

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 15 July 2021

With a quorum being present, Ms. Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:00AM. Present were Lisa Thompson, Jim Blackerby, Pat Stockwell, Don McGuire, Commissioners Diane Simmons and David White, and Town Manager, Diane Miller.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion of Jim Blackerby with a second by Don McGuire the minutes of the 10 June 2021 meeting were approved.

Status of Current Projects:

- **Net House**

Mr. McGuire reported that there has been no progress on the restoration in the past month. The delay is due to the lack of highly skilled carpentry workers/volunteers to finish the lifting of the building. The Public Works staff will be helping when their schedule allows. Committee members were asked for the names of volunteers with strong carpentry skills.

- **Solar Lighting**

Ms. Miller asked for input as to placement of 6 solar powered streetlights to test them near the waterfront areas for lighting quality and durability. The lights are dark sky compliant. The Committee offered suggestions of placement for testing the lights.

- **Whittaker Pointe Restoration Project**

Ms. Miller reported the following on the restoration project:

The contract has been let for the construction of the wing structures. The same company that built the original structures will be doing the work. The work will be done from the water side of the property.

All work is still being done under the grants. Quibbe's final invoice has been received.

- **Fishing Pier**

There was a discussion of the need for an appropriate ladder and configuration in order to facilitate the use of a floating dock for small boat races. Mr. Stockwell and Ms. Thompson will work together to determine the best set up and will report back to the Committee.

- **Jurisdiction – Local Waterways**

Ms. Thompson reported that there has been no action taken to date on the bill S279 since it passed the Senate and was sent to the House. H161, the bill preferred by the County, has been included in the proposed House Budget.

- **Harbor**

Ms. Thompson reported that equipment used for “spill” clean up has not yet been moved from the town yard to storage under the restroom until completion of the Net House. Also pump out repairs have not been completed but are a work in progress.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45AM with the next meeting scheduled for 12 August at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Thompson