

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 13 May 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, Commissioner Diane Simmons, and Town Manager, Diane Miller.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion of Jim Blackerby with a second by Dan Allen the minutes of the 11 March 2021 and 8 April 2021 meetings were approved.

Status of Current Projects:

- **Net House**

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

- An additional 5.5” need to be lifted on the water side to level;
- Sandy is confident the lift can be completed with new girders being used;
- Town workers will assist with the necessary work;
- Work pending – repairs to strengthen, complete leveling, finish internal demolition & strengthening repairs, then hand digging for footings;
- Can’t use volunteers as yet due to the very specialized work being done.

Dan Allen expressed concern for the safety of visitors. It was agreed that the area would be taped off and danger/caution signs posted.

- **Whittaker Pointe Restoration Project**

Mr. Blackerby reported the following on the restoration project:

- Some of the grasses are beginning to grow;
- Coastal Federation is waiting for the availability of more plants; and
- Will request volunteers for the planting though Coastal Federation has many interns for summer.

Ms. Miller reported the following on the restoration project:

- Construction of the approved “wings” for the revetment is out for bid;
- USDA funding of the project has been extended until July;
- The extension of the revetment has been denied by CAMA; and
- The final cost of the road repaving Maritime and White Farm Road was \$185,000.

- **Jurisdiction – Local Waterways**

The Committee had a discussion based on the surprise news of the County Commissioners passing a resolution expressing their disapproval of SB279 and endorsing HB161 only. Ms. Miller reconfirmed her discussions with the County Manager and Commissioner Bohmert and their support prior to the filing of SB279. It is unknown how the support went off track. The Committee is in support of both bills

passing. Commissioner Simmons will contact Senator Sanderson's office to see how to keep both bills on track.

- **Floating Docks**

The Committee had a discussion as to how to proceed with addition of the ladder and temporary floating dock for the fishing pier and the floating dock extension of the dinghy dock.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05AM with the next meeting scheduled for 10 June at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Thompson