TOWN OF EMERALD ISLE PLANNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, MAY 23, 2005

Chairman Ceil Saunders called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present were: Ceil Saunders, Jerry Huml, Ken Sullivan, Bob Smith, James Craig, Robert Conrad and Eddie Barber. Also present were Kevin Reed, Planning and Inspections Director and Kim Haut, Permit Technician/Administrative Assistant.

A motion was made by James Craig to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2005 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Eddie Barber and passed unanimously (6 to 0).

Kevin Reed advised the Planning Board members of the Town Board of Commissioner's agenda items following its May 10, 2005 meeting. Mr. Reed reported the Town Board of Commissioners approved the Planning Board's recommendation to amend the rental sign ordinance. Mr. Reed reported the Town Board of Commissioners approved the Planning Board's recommendation for the rezoning of the areas presented. Mr. Reed reported the Town Board of Commissioners approved the exterior color of the addition of *Flip-Flops* mini mart. Mr. Reed advised that for the month of April, the Planning and Inspections Department had issued a total of 12 permits for new homes and a total estimated value for all permits in excess of \$3.6 million. This brings the fiscal year total to over \$34 million in construction value and the department has collected approximately \$253,427 in fees.

Consider the rezoning of certain properties from Residential Motel/Hotel (RMH) to Residential 2 (R-2) as part of the 2004 CAMA Land Us Plan implementation. Mr. Reed advised Board members these areas being considered were part of the process as had been previously discussed at length. A motion was made by Eddie Barber to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the rezoning request be approved. The motion was seconded by James Craig and passed unanimously (6 to 0).

COMMENTS:

Chairman Ceil Saunders asked for any comments among the Planning Board members.

James Craig gave a "Turtle Report". There have been 15 Green turtles sited and 16 Leatherback turtles sited. There have been a lot of turtle sitings along our beaches

Eddie Barber had concerns due to motorized vehicles on town sidewalks. Bob Conrad raised concerns about bikes and skateboards. Kevin Reed said he would check into ordinances regarding these concerns.

Eddie Barber had concerns about vehicles being parked, without a license tag, in front of a business being used as a billboard. Kevin Reed will look into town code and also suggested to inquire with the Police Department in regards to unlicensed vehicles.

Ceil Saunders had a concern about the storage trailer located next to Shorewood Realty. Kevin Reed said there is not a town ordinance that prohibits the trailer on commercial property.

Ceil Saunders passed out a copy of the oath of office that each Board member took. Ms. Saunders asked each member to keep in mind that they uphold the promise they made when they took the oath.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Eddie Barber to adjourn. The motion was seconded by James Craig and passed unanimously (6 to 0). Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kimberly Hubbard-Haut, Secretary Town of Emerald Isle Planning Board

