

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 11 February 2021
Via Zoom

With a quorum being present, Ms. Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:08AM. Present were Lisa Thompson, Jim Blackerby, Pat Stockwell, Don McGuire, Commissioners David White and Diane Simmons, and Town Manager, Diane Miller.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion of Jim Blackerby with a second by Pat Stockwell the minutes of the 12 November 2020 meeting were approved.

Status of Current Projects:

- **Net House**

Mr. McGuire reported on the status of the Net House restoration:

The tree is scheduled to be removed 19 February along with pruning to the other tree;

Bill Marlow will be marking the necessary elevation on the telephone pole;

The final draft of the restoration plan and proposed budget will be circulated to all next week;

The restoration will be the major piece of the Committee's 2021-22 budget presentation.

- **Whittaker Pointe Restoration Project**

Ms. Miller reported the following on the restoration project:

Awaiting response from CAMA re: 73' sheet piling extension at the end of the point and request for additional sheet piling and oyster bag areas to help mitigate high water energy at pass through areas;

All reminded to submit letters of support to CAMA;

Funding, payments and grant time frames are all being monitored and are current;

With concerns for keeping the area as a protected area, Commissioner White is drafting language for a resolution setting the Town's property as restricted both from land and water;

There are meetings with Brian Rubino and another with Coastal Federation at the site in the upcoming weeks.

- **Jurisdiction – Local Waterways**

The Town Manager reached out to Senator Sanderson to request a meeting to discuss his assistance in obtaining legislative approval for the Town's waterway jurisdiction;

To date there has been no response from Senator Sanderson or his office;

Commissioner Simmons offered to reach out to Senator Sanderson and Representative Hanig in an additional attempt to request their assistance.

Items for 5 March Budget Retreat

The Committee agreed on the main project items for the 2021-22 Budget Year

Net House Restoration

Jurisdiction Issues

No Wake Zones

Continuation of ongoing projects from the Committee's Comprehensive Plan

Member Comments

Jim Blackerby raised the issue of the importance of No Wake Zones and the information that he had circulated to members.

Jim Blakerby also raised concerns of a floating piling washed up on the creek side of the restored Pointe. There was discussion about piling and sea wall work being done at WCYOA. Pat Stockwell said he would investigate and report back to the members.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45AM with the next meeting scheduled for 11 March at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Thompson