

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 12 November 2020

With a quorum being present, Ms. Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:10AM. Present were Lisa Thompson, Jim Blackerby, Pat Stockwell, Don McGuire and Dan Allen (via telephone), Commissioner Diane Simmons, and Town Manager, Diane Miller.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion of Don McGuire with a second by Jim Blackerby the minutes of the 8 October 2020 meeting were approved.

Status of Current Projects:

- **Whittaker Pointe Restoration Project**

Ms. Miller reported the following on the restoration project:

The project is approximately 95% complete;

Volunteers to place oyster cultch on 18 November;

Waiting for CAMA response re: revetment “wings”;

Report re: CAMA scoping meeting 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;

Trying to find info re: Raccoon Creek jetty - possible support for extension request; Funding, payments and grant time frames are all being monitored and are current.

- **Jurisdiction – Local Waterways**

The Committee discussed ways for “jump starting” legislative action re: waterway jurisdiction. Legislative approval is necessary before the Committee can proceed on issues as to bulkhead quality; no wake zones and abandoned and derelict vessels.

The Town Manager will contact Senator Sanderson as to a meeting to provide to discuss and provide him with draft legislation. Dan Allen and Lisa Thompson will join the meeting.

- **Net House**

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

There was a long discussion among Committee members as to the tree on the site – limbs in the way for roof, porch width and steps; overall health of the tree.

Will request the Tree Board (Dr. Bob’s) opinion about the tree.

Building to be level at 20” above ground level;

Don will take the plan to Building Inspector for a permit;

All siding to be replaced;

Porch to be as large as the site will allow;

Mr. McGuire to provide new drawings and costs prior to vote to approve.

- **Member Comments**

It was noted that in spite of Covid-19 and various restrictions that it has been a fairly regular season of visitors at the Town Docks.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55AM with the next meeting scheduled for 10 December at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Thompson