Kevin Reed, Planning & Inspections Director and Peggy Grammer, Permit Technician.

A motion was made by Pete Wachter to approve the minutes of the Planning Board meeting held on June 28, 2010. The motion was seconded by Ken Sullivan and passed unanimously (6 to 0).

Mr. Reed advised that for the month of June the Planning and Inspections Department had issued no permits for new homes and a total estimated value for all permits in excess of \$265,772. This brings the fiscal year total to over \$8.9 million in construction value and the department has collected approximately \$118,578.55 in permit fees.

Consider making a recommendation to the Board of Commissioner's on the update of the Town's 2010 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Reed informed the Planning Board Members that the Town's current Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by the Board of Commissioners in January of 2004. The Plan was approved by the NC Division of Emergency Management (NCDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the summer of 2005. Federal law requires the Town update its plan ever five years. Attached is a slightly revised draft of the Plan that incorporates some minor changes made by Town staff since its original presentation to the Planning Board on May 24, 2010. Mr. Reed stated that there are no State or Federal requirements that the plan be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board; however, the plan Maintenance Process does require the Planning Board to review any updates and make a recommendation on the Plan to the Board Of Commissioners. Chairman Jim Craig made a suggestion of having the population tables be updated from 2003 to the most current available. It was further discussed of having the stop lights regulated by the state to make evacuation quicker and safer when leaving the Island. Mr. Craig asked if a Tsunami should be included on page 28 of the Mitigation strategies. Ken Sullivan asked if there should be a plan added in case oil spills washed on shore.

A motion was made by Pete Wachter to recommend the updated 2010 Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Bob Smith and passed unanimously (6 to 0).

Consider a discussion regarding amendments to the Town's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) regarding the regulation of "Internet Sweepstakes Cafes.

Mr. Reed informed the Planning Board that The North Carolina General Assembly, specifically the Senate, voted on June 21, 2010 to ban "internet sweepstakes cafes". The N.C. House of Representatives voted on July 8, 2010 to also ban "internet sweepstakes cafes". The legislation approved by the State is expected to be signed by the Governor and become law. The legislation has an effective date of December 1, 2010 and Town staff expects that all "internet sweepstakes

cafes” will have to cease operation by that date. Mr. Reed suggested removing this issue from the Board’s future agendas.

A motion was made by Bob Smith to table this discussion. The motion was seconded by Eddie Barber and passed unanimously (6 to 0).

Comments

Pete Wachter made a comment that stop signs were in at all districts on the bicycle path except at the Bogue Inlet Drive. Would there be any in the future? Mr. Reed advised he would pass this information along to the appropriate Town department.

Chairman Craig gave a brief report on behalf of the Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Protective Program.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Pete Wachter to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bob Smith and passed unanimously (6 to 0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.