

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 10 June 2021

With a quorum being present, Ms. Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:05AM. Present were Lisa Thompson, Jim Blackerby, Pat Stockwell, Don McGuire, Dan Allen by telephone, Commissioner Diane Simmons, and Town Manager, Diane Miller. Commissioner Allen Price was a guest.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion of Pat Stockwell with a second by Jim Blackerby the minutes of the 13 May 2021 meeting were approved.

Status of Current Projects:

- **Jurisdiction – Local Waterways**

Ms. Miller reported that she had spoken to the attorney about the County's objection to S279 and he is also checking with New Bern.

Ms. Thompson reported that the bill, S279, had moved to the House Marine Resources & Aquaculture Committee chaired by our local representative Bobby Hanig. If approved by that committee then it would move to the local government committee. It was suggested that Rep. Hanig be contacted to impress the importance of passage.

- **Whittaker Pointe Restoration Project**

Ms. Miller reported the following on the restoration project:

Bids have gone out for the remainder of the work on lengthening the openings, and there are funding extensions to pay for the work.

The gate is now up to deter people from going on the property.

Mr. Blackerby reported the following on the restoration project:

Plantings are looking good.

4-wheelers on the property were reported to Oriental Police.

- **Harbor**

Ms. Thompson reported that there had been a small "spill" in the harbor from the fueling dock. Unfortunately all equipment used for clean up had been moved to the Town work yard. A work order was requested to move all tools, pads and equipment from the yard to storage under the restroom until completion of the Net House.

Also repairs are necessary to the pump out standpipe in order to get a good seal for flow to rinse the line. Ms. Thompson reported that a work order had been submitted.

- **Fishing Pier**

Mr. Allen reported that that used fishing line container needs to be emptied. The process is no longer the same for line disposal. Used line is to be placed into trash – Beware of stray hooks when emptying container.

Member Comments**Mr. Stockwell:**

It has been a busy season at the docks with many more boats going north and south this year.

Mr. Allen:

Status of donated floating dock – due to its disrepair it will be used as a work dock and a new floating dock will be purchased for use for small boat races once a ladder system from the pier is established.

Mr. Blackerby:

Advised all to check out the Coastal Review from the Coastal Federation.

Commissioner Simmons:

Advised all that there was an online survey from the Covid Task Force relating to the Health Department and health issues/concerns in the County.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05AM with the next meeting scheduled for 8 July at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Thompson