



1 stopped by the Fire Department or sent flowers, edible arrangements and thanked the lifeguards  
2 for saving their lives. Chief Walker said the Distinguished Service Award was a National award  
3 for fire stations across the United States, meaning – “a member who on or off duty performed  
4 an act or acts above and beyond the call of duty under moderate personal risk that involved  
5 bravery and/or a high degree of initiative and/or capability. It must be worthy of recognition that  
6 promotes good will and reflects highly of the Fire Department”. Chief Walker stated the  
7 Lifeguard Team had done a super job and deserved the award.

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9 Supervisor Rachel Javurek	Courtney Anderson	Mackenzie McClarney
10 Asst Supervisor Brandon Jones	Hannah Cappellini	Hannah Neibel
11	Jensynne East	Raeann Neibel
12	Jessica Hasteadt	Rachel Neider
13	Ben Jackson	Christopher Renfrow
14	Kelsey Lyon	

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16 The 2018 Lifeguard Team received a standing ovation for their outstanding work this summer.

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18 EMS Chief David Jones, recognized EMT-Paramedic Kelee Norris for completing her National  
19 Certification for Community Paramedic. Chief Jones stated that Kelee had been a Paramedic for  
20 the last 11 years, 4 of those years with Emerald Isle EMS. Chief Jones outlined the education  
21 required for the Community Paramedic that went above and beyond the traditional Paramedic.  
22 Chief Jones noted that Community Paramedic’s like Kelee were a relatively new and evolving  
23 health care role that helped bridge the gap between traditional emergency care and primary  
24 health care, functioning outside the customary emergency response and transport roles in ways  
25 that facilitated a more appropriate use of emergency care resources, and enhanced access to  
26 primary care for the medically underserved patients. Chief Jones felt Kelee’s training and  
27 education would be a valuable asset to Emerald Isle EMS as it expanded its community  
28 outreach programs, and he thanked Kelee for the time and effort required to obtain this  
29 certification.

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31 The Board and public applauded Kelee’s achievement.

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### 33 **7. Introduction of New Employees**

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#### 35 **a. Brad Fricke, EMT-Basic**

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37 Chief Jones noted that new full-time EMT-Basic Brad Fricke was unfortunately unable to attend  
38 but he didn’t think Brad was a stranger to anyone here. Chief Jones noted that Brad was  
39 originally from Goldsboro and had lived in Emerald Isle since 2012, volunteering with Emerald  
40 Isle EMS since 2014. Chief Jones noted that Brad was an EMT-Basic and also a certified 911  
41 Telecommunicator. Chief Jones said it was a great pleasure to welcome Brad as a full-time  
42 employee with EMS and his knowledge and skills would be a valuable asset to the department.

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The Board and public welcomed Brad aboard as a new full-time employee with the Town.

**8. Proclamations / Public Announcements**

Mayor Barber noted the following announcements for the public:

- **Dog Park Development Committee – Wednesday, August 15 – 3 pm – Community Center**
- **EmeraldFest Concert – Thursday, Aug 16 – 6:30 pm – Western Ocean Regional Access – Naked Knees**
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive – Friday, August 17 – 2 pm – 7 pm – Community Center**
- **Heart Saver CPR Class – Saturday, August 18 – 9 am – 1 pm – EMS Station**
- **Sea Turtle Program Beach Cleanup – Saturday, August 18 – All Day, On The Beach**
- **Police Educating the Public (PEP) – Tuesday, August 21 – 10 am – Town Board Meeting Room**
- **Golf Cart Advisory Committee – Tuesday, August 21 – 5:30 pm – Town Board Meeting Room**
- **Coffee With a Cop – Thursday, August 23 – 9 am – K9s and Coffee**
- **Community Paramedicine – Diabetes and Nutrition Class – Thursday, August 23 – 10 am – EMS Station**
- **Planning Board Regular Meeting – Monday, August 27 – 6 pm – Town Board Meeting Room**
- **Labor Day Holiday – Monday, September 3 – Town Offices Closed, Community Center Closed**
- **Neighborhood Watch Quarterly Meeting – Tuesday, September 4 – 6 pm – Town Board Meeting Room**
- **Friday Free Flick – Friday, September 7 – 7 pm – Community Center**
- **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 11 – 6 pm – Town Board Meeting Room**
- **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerald Isle Day 4 Kids – Saturday, September 15 – 10 am – 2 pm – Community Center**
- **Emerald Isle Beach Music Festival – Saturday, Sept 29 – 10:30 am – 5:30 pm – Western Ocean Reg Access**

1 **9. Public Comment**

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3 **Brief Summary:**

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

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11 The Mayor, Board, and Town staff are happy to meet with any citizen during normal business hours or at any other  
12 mutually agreeable time to discuss Town issues and answer any questions.

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14 Joan Pate, 9100 Reed Drive, referenced a comment by Eastern Carolina Council Planning  
15 Director Patrick Flanagan in an article two months ago that suggested now was the time to  
16 speak up. Ms. Pate said she posted the article on her Facebook page for anyone with comments  
17 to write to Mr. Flanagan, and County Commissioner Comer who was on the Traffic Committee,  
18 as well as any of the Town representatives with their feelings on the possibility of three more  
19 roundabouts to be located at Loon, Mangrove, and Coast Guard Road. Ms. Pate said many folks  
20 wrote. Ms. Pate referenced another news article written 3 weeks ago entitled "Roundabouts  
21 Now Have Regional STIP Points on Table for State Funding", and the article began - "Despite  
22 significant public opposition Emerald Isle may get funding for roundabouts and other  
23 intersection improvement projects along Highway 58 as part of the NCDOT's 2020-2029  
24 Statewide Transportation Improvement Project." Ms. Pate mentioned several quotes from the  
25 article - "all of the Emerald Isle projects except Bogue Inlet Drive involve installing a  
26 roundabout", "but Mr. Flanagan said he had heard from many Emerald Isle residents, and  
27 vacationers who were largely opposed to roundabouts in the Town", "Emerald Isle town  
28 officials on the other hand are generally in favor of the roundabouts and intersection  
29 improvements", and "the Town's Board of Commissioner's passed a resolution June 12  
30 requesting NCDOT prioritize projects for intersection improvements on Highway 58". Ms. Pate  
31 hoped this issue would be discussed at a Town meeting in the future. Ms. Pate felt with the  
32 opposition to roundabouts, in particular at Coast Guard Road, that the Board would deem it  
33 important enough to listen to their concerns.

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35 **10. Consent Agenda**

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37 a. **Minutes – July 10, 2018 Regular Meeting**  
38 b. **Resolution Amending Audit Services Contract (18-08-13/R1)**  
39 c. **Resolution Amending Purchasing and Contracting Policy (18-08-13/R2)**  
40 d. **Resolution Awarding Pre-Positioned Hurricane Debris Monitoring Contract (18-08-13/R3)**  
41 e. **Budget Amendment – General Fund**  
42 f. **Budget Amendment – Fishing Tournament Fund**  
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1 **Motion was made by Commissioner Finch to approve the Consent Agenda items. The Board**  
2 **voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.**

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4 **Clerks Note: A copy of Resolution 18-08-13/R1, 18-08-13/R2, 18-08-13/R3 as noted above and all other Consent Agenda**  
5 **items are incorporated herein by reference and hereby made a part of these minutes.**

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7 **11. Proposed Amendment – CAMA / Comprehensive Land Use Plan – McLean-Spell Park**

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9 **a. Public Hearing**

10 **b. Resolution Amending CAMA / Comprehensive Land Use Plan (18-08-13/R4)**

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12 Town Planner Josh Edmondson addressed the Board concerning this Agenda item. The  
13 following excerpt from Town Manager Rush’s memo to the Board is provided for additional  
14 background:

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16 The Board of Commissioners is asked to approve the attached resolution formally amending the Town’s CAMA /  
17 Comprehensive Land Use Plan (LUP), specifically the Future Land Use Map, to designate the recently acquired  
18 McLean-Spell Park property for “Government” use in the future. A public hearing has been scheduled for the  
19 August 13 meeting, after which the Board may formally consider the proposed amendment.

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21 The current CAMA / Comprehensive Land Use Plan, adopted by the Board in 2017 prior to the Town’s acquisition  
22 efforts, projects this ~ 30 acre property for “Mixed Residential” use in the future. (This designation was included in  
23 the LUP due to its historical zoning for multi-family residential units, dating back as far as 1977.) As you know, the  
24 Town has already designated this property as McLean-Spell Park, and plans to retain approximately 20 acres as a  
25 natural area and reserve approximately 10 acres for future active recreational facility development. The proposed  
26 amendment simply aligns the LUP with this effort, and will also enable the formal rezoning of the property from its  
27 current Residential Multi-Family zoning district to the Government zoning district. The designation of this property  
28 as “Government” in the LUP is also consistent with the Town’s approach for other Town-owned properties, which  
29 are also designated as “Government” in the LUP.

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31 The “Mixed Residential” designation is defined as follows in the 2017 CAMA / Comprehensive Land Use Plan:

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33 These areas are planned for single-family, duplex structures, or multi-family structures in the future, and  
34 it is the Town’s intent to limit future multi-family structures to these areas only. This category includes  
35 many existing multi-family developments and existing mobile homes in Emerald Isle, and all such existing  
36 uses may continue.

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38 The McLean-Spell Park property is the only currently undeveloped property in Emerald Isle that is designated as  
39 “Mixed Residential” in the current LUP. Other properties designated as “Mixed Residential” are existing  
40 condominium complexes, and also existing mobile home parks (that could potentially be redeveloped in the  
41 future).

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43 The “Government” designation is defined as follows in the 2017 CAMA / Comprehensive Land Use Plan:

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45 These portions of Town are dedicated to properties used by Federal, State, or local government.

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1 Other properties designated as "Government" in the LUP include the Town Government Complex, the Emerald Isle  
2 Public Boating Access Facility, Emerald Isle Woods Park, the US Coast Guard Station, and other government and  
3 utility properties.

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5 If the Board approves the proposed LUP amendment, it will be forwarded to the NC Division of Coastal  
6 Management and the NC Coastal Resources Commission for formal certification in the coming months. We do not  
7 anticipate any objection to this amendment.

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9 Josh Edmondson and I look forward to discussing the proposed amendment at the August 13 meeting.

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11 Town Planner Josh Edmondson discussed the amendment to the CAMA Comprehensive Land  
12 Use Plan, specifically the Future Land Use Map that would designate the recently acquired ~ 30  
13 acre property to "Government" to be consistent with the rest of the Town owned properties.  
14 Town Planner Edmondson said in order for the rezoning to be consistent with the Land Use Plan  
15 they needed to update the Future Land Use Map. Town Planner Edmondson said the CAMA  
16 Land Use Plan included the Town's desire to have additional recreational facilities, and parks.  
17 Town Planner Edmondson noted the property was currently zoned "Mixed-Residential" which  
18 was no longer the projected use of the property and the accurate projection was  
19 "Government".

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21 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to open the Public Hearing. The Board voted***  
22 ***unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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24 There were no comments by the public.

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26 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to close the Public Hearing. The Board voted***  
27 ***unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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29 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Normile to adopt the Resolution Amending CAMA /***  
30 ***Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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32 Clerks Note: A copy of Resolution 18-08-13/R4 as noted above is incorporated herein by reference and hereby made a part  
33 of these minutes.

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35 **12. Proposed Rezoning – McLean-Spell Park – from Residential Multi-Family (RMF) to**  
36 **Government (G)**

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38 **a. Public Hearing**  
39 **b. Consideration of Rezoning**

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41 Town Planner Josh Edmondson addressed the Board concerning this Agenda item. The  
42 following excerpt from Town Manager Rush's memo to the Board is provided for additional  
43 background:

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE EMERALD ISLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 13, 2018  
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1 The Board of Commissioners is scheduled to consider the proposed rezoning of the McLean-Spell Park property  
2 from Residential Multi-Family (RMF) to Government (G) at the August 13 meeting. A public hearing has been  
3 scheduled for the August 13 meeting, and appropriate public and adjacent property owner notices have been filed.  
4 Following the public hearing, the Board may formally consider the proposed rezoning.

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6 The McLean-Spell Park property consists of ~ 30 acres, and is bounded by single-family homes and vacant  
7 residential lots on Live Oak Street (to the west), Sound Drive (to the north), Coral Court and Archers Creek Court  
8 (to the east), and by the Town Government Complex and Bogue Banks Water Corporation to the south. The  
9 property has been zoned RMF for many years, and the current zoning primarily allows single-family homes,  
10 residential duplexes, and multi-family housing. With the most intense development permitted, the property could  
11 sustain up to 237 multi-family residential units.

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13 As you know, the Town recently acquired this property (with significant Federal and State grant funding) for parks  
14 and recreation purposes, and also to specifically prohibit future development of the site. All Town-owned  
15 properties are currently zoned Government, and the proposed rezoning would also add this new Town property to  
16 the Government zoning district. The Town Government Complex, located directly adjacent to the south, has been  
17 zoned Government for many years.

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19 The attached memo from Josh Edmondson, Town Planner, includes a list of all permitted uses in the Government  
20 zoning district. This list includes typical government facilities, however, the Board should note that the future  
21 development of McLean-Spell Park will be further restricted as a result of deed restrictions and easement  
22 requirements placed on the property by Federal and State grant funding partners. The most significant restrictions  
23 on the property are as follows:

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25 • the property must be used as a public park in perpetuity,
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27 • no significant buildings may be constructed on the property (small storage buildings, restroom facilities,  
28 etc. are permitted),
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30 • no features (antennae, lighting, towers, wire, etc.) taller than 50 feet above ground level are permitted on  
31 the property,
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33 • approximately 20 acres of the property must be maintained as a natural area,
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35 • approximately 10 acres of the property may be developed with active recreation facilities in the future  
36 (potentially including athletic fields, tennis courts, pickleball courts, a dog park, skatepark, or any other  
37 outdoor recreation amenities desired by the community in the future),
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39 • total impervious coverage on the property is limited to 10% of the total land area, or approximately 3  
40 acres (for sidewalks, impervious walkways, small buildings, shelters, tennis courts, skate park facilities,  
41 etc. that may be constructed in the future), and
- 42  
43 • any new park features must be at least 50 feet from the banks of Archers Creek.

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45 Thus, many of the permitted uses in the Government zoning district would not be permitted under the deed  
46 restrictions and easement requirements.

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48 Additionally, as discussed with the Board in recent months, the Town is seeking to prevent motor vehicles from  
49 entering the ~ 30 acre park property, and is working to install a new pedestrian bridge from the Community Center

1 parking lot across Archers Creek to McLean-Spell Park. I am hopeful the new pedestrian bridge will be completed  
2 in the coming weeks. Park visitors will then be able to park at the Community Center and walk into the center of  
3 the park, where any future active recreation facilities are likely to be located. Park visitors will also be able to  
4 utilize existing restroom facilities adjacent to the Blue Heron Park tennis courts, and I am hopeful that this will  
5 delay or negate the need for public restrooms within McLean-Spell Park in the future.

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7 Josh Edmondson and I look forward to discussing the proposed amendment at the August 13 meeting.  
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9 Town Planner Josh Edmondson discussed the proposed rezoning of the ~ 30-acre parcel now  
10 known as McLean-Spell Park from Residential Multi-Family (RMF) to Government (G). Town  
11 Planner Edmondson said rezoning to Government would make this parcel consistent with other  
12 Town owned properties. Town Planner Edmondson noted that the current use of the property  
13 included walking trails, and the future dog park with the parcel being surrounded by residential  
14 as well as government zoned property including the Town complex, and Bogue Banks Water  
15 Corporation property. Town Planner Edmondson outlined uses permitted in a Government (G)  
16 zoning district, noting that the 30 acre parcel was further restricted by deed restrictions and  
17 easement requirements that required the land to be a public park in perpetuity, prevented the  
18 construction of any significant buildings on the site, required approximately 20 acres to be  
19 preserved in a natural state, approximately 10 acres of the property may be developed with  
20 active recreation facilities in the future, total impervious coverage limited to 10% or  
21 approximately 3 acres, and any new park features must be at least 50 feet from the banks of  
22 Archers Creek.

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24 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to open the Public Hearing. The Board voted***  
25 ***unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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27 Taney Browder, 7515 Sound Drive, reiterated his family's concerns with dirt ball fields, field  
28 lighting that would cause a lot of light pollution, and noise. Mr. Browder said he was told the  
29 military had put restrictions on lighting and asked whether that would preclude ball field  
30 lighting.

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32 Town Manager Rush said typically the standards for ball field lighting were 60-70 feet for youth  
33 use, and higher for more intense use but there was no intention to add any lighting for any  
34 fields that may be constructed in the future.

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36 Mr. Browder said that was his main concern as they had lived near ball fields and it was very  
37 dusty all year. He said that his family and he was sure some of his neighbors were adamant  
38 against any dirt ball fields, and the lighting, as well as any tournaments that may or not be  
39 planned in the future. Mr. Browder said he was in favor of the Government zoning.

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41 Joy Brownlow, 7506 Sound Drive, said it was her hope that the Board would stand against clear-  
42 cutting the 10 acres reserved for active recreational facilities. Ms. Brownlow spoke of the many  
43 active recreational uses provided by the rare, pristine maritime forest, as it currently existed.

1 Ms. Brownlow mentioned across the bridge they had easy access to Western Park that offered  
2 35 acres of recreational space, and taking a short drive to get there for her two sons to  
3 participate in sports for many years was never a problem. Ms. Brownlow outlined the reasons  
4 she recommended preserving all of McLean-Spell Park and why she felt that was in the Town's  
5 best interest. Ms. Brownlow stated that Maritime Forest along North Carolina's beaches were  
6 increasingly rare and they were vital for what the National Ocean Service called "coastal  
7 resilience". Ms. Brownlow felt McLean-Spell Park was a unique site, home to both forest and  
8 estuary, and if protected from further development would provide year round economic  
9 benefits as a destination for outdoor enthusiasts. Ms. Brownlow felt by keeping all 30 acres of  
10 McLean-Spell Park intact it could also serve as an outdoor laboratory, an educational space to  
11 take school children where they could research the native flora and fauna of Emerald Isle. Ms.  
12 Brownlow also mentioned survey responses for improving quality of life included in Emerald  
13 Isle's 2014 Economic Development Strategic Plan survey data. Ms. Brownlow said they should  
14 look at protecting McLean-Spell Park as the greatest gift they could offer to their current and  
15 future children, and hoped that gift could be a valuable part of the Board's legacy as town  
16 leaders.

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18 Jim Hackett, Ocean Drive, said he didn't want to disagree and kind of supported what had been  
19 said, but as one of the residents of the Town, he wanted to remind everybody that when the  
20 property became available we all knew it was zoned for and would have been basically cleared  
21 out for condominiums. Mr. Hackett said the Town stepped forward and offered to pay  
22 \$500,000 toward the purchase of the land. Mr. Hackett said part of the discussion at that time  
23 was that they would get 10 acres that could be used by the Town in the way we wanted it to be  
24 used so we didn't have to go across the bridge in the summer to enjoy some of the things they  
25 could enjoy with their children and grandchildren because we didn't have the space available  
26 for certain kinds of things. Mr. Hackett said while he basically agreed with Ms. Brownlow's  
27 comments he would also like to have all the Town's folks remember that they had saved this  
28 property from extensive development and were saving two-thirds of it as a natural forest the  
29 way it was planned now, with one-third being used for the benefit of the people who voted for  
30 the Board members and wanted this acquisition to happen, and spent \$500,000 to get that  
31 done which came out of our pockets.

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33 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Finch to close the Public Hearing. The Board voted***  
34 ***unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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36 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Normile to approve the rezoning of McLean-Spell Park***  
37 ***from RMF to Government, and to find that:***

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39 ***- the rezoning is consistent with the Town's 2017 CAMA / Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and***  
40 ***- the rezoning is both reasonable and in the public interest because it is consistent with the***  
41 ***goals and policies in the 2017 CAMA / Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the proposed uses of the***  
42 ***property are compatible with neighboring residential properties, the Town is seeking to***

1 ***standardize the zoning of all Town-owned properties to maintain consistency, and is***  
2 ***consistent with the community's overall interest in maintaining a small-town atmosphere.***

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4 ***Commissioner Normile added that they were just rezoning the property and not making the***  
5 ***decision of what takes place there in the future, and they needed to have a great dialogue***  
6 ***about it in the future.***

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8 ***The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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10 **13. Resolution of Intent to Close Easement – 5200 Block, Between Ocean Drive and Emerald**  
11 **Drive (18-08-13/R5)**

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13 Town Manager Frank Rush addressed the Board concerning this Agenda item. The following  
14 excerpt from his memo to the Board is provided for additional background:

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16 The Board of Commissioners is scheduled to consider the attached resolution indicating the Town's intent to  
17 legally close an approximately 380 ft. long, 12.5 ft. wide easement in the 5200 block between Ocean Drive and  
18 Emerald Drive. If the resolution is approved, the Board would direct Town staff to provide appropriate public  
19 notice, conduct a public hearing on October 9, and then formally consider the closure of this easement at the  
20 October 9 meeting or a subsequent meeting.

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22 This action is requested by Elizabeth Gillespie, Martha Rollins, and Virginia Rollins, the owners of the 2 adjacent  
23 parcels to the west of the easement, and a copy of this request is attached for the Board's review. I have also  
24 attached a map identifying the easement, nearby Elizabeth Street (public street), and the public beach access  
25 located south of Ocean Drive in this area. As is the case in many locations in Emerald Isle, this easement has never  
26 been improved or open to the public, and it appears that the original intent of the easement was likely to enable  
27 the parcels located to the north to reach the public beach access located south of Ocean Drive in this area. As  
28 noted on the attached map, Elizabeth Street is located approximately 113 feet east, and is commonly used by  
29 pedestrians to access the public beach access rather than this easement.

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31 I have discussed this requested easement closure with Town Attorney Richard Stanley, and he has recommended  
32 the use of the formal street closing procedure outlined in NC General Statutes 160A-299 (copy attached). As noted  
33 in NCGS 160A-299, if the Town legally closes this easement, the land area occupied by the easement would be  
34 returned to the directly adjacent parcel owners, with one-half of the easement area (6.25 feet) returned to the  
35 parcel owners on the west side (Gillespie, Rollins, and Rollins own both parcels), and the other one-half (6.25 feet)  
36 returned to the 4 parcel owners on the east side (Cagle, Wisz, Morris, and Austin).

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38 The Board should review this request and determine if there is sufficient interest in proceeding with the required  
39 public notice and public hearing prior to formal Board consideration. Due to the way the calendar falls in relation  
40 to scheduled Board meetings, the public hearing would be scheduled for the Board's October 9 meeting agenda.  
41 All adjacent parcel owners would be notified of the public hearing by certified mail, signs would be posted in this  
42 area, and the public hearing would be advertised for four successive weeks. Following the public hearing on  
43 October 9, the Board would need to determine that a) the closing is not detrimental to the public interest, and b)  
44 that no other owners would be denied reasonable ingress and egress to their properties in order to legally approve  
45 an order closing the easement. The Board should consider any public comment received when making these

1 determinations, but at this point it appears that the public commonly uses Elizabeth Street to reach the public  
2 beach access, and the easement has never been formally opened. All of the adjacent parcels also have primary  
3 access to Emerald Drive, Elizabeth Street, and/or Ocean Drive.  
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5 From a practical perspective, there is no perceived value to the Town in retaining this easement, and there is no  
6 objection from Town staff to closing this easement.  
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8 Town Manager Frank Rush discussed in detail the request in the Board's packets from the  
9 owners of 5204 Ocean Drive for the Town to close a 12.5 ft. wide, roughly 380 ft. long  
10 easement that currently existed between Emerald Drive and Ocean Drive in the 5200 block, as  
11 fully outlined in the above memo. Town Manager Rush referenced the relevant statute if the  
12 Board wished to close this segment, being the same statute used in the past for various street  
13 closings. Town Manager Rush stated if the Board was interested in pursuing, their action  
14 tonight would be to approve the Resolution of Intent at which time they would simply be  
15 scheduling a public hearing on the question for their October 9 meeting. Town Manager Rush  
16 noted appropriate public notice would be advertised for 4 successive weeks, the 6 adjacent  
17 property owners would be formally notified, and signage would be posted at the location  
18 advising of the public hearing. Town Manager Rush said at that meeting the Board would need  
19 to make two legal findings before the easement was closed – 1) that it is not detrimental to the  
20 public interest to close the easement, and 2) no adjacent property owners were denied  
21 reasonable ingress and egress. Town Manager Rush said if the easement was closed roughly  
22 6.25 feet would revert to the 2 property owners on the west side, and 6.25 feet would revert to  
23 the 4 property owners on the east side, very similar to what the Board had done for street  
24 closings in recent years. Town Manager Rush said the owners of 5204 Ocean Drive had made  
25 the request simply to control that property located adjacent to their home.  
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27 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to approve the Resolution of Intent to Close***  
28 ***Easement – 5200 Block, Between Ocean Drive and Emerald Drive. The Board voted***  
29 ***unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***  
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31 Clerks Note: A copy of Resolution 18-08-13/R5 as noted above is incorporated herein by reference and hereby made a part  
32 of these minutes.  
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#### 34 **14. Comments from Town Clerk, Town Attorney, and Town Manager**

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36 There were no comments from the Town Clerk or Town Attorney.  
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38 Town Manager Frank Rush updated the Board on several issues beginning with the status of the  
39 Archer's Creek culvert replacement project noting the intention had been to replace the pipe  
40 with a new pipe as it was failing and had been there for more than 40 years. Town Manager  
41 Rush said funds budgeted should cover that and it was a simple permitting process. Town

1 Manager said there had been concerns from residents in that area asking the Town to replace  
2 that pipe with something larger to allow more tidal flow through that area in both directions.  
3 Town Manager Rush said it became a lot more complicated when you increased the size of that  
4 opening and so he was trying to schedule a scoping meeting coordinated by NC Division of  
5 Coastal Management, with many other state and federal agencies to discuss the issues.  
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7 Town Manager Rush mentioned he was still waiting on another quote for the McLean-Spell  
8 Park pedestrian bridge, once the project was built they would reschedule the dedication  
9 ceremony.  
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11 Town Manager Rush discussed the Eastern Nourishment project noting that a couple of weeks  
12 after their in depth discussion at the July Board meeting it turned out that a new effort had  
13 surfaced for a partnership between Pine Knoll Shores and Atlantic Beach in the winter of 2019-  
14 2020. Town Manager Rush stated that would not directly impact Emerald Isle but there were  
15 indirect benefits with the more sand they could get through that federal process the more  
16 money available for Emerald Isle in the future. Town Manager Rush said Emerald Isle would be  
17 going out for bids in the next month or so for a project that would involve Emerald Isle and  
18 Indian Beach only, hoping to bring a construction contract recommendation in  
19 October/November still on track for construction beginning in early 2019.  
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21 Town Manager Rush mentioned the Islander Drive land closing was scheduled to close during  
22 the week of August 27, and he was still working on the menu of potential improvements for the  
23 Board to consider hopefully in September.  
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25 Town Manager Rush talked about the red flags/water rescues during a crazy couple of weeks  
26 with a couple of tragic incidents. Town Manager Rush echoed the thanks provided to our  
27 lifeguard team. Town Manager Rush said they were often asked why the Town didn't add more  
28 lifeguards. Town Manager Rush said that was something they had looked at closely in recent  
29 years and they had increased their lifeguard staffing by 50% over the last few years, and so  
30 everyone was clear it was not a question of money but the struggle was having a good labor  
31 pool available. Town Manager Rush said if they could recruit additional lifeguards, he was  
32 confident they could come up with a way to add more. Town Manager Rush said obviously  
33 Emerald Isle was 12 miles long and they would never be able to provide lifeguards every ¼ mile  
34 along the beach, their strategy thus far had been to focus on the eastern and western ocean  
35 regional accesses, and all other locations were private facilities. Town Manager Rush again  
36 thanked the lifeguards for risking their lives out there to help others and also wanted to thank  
37 the folks in the Fire Department, a great staff who were also putting their lives on the line  
38 responding in the water, and they all did a great job this summer and he appreciated all of their  
39 efforts.  
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41 Town Manager Rush spoke of discussions with the Wildlife Resources Commission about  
42 possibly relocating the marked navigation channel. Town Manager Rush said the alternate

1 route would resolve concerns from some of the folks who lived on Sound Drive in the 7000-  
2 8000 block. Town Manager Rush said the Wildlife Resources Commission was reluctant to mark  
3 that channel because of the depths because and the potential risk to boaters. Town Manager  
4 Rush said he had discussed with them the possibility of dredging that ¾-mile channel, and they  
5 could probably come up with a good financing strategy, but permitting was the challenge.  
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7 Town Manager Rush said that he was happy to report they had issued a demolition permit for  
8 the old Circle Pizza building on the east end.  
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10 Town Manager Rush also mentioned the beach driving season would begin on September 15  
11 and ended on April 30. Town Manager Rush noted that the Town closed the beach to driving  
12 for the 10-day period beginning Good Friday until the Monday after Easter. Town Manager  
13 Rush said the way Easter fell this season the beach would close on Good Friday and not open  
14 again until April 28 leaving just two more days – April 29 and 30 for driving, he wondered if the  
15 Board wanted to just end beach driving on Friday, April 19 this season.  
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17 The following is an excerpt from the Town Manager Comments memo to the Board providing  
18 additional background information for all items of importance:  
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#### 20 **Archers Creek Culvert Replacement**

21 As you know, for the past year or so the Town has been planning to replace a failing pipe culvert under Lee Avenue  
22 that allows Archers Creek to flow east toward Bogue Sound. The existing 60 inch metal pipe culvert was installed  
23 in the late 1970s, and is deteriorating and impacting the roadway. The Town has budgeted funds in the FY 18-19  
24 budget for the replacement of the aging pipe with an identical (new) pipe, and had been planning to complete the  
25 work sometime this coming winter.  
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27 As a result of concerns expressed by residents in this area in recent weeks, we are now considering a larger project  
28 that would potentially include a larger diameter pipe culvert, multiple pipe culverts, or a box culvert to allow  
29 greater tidal flow in this area. Theoretically, this additional tidal flow would promote better water quality, a  
30 deeper navigation channel downstream for recreational vessels and kayaks, a healthier coastal marsh  
31 environment, and discourage the proliferation of invasive vegetation (including phragmites).  
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33 Overall, I believe this effort can be very helpful to nearby property owners and our community at-large, and I  
34 believe there is likely a workable pathway to achieve the goals outlined above. The Board and the public should  
35 understand, however, that it will be important to thoroughly consider various issues before proceeding with the  
36 installation of a larger culvert (or culverts), including the following:  
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- 38 • the optimal pipe / box size to achieve the desired goals,
- 39 • the potential new / additional flooding impact on upstream property owners during excessively high tides  
40 or storm events,
- 41 • the potential environmental benefits,
- 42 • any permit authorizations necessary to proceed,
- 43 • any changes to the Federal / State regulatory scheme that may result and impact nearby property owners,
- 44 • any additional project costs,
- 45 • potential Federal / State funding opportunities, and

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- 1           • other relevant issues.  
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3 To this end, I am attempting to schedule a scoping meeting with representatives from various Federal and State  
4 agencies to better understand the challenges and opportunities associated with this effort. Among the agencies I  
5 hope to meet with are the following:  
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- 7           • NC Division of Coastal Management,  
8           • NC Office of Floodplain Mapping,  
9           • NC Division of Water Resources,  
10          • NC Division of Marine Fisheries,  
11          • NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program,  
12          • NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund,  
13          • US Army Corps of Engineers, and  
14          • NC Coastal Federation.  
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16 I have requested a scoping meeting for the week of August 20, however, it now appears likely that the agencies  
17 will not be able to meet that quickly and this meeting will likely be pushed back. I am working closely with  
18 residents in the Archers Creek area, including two local engineers, and will be working to keep them informed  
19 along the way.  
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21 I am hopeful that we will be able to learn more in the coming weeks, and ultimately present a recommendation to  
22 the Board of Commissioners later this year for your consideration. In the meantime, the Board and the public  
23 should keep a few points in mind as we move forward:  
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- 25           • assuming the Board is comfortable with pursuing this idea, it is unlikely that the Town would move  
26 forward with the originally planned pipe culvert replacement this winter in order to fully determine the  
27 feasibility of the larger effort,  
28           • it is likely that the Town will need to secure grant funding to achieve these goals, however, there are  
29 several potential grant programs that may be helpful, and I have high confidence that the Town could  
30 ultimately secure the necessary grant funds,  
31           • due to the complexities of the larger effort and the timelines associated with grant funding, I think it's  
32 likely that any actual construction would not occur until winter 2019-20 or perhaps later, and  
33           • assuming the Board is comfortable, I believe the Town's likely first step will be to seek the services of a  
34 qualified engineer and/or scientist to determine the optimal size of any new pipe / box culverts to achieve  
35 the goals outlined above.  
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37 The FY 18-19 General Fund budget includes \$15,000 for the originally planned pipe culvert replacement. These  
38 funds would be available at the Board's discretion to fund any studies that may be necessary to determine the  
39 optimal size of any new pipe / box culverts, and it may also be possible to secure grant funds for any desired  
40 studies.  
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42 Please let me know your thoughts on this issue at this point.  
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44 **NC Division of Coastal Management Accepting Applications for Planning and Management Grants**

45 Grant applications for this program, which could potentially fund the necessary studies of Archers Creek described  
46 above, are due on September 14. NC DCM expects to have approximately \$100,000 available for grant awards,  
47 and has limited each individual grant award to a maximum of \$20,000. This grant program assigns priority to

1 natural hazards and storm recovery projects, but I believe the Archers Creek project could potentially be  
2 competitive. Please let me know if you'd like us to consider an application to this grant program.

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4 **McLean-Spell Park Pedestrian Bridge / Dedication Ceremony**

5 We have received one price quote for the construction of the new pedestrian bridge over Archers Creek that will  
6 connect the Community Center parking lot with McLean-Spell Park, and we are currently working to secure at least  
7 one other price quote. Once we can secure at least one other quote, a contract will be awarded, and construction  
8 will begin soon thereafter. Construction will be funded by the Town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

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10 I remain hopeful that the new bridge will be constructed in the coming weeks. A formal dedication ceremony for  
11 McLean-Spell Park will be scheduled as soon as the new bridge is completed.

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13 **Eastern Emerald Isle Beach Nourishment Project**

14 We expect to finally receive Federal and State permits for the long-term "Master Plan" for future nourishment on  
15 Bogue Banks in the next month or so, and this permit issuance will allow the planned eastern Emerald Isle beach  
16 nourishment project to proceed this winter. Construction bids will be solicited in September and October, and,  
17 assuming reasonable construction bids, it is likely that the Board will be asked to approve a construction contract  
18 at either the October 9 or November 13 Board meeting.

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20 The eastern Emerald Isle project scope includes approximately 471,000 cubic yards of sand to be placed along  
21 approximately 3 miles of beach between the Indian Beach town limits and the Eastern Ocean Regional Access. The  
22 project will also include sand placement in Indian Beach, but it now appears that Pine Knoll Shores will not be a  
23 part of the effort that was discussed at the Board's July 10 meeting. I recently learned that a new potential  
24 opportunity for Atlantic Beach and Pine Knoll Shores to partner with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the  
25 Morehead City Port in winter 2019-20 is now being considered. If this comes to fruition, it may enable Emerald Isle  
26 to slightly expand the scope of the planned eastern Emerald Isle project this coming winter.

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28 The exact timing of the eastern Emerald Isle beach nourishment project and the exact scope will be determined  
29 after construction bids are in hand in October. If construction bids are reasonable, construction would likely begin  
30 around January 1, 2019. If construction bids are not reasonable, the project will likely be delayed until winter  
31 2019-20.

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33 **Islander Drive Land Closing Scheduled for Week of August 27**

34 The pending sale of the Islander Drive land is proceeding according to plan, and closing is expected one day during  
35 the week of August 27. A-Team Enterprises, LLC reports good progress thus far, and is actively working toward a  
36 late fall plan submission for formal Planning Board and Board of Commissioners review.

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38 **Islander Drive / Western Ocean Regional Access Improvements**

39 I had originally hoped to present a "menu" of potential improvements for Board consideration at the August 13  
40 meeting, however, other pressing issues have not allowed me to devote the necessary time to this effort in recent  
41 weeks. I will be working to finalize cost estimates for this "menu" in the next couple of weeks, and hope to  
42 present options to the Board at the September 11 meeting.

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44 **Red Flag Conditions, Water Rescues, Etc.**

45 As you know, the last 2 weeks of July were very challenging with prolonged red flag conditions and dozens of water  
46 rescues by Town staff. In light of these challenges, Town staff are planning the following:

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- new surf condition flag poles (similar to those at the two fire stations) will be installed at the Western Ocean Regional Access, Eastern Ocean Regional Access, and near the Welcome to Emerald Isle sign near the bridge,
  - a planned demonstration of a new, lightweight, motorized rescue device for use by lifeguards and FD staff (to potentially replace the use of bulky and heavy jet skis) in the coming weeks,
  - a planned meeting with other Bogue Banks towns to discuss improved standardization of beach warning flags among the 4 towns this offseason, and
  - consideration of new recruitment strategies and incentives to increase the number of lifeguards available to the Town, with the hope that additional fixed locations can be added in the future (as you know, the limiting factor is not funding, but rather the limited labor pool).

16 I will continue to work with FD staff on these issues this coming offseason. Please share any other suggestions or  
17 ideas that you'd like us to research to improve the program for the 2019 season.

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19 **Potential New Golf Cart Path on Coast Guard Road**

20 Taney Browder, Chairman of the Golf Cart Advisory Committee, and I met recently with homeowners in the Osprey  
21 Ridge townhomes to discuss the proposed new golf cart path along the north side of Coast Guard Road between  
22 Osprey Ridge Drive and Bell Cove Shopping Center.

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24 The new golf cart path, which is conceptual at this point and would require significant fundraising by the Golf Cart  
25 Advisory Committee, would be 8 ft. wide, would be located entirely on the Coast Guard Road street right-of-way,  
26 and would involve the removal of only one tree (hopefully that one could be saved also) from the right-of-way.  
27 The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$35,000, due primarily to the need for several retaining walls  
28 aimed at preserving existing trees and topography.

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30 The Osprey Ridge residents expressed concerns, and requested that the Golf Cart Advisory Committee and the  
31 Board of Commissioners consider a) allowing golf carts on the bicycle path on the south side of Coast Guard Road  
32 in this area, and b) allowing golf carts on this segment of Coast Guard Road. I advised the residents that both of  
33 these ideas had been considered in the past, but that for safety reasons neither option had support from the  
34 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee or the Board of Commissioners.

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36 The new golf cart path remains in early planning stages, and it will also be important to thoroughly consider safety  
37 issues at the Reed Drive / Bell Cove Village crossing of Coast Guard Road. Additionally, formal easements are  
38 necessary from the owners of Bell Cove Boulevard (a private street) and Bell Cove Shopping Center. Both parties  
39 have verbally expressed their support for the new golf cart path, but a formal easement would need to be  
40 executed.

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42 I expect the Golf Cart Advisory Committee to discuss this issue again at their August meeting, and we may also  
43 schedule a joint meeting of the Golf Cart Advisory Committee and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
44 in the future to discuss these issues.

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1 **Beach Music Festival – September 29**

2 Town staff continue planning efforts for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual “re-boot” of the iconic Emerald Isle Beach Music Festival on  
3 Saturday, September 29. We expect a similar setup and crowds as the previous two years, and look forward to  
4 another big day in Emerald Isle!

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6 **Day4Kids – September 15**

7 The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Emerald Isle Day4Kids will be held on Saturday, September 15 from 10 am – 2 pm at the  
8 Community Center. Parks and Recreation staff are hard at work planning this free, family-friendly event, and look  
9 forward to another big crowd!

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11 **EIPD “Golf With a Cop” – October 20**

12 EIPD staff and the Neighborhood Watch Program continue planning efforts for this annual event that will be held  
13 at Star Hill Golf Course on Saturday, October 20. Please contact EIPD if you’d like to participate and/or organize a  
14 team.

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16 **Fishing Tournament Date Set – September 20-21, 2019**

17 The Fishing Tournament Executive Committee has set the date for the new tournament. A “Captain’s Dinner” will  
18 be held on Friday, September 20, the night before the one-day tournament that will run all day on Saturday,  
19 September 21. An awards ceremony and other activities will be held on Saturday evening after the day of fishing.  
20 The event will include boat, kayak, and surf fishing divisions, and will include awards for king mackerel, spanish  
21 mackerel, flounder, and bluefish.

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23 **NC 58 Landscape Lighting Near EI Bridge**

24 Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative and the Town have finally received the necessary permits for the new  
25 landscape lighting near the bridge, and I hope to have this work completed in the next few weeks. A subcontractor  
26 must first bore a new electric line under NC 58, and then Town staff can complete the light installation soon  
27 thereafter.

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29 **Marked Navigation Channel for Public Boating Access Area**

30 At the request of two Sound Drive residents, I am exploring the possible relocation of the marked navigation  
31 channel in Bogue Sound from Archers Point to the AIWW. The marked channel is currently located parallel to  
32 Sound Drive shoreline (in the 7000 – 8000 block), and we are exploring an alternate channel that runs from  
33 Archers Point to the north and northeast toward the AIWW.

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35 I have attached a copy of an April 2018 survey that shows the depths in this alternate channel, which are not quite  
36 sufficient to warrant a change by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, which would ideally like to see 3.5 ft. – 5  
37 ft. in the channel at low tide. Current depths in this channel are generally in the 3 ft. +/- range. I am now exploring  
38 potential dredging of this channel to achieve slightly greater depths, and the NC WRC has estimated a total dredge  
39 volume of approximately 7,000 cubic yards in this ¼-mile long channel in order to create a consistent 5 ft. depth. I  
40 believe that the Town could assemble a competitive grant application to fund this project, however, it is very  
41 difficult to secure a dredging permit. The NC WRC would also need to approve this effort, which would create the  
42 potential for future maintenance dredging (and future cost) in this area. I am tentatively scheduled to meet with  
43 NC Division of Coastal Management staff later this month to discuss this issue.

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1 **Property Tax Bills Set To Go Out**

2 Town staff are in the process of finalizing the 2018 property tax bills, and we expect them to be mailed to all  
3 property owners within the next week. Property taxes are technically due on September 1, however, penalties  
4 don't accrue until January. Most property taxes are paid in November and December.

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6 **Beach Driving Permits, End Season on April 18 Due to Easter Calendar?**

7 Beach driving permits will officially go on sale on Friday, August 17. Beach driving season begins on Saturday,  
8 September 15, and would normally run through Tuesday, April 30. However, in 2019 Easter Sunday occurs on April  
9 21, and the beach will be closed to driving from April 19 through April 29. If the Board does not object, I'd like to  
10 simply close the beach to driving for the season at the end of the day on Thursday, April 18. This approach would  
11 eliminate beach driving on April 29 and 30 only. Please let me know your thoughts on this approach.

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13 **"Emerald Isle Beach Patrol" Fundraiser Nets \$5,200**

14 The recent July 4 concert on the beach sponsored by the local "Emerald Isle Beach Patrol" group netted a total of  
15 \$5,200. These funds will be used to purchase 4 automatic external defibrillators for the 4 Police Sergeant vehicles.

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17 **General Fund Property Tax Rate Comparison**

18 I have attached an updated list of General Fund property tax rates in each municipality. Emerald Isle's 14 cent  
19 General Fund rate (plus 1.5 additional cents specifically for beach nourishment) remains very low compared to  
20 others, which range from 12.75 cents up to 68.63 cents, with most rates in the 20 – 30 cent range.

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22 **NC 58 / Bogue Inlet Drive Intersection Improvements**

23 NCDOT continues to refine options for intersection improvements at the NC 58 / Bogue Inlet Drive intersection,  
24 and is currently reviewing traffic signal / turn lane improvements and re-assessing the feasibility of a single-lane  
25 roundabout at this location. I expect NCDOT to complete their review and analysis in the coming weeks, and  
26 present options to the public and the Board later this fall.

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28 **NC 58 Traffic Camera**

29 I have had encouraging discussions with NCDOT staff about the possible installation of a new NCDOT traffic camera  
30 on NC 58, and I am hopeful that this new device can be installed prior to the 2019 tourism season.

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32 **Flashing Beacons for New NC 58 Crosswalks**

33 We are still awaiting NCDOT installation of the push-button, flashing beacons for the new NC 58 crosswalks at  
34 Islander Drive, Town Government Complex, and Ocean Drive "dog-leg". I am hopeful that these new flashing  
35 beacons will be installed sometime this fall.

36  
37 **NC 58 Bridge Guardrails**

38 NCDOT has awarded a contract for this work, and I had previously been informed that the guardrails would be  
39 installed sometime this coming winter (2018-19). I was recently informed by NCDOT that the contract provides an  
40 additional 2 years to complete this work, which means the guardrail installation could potentially be delayed until  
41 winter 2019-20.

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43 **Old Circle Pizza Building**

44 The owner of this building has secured a demolition permit for the removal of this abandoned structure near the  
45 Ocean Drive "dog-leg". The Emerald Isle Fire Department is currently talking with the owner about the possibility

1 of a controlled burn of the building for training purposes, and if this can be arranged it would likely occur  
2 sometime this fall.

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4 **Town Banner Program**

5 Thus far, the 4 new test banners on decorative light poles near the Town Government Complex seem to be holding  
6 up well. Assuming that remains the case, and Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative is comfortable with widespread  
7 installation of banners on all decorative street light poles, we expect to proceed with the new banner program this  
8 fall and winter. Funding will be sought from the Tourism Development Authority, and a banner sponsor program  
9 will be implemented for Emerald Isle businesses and individuals to sponsor a banner. We expect to place  
10 approximately 50 banners on decorative light poles along NC 58 and Bogue Inlet Drive.

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12 **Downtown Light Conversion - LED**

13 The FY 18-19 budget includes funding to convert existing high pressure sodium lights in the downtown area to LED,  
14 and we are currently working with Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative to schedule this work for sometime this  
15 fall.

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17 **Pickleball Court Plans**

18 The FY 18-19 budget includes a total of \$25,000 for the construction of at least one (perhaps two?) pickleball  
19 court(s) at the Town Government Complex. Alesia Sanderson, Parks and Recreation Director, and I will be working  
20 to complete this project this winter. The likely location for the new pickleball court(s) is the area between the  
21 existing tennis courts and the Police Station parking lot.

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23 **Gigabyte Level Fiber To The Home**

24 Commissioner Normile and I are scheduled to meet with representatives from ATMC, a community cooperative  
25 that provides fiber to the home in Brunswick County, later in August to learn more about their system and also  
26 explore potential opportunities for ATMC in Emerald Isle in the future. We are also planning to invite other private  
27 fiber providers to meet in Emerald Isle as we continue to explore ways to promote competition and better internet  
28 service in Emerald Isle in the future.

29  
30 **Friday Beach Access Parking Fees**

31 Parks and Recreation staff collected nearly \$8,000 of parking fees on Fridays during the month of July, despite the  
32 fact that 2 of the 4 Fridays included rainy conditions. The FY 18-19 budget conservatively assumes total annual  
33 Friday collections of \$30,000, so we should be in good shape to meet this goal by June 30, 2019.

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35 **Ocean Oaks Playground, Road Shoulder, Future Resurfacing**

36 We have received requests in recent years for new playground equipment at Ocean Oaks Park, and Parks and  
37 Recreation staff are considering strategies to replace this equipment, including a potential significant donation and  
38 fundraising effort being considered by an Emerald Isle resident.

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40 Additionally, I have tasked Public Works with improving the road shoulder on Ocean Oaks Drive adjacent to the  
41 park, and hope to have this work completed sometime this fall. The shoulder has experienced erosion, and the  
42 asphalt edge is crumbling in this area.

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44 As noted in previous street resurfacing discussions, Ocean Oaks Drive, Pinewood Drive, and Page Place are in need  
45 of comprehensive resurfacing, and we hope to include these streets in the 2019 street resurfacing package this  
46 coming spring.

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1 **Fire Station 1 Expansion / Renovation**

2 I plan to begin more focused efforts on this project this fall, and hope to have the Board finalize the design  
3 approach in early 2019 so any budget impacts can be factored into the FY 19-20 budget.

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5 **Bogue Inlet / Coast Guard Channel Dredging**

6 I recently received communications from the US Army Corps of Engineers that they intend to perform touch-up  
7 dredging in Bogue Inlet and in the Coast Guard channel (at the request of, and funded by USCG Station Emerald  
8 Isle) in late August or early September. This work should ensure a safe and efficient channel for the fall fishing  
9 season.

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11 **15. Comments from Board of Commissioners and Mayor**

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13 Commissioner Taylor commended the Town for bringing in the lifeguards tonight; he thought  
14 that was a great idea.

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16 Commissioner Finch said he was glad to hear that their lighting project as you come off the  
17 bridge into Emerald Isle was back on track and hopefully in the next month they would have it  
18 all lit up. Commissioner Finch felt that first impression was a lasting impression and he was  
19 really looking forward to this in the next few weeks.

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21 Commissioner Messer thanked Town staff, the Board, and a lot of citizens for their expressions  
22 of sympathy to him and his family for the loss of his stepfather. Commissioner Messer said his  
23 stepfather was a great guy, and had been his stepfather for 51 years.

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25 Commissioner Normile added that Commissioner Messer's stepfather had been the perfect  
26 gentleman to his mom.

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28 Mayor Barber said he was thankful for their lifeguards, and all Town staff who worked so hard.

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30 **16. Adjourn**

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32 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted***  
33 ***unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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35 ***The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.***

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37 Respectfully submitted:

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41 Rhonda C. Ferebee, CMC, NCCMC

42 Town Clerk