

Town of Oriental, NC  
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2018

At 8:00AM with a quorum not yet present, Ms. Lisa Thompson, Mr. Pat Stockwell, Commissioner David White and Commissioner Diane Simmons began reviewing and finalizing the kayak rack ordinance and sign up form along with written input that had been received from Mr. Jim Blackerby, Mr. Art Tierney and Mr. Walter Vick.

**Status of Current Projects – Kayak Racks/Ordinance:** Those present discussed and attempted to fine tune earlier drafts of the kayak rack ordinance to include:

Change name to watercraft racks so to include canoes and paddle boards in addition to kayaks;

A maximum of 2 watercraft per household;

Cost not to generate income but to cover cost of locks/replacement;

Sign directing users to register at Town Hall;

Use of rack is at watercraft owner's risk – no liability to Town;

Rental period to be a 3 month period as follows: 1 February-30 April; 1 May-31 July;

1 August-31 October; 1 November-31 January;

If racks not full and no wait list - may renew rental space; after 2 periods of use – move to bottom of wait

list;

Removal from racks re: storms – use same language as for boats at Town Docks

A quorum being present at 8:40AM, Ms. Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order. Present were Ms. Lisa Thompson, Mr. Pat Stockwell, Mr. Walter Vick, Commissioner David White and Commissioner Diane Simmons. Absent were Mr. Jim Blackerby and Mr. Art Tierney.

**Approval of 11 January 2017 Meeting Minutes:** Minutes were approved upon motion of Mr. Stockwell, seconded by Mr. Vick.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Status of Current Projects – Kayak Racks/Ordinance:** All members agreed to forward the proposed Watercraft Ordinance and form drafts to the Commissioners for their consideration at the March Town Meeting.

**Joint Meeting with Tourism & Parks and Rec Committees:** Will find a date for the 3 committees to meet so that each committee knows the direction of the others prior to budget adoption and height of tourist/boating season

**Working/Training/Staging with Coast Guard:** Ms. Thompson advised the Committee that she and Ms. Miller, Town Manager, would be meeting later in the day with the Coast Guard Response Team about issues relating to debris, spills, etc. in the Harbor and how the Town can best respond. She will report to the Committee at the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**1 February "Spill":** Ms. Thompson gave a report on the reported "spill" in the harbor and the response. At 8AM Ms. Miller, Town Manager, Andrew Cox, Public Works, and Ms. Thompson responded to a report of a "spill" in the Harbor. Based on the southwest winds and evaluation of the flotsam and denigrated sheen on the water, it was determined that the "spill" did not reach level of needing to be report to the National Response Center (NRC). A point source was not located – debris appeared to be "blow-in" by the southwest winds. The

majority of the flotsam appeared to be bio-matter from the cleaning of a fish hold, and though unattractive it would cause no harm. This debris was stirred and scooped with a net as it moved toward the northeast corner of the harbor and along the bulkhead. The denigrated sheen was sprayed and stirred. An absorbent boom was placed at the flow through to the Duck Pond to catch any further flow. All was gone by midday.

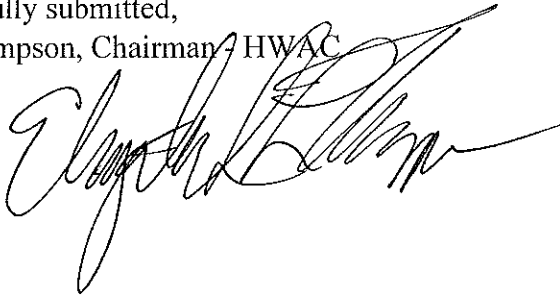
**Schedule Work Day:** Ms. Thompson announced that a work day will be scheduled for the week of 19 March (weather dependent) to clean up the Town Dock areas, erect flag poles, make dock repairs and touch up painting.

**2018-19 Budget Request Due 2 March:** Following a short discussion, the Committee agreed that they wanted to continue ongoing requests/priorities with the emphasis for 2018-19 to be Harbor Master with a possible "volunteer crew" and Net House Renovation.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30AM with the next meeting scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 8:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Thompson, Chairman, HWAC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Thompson', written over the typed name.