

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 08 November, 2018

A quorum being present, Ms. Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:05AM. Present were Ms. Lisa Thompson, Mr. Pat Stockwell and Mr. Jim Blackerby. Commissioners present was Ms. Diane Simmons and Mr. David White and Town Manager, Ms. Diane Miller.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion of Mr. Stockwell with a second by Mr. Blackerby the minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Old Business

Status of Current Projects:

- Ms. Miller reported on status of damage report being submitted to FEMA
 - Town Dock #2 – missing lattice, gravel, electric vehicle charger
 - Net house flooded – debris to be cleaned
 - Fishing pier damage
 - Gangway washed out at small boat dock
- Ms. Miller reported on meeting with Bras Connell, CAMA, re: sea wall repair approval

Status NCDEQ, Golden Leaf Grant and US Fish and Wildlife Service Applications

- NC DEQ Grant Application – Awarded
- Golden Leaf Grant Application – Grant awarded 2 August; deed recorded for funds transfer;
- NCCF filed for a \$450,000 grant for the living shoreline restoration with the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Awarded. A field trip to the Pointe was attended by members of the HAWC and the Town Manager as well as representatives from the Coastal Federation and a USF&WS liaison. The intent of the field trip was to supply the USF&WS with a firsthand look and background information on the Whittaker Pointe erosional condition and its value to the community.

Committee Vacancies

Two open positions. Ms. Thompson will confirm with Mr. Vick his wishes to continue on the committee. Members were encouraged to seek interested individuals.

Report from Duke Environmental Law & Policy Clinic

Ms. Thompson and Ms. Simmons reported on the 3 November meeting with attorneys and law students from Duke. The bottom line was that a surveyor is needed to establish to Town jurisdiction over the surrounding waters and then need for ordinances or support of state laws re: “littering” and abandoned vessels and appropriate enforcement response.

NEW BUSINESS

Whitaker Creek Dredging Funds

Almost two thirds of the matching funds have been collected – even with the hurricane set back. Ms. Thompson will contact Dennis Marlin re: a plan to reach out to local businesses for their donations to the fund.

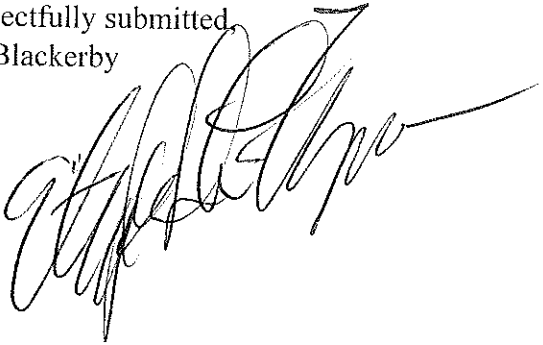
Committee Member Comments

Dock Activity

- Mr. Stockwell commented that the snowbird migration continues. Docks have been busy.
- Mr. White commented that in working with the Boat Show planning E-Z docks may be available to purchase at a reduced price after the Boat Show and the committee should look into using the E-Z docks for the floating dock extension of the Dinghy Dock.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20AM with the next meeting scheduled for 13 December at 8:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Blackerby

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Blackerby', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.