

TOWN OF ORIENTAL, NC  
HARBOR/WATERFRONTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES OF 14 JANUARY 2016

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 1637 hrs. **Present:** Crowley, Thompson, Tierney, Stockwell and Town Liaison Venturi and guest Town Mayor Belangia. **Absent:** Dail and Town Co-Liaison White.

The December 10, 2015 HWAC meeting minutes as presented were approved by **motion** of Thompson, **seconded** by Stockwell, and **approved:** 4-0.

The proposed agenda was discussed and Thompson stated that the activities under new business were not intended to be agenda items but rather items for discussion/prioritization between HWAC and the Town Manager going forward in 2016 (see attachment/exhibit #1) . **Motion** by Crowley to eliminate this "new" business from agenda, **Seconded** by Stockwell and **Approved:** 4-0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Agenda Item 1; Oversight of Town Dock facilities -checklist**

Crowley stated that he had not made much additional progress with the checklists and still needs to get with the Town Manager for establishing protocol of reporting facilities deficiencies, and maintaining a record of same. However he could report the following:

**Fishing Pier:**

Crowley stated that he did some research regarding the receptacle for used fishing line raised at our last meeting and has found that the North Carolina Dept. of Environmental Quality provides a "white" paper titled: *Implementing a Recycling Network* (attachment/Exhibit 2). It appears that Pure Fishing (parent company of Berkley) will provide free of charge packaging/shipping materials, including free postage for shipping the used filament line to them for recycling. The white paper identifies contacts at Pure (Karen Afinson: 877-777-3850 ext. 8419) and also identifies Pat Durrett, (252-808-2808) NC Clean Marina Program Coordinator for assistance. The white paper also provides guidance/directions for making the PVC "bins". Crowley also stated that Boat US has initiated an awareness program for recycling and that the PVC "bins" might be available from Boat US free of Charge. Crowley stated that he would contact the Oriental Fishing Club and see if they would be willing to take on a recycling program.

**Dinghy Dock:**

Crowley stated that the history of the "dedication" bench at **Oriental's Dinghy Dock** has been cleared up by Melinda Penkava (Town Dock). Melinda identified that the bench was provided by former neighbors of hers, Tom & Diana Ricketts, on South Water Street. Melinda believes it was placed there more than twelve years ago in memory of Diana's brother: David Bruce Evans. The bench has been cleaned and sealed with a teak oil and returned.

## **Agenda Item 2: Status of New Town Dock #2 Facilities**

Thompson stated that the facilities are fully operational. There had been a human factors issue with the elevator operation that has been remedied. Tierney asked when the ladder would be installed and that this should be a priority as it's a safety issue. Thompson stated all materials are available for the ladder installation it's just a matter of the Town installing it. Venturi mentioned that people have approached her and identified that access to the pump out has been hindered and precluded by boats not pulling forward on the dock. In essence blocking access to the pump-out. This initiated a discussion on who, how etc., to get boaters utilizing the dock to pull forward and whether we should have signage or someone "overseeing" the facility (Volunteers, Town Employee, etc.). It was noted that the existing registration cards due note "regulations" and request that boaters pull forward. It was also identified that at present the pump-out is not in service due to precautionary measures to preclude freezing and might not be in service till March/April and that perhaps signage is needed to identify when pump-out is available. Crowley stated that he had proposed heat tracing the lines during HWAC first involvement with the facilities at TD#2. Heat tracing would have allowed the pump-out to be in service year round (24x7) and reported that it was not agreed to by Town management.

Additionally Tierney raised a concern that a fishing trawler that has been tied up on a Fulcher pier adjacent to TD#2 appears to be infringing on TD#2's CAMA foot print and that we needed a methodology, protocol to address.

**Town Manager (Diane Miller) stopped in to report that the paperwork for the grant providing for the restrooms and pump-out facilities was being closed out. That the project has been completed within the budgeted amounts and expressed her sincere appreciation for all the support and assistance that Lisa Thompson provided to the project.**

## **Agenda Item #3: Status of "Key West" Style Signage**

Thompson reported that she had picked up the signage board (4'x8'sheet) and delivered to Crowley who had agreed to cut out/make the arrows. Thompson provided guidance on the arrows in that they needed to be minimum of 5" high and 20" available horizontally for the "signage." Crowley had a 'mock-up; 5" high and 24" horizontally available for this meeting. Thompson requested that the arrows be longer (horizontally) as the piling they are being mounted on is 8" dia., Thompson stated that we needed a minimum of 20 arrows. Additional discussion concerning the appearance, presentation of the arrows (human factors/ergonomics issues) was had and concluded with Thompson stating that the Town (Andrew) had it under control and would get the arrows mounted once available for mounting.

#### **Agenda Item #4: Fishing Pier "Old Line Receptacle":**

See Agenda Item #1 discussion

#### **Agenda item #5: Status of Dinghy and Small Boat Dock Extensions**

Crowley stated that he had reached out (01-07-2016) to an acquaintance who is affiliated with Oriental Yacht Club (OYC) regarding our proposal for extending the Dinghy Dock 60' and that it had been forwarded to the OYC "management." As of this HWAC meeting no response has been received. No reach out to Oriental Harbor ownership has occurred as yet.

#### **Agenda Item #6: Harbor "Skimmer" Proposal**

Thompson stated that recently Oriental resident Joe Mattea had forwarded a video of a "skimmer" that was being developed in Australia that appeared promising and that we should consider it for Oriental's harbor. Stockwell stated that at times visiting boaters have complained of the smell and debris in our harbor. Crowley voiced concerns that a skimmer needs attention. It needs to be cleaned out and maintained frequently. Crowley felt the Town hasn't demonstrated that it has the resources or commitment to "maintain" the harbor now when it is identified as an issue by residents or visitors, and that we should not be dependent on "volunteers" to do it. Until we have a commitment from the Town or adjacent property owners Crowley stated he could not support a skimmer proposal for budgeting. Thompson agreed to do more research on the skimmer and would have something for our February meeting.

#### **Confirm Next Meeting:**

Next meeting will be February 11, 2016 @ Town Hall beginning @ 4:30 PM.

#### **Adjourn:**

Without further discussion Thompson **motioned** that we adjourn, **seconded** by Stockwell approval **vote: 4-0**

Scribe/Chairman

Crowley