

TOWN OF ORIENTAL, NC  
HARBOR/WATERFRONTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES OF 23 FEBRUARY 2016

A quorum being present the "SPECIAL" meeting was called to order at 1737 hrs. **Present:** Crowley, Thompson, Stockwell and Town Liaison Venturi and Town Co-Liaison White. **Absent:** Dail and Tierney

This special meeting was called due to our normally schedule February meeting (02-11-2016) being canceled due to a lack of a quorum.

The January 14, 2016 meeting minutes as presented were approved by **motion** of Stockwell, **seconded** by Crowley and **approved:** 3-0.

Thompson opened the special meeting discussing the progress (physical accomplishments) and lack of physical progress with HWAC projects, approved by the Commissioners. Specifically the accomplishment of completing the rest rooms and pump-out installations at Town Dock #2 (Note that technically these items were not "owned" by the HWAC but rather it's predecessor committee. However HWAC and specifically Thompson played a significant role in support and assistance during their installation.)

Additional accomplishments were: (1) Oriental pennants set a-fly at the Oriental town docks, (2) Adding a link, identification of the Town docks to the Town's web site. (3) Revision of the boater registration cards. (4) Power/receptacles installed on the power pole at the west end of the Hodges Street bulkhead. (5) Procurement of a ladder for Town Dock #2 (6) procurement of sign board to make "Key West" style arrows depicting "steps" to Oriental businesses' and attractions for mounting at Town Dock #1.

Activities that have not moved to actual implementation are: (1) Installation of ladder at Town Dock #2. (2) Painting of the stringers (identifying Oriental's Town Docks) of Town Dock's #1,#2, and Dinghy Dock. (3) Replacement of missing "fender" board(s) of West end of Hodges St., bulkhead (Town Dock #1) (4) Installation of cleats on East end of Hodges St. bulkhead. (5) Raise and widen the registration stands, Town Dock's #1,#2.

Additional items budget for in 2015 that are still in conceptual stages are (1) extending the dinghy Dock, (2) Extending, increasing the capacity of the "Small boat Dock"

Basically the items that have lacked progress identified above are identified within the HWAC meeting minutes of 14 January 2016 as Attachment/Exhibit #1.

A discussion followed that points to a consensus that the Town's work force is overwhelmed with

"opportunities" and continuous re-prioritization of same and may lack specific "hands on " boating/marina experience which impedes "labor" efficiency.

Crowley and Thompson put forth the idea that perhaps the Town could hire, contract a knowledgeable person part-time (~20 hrs/wk) for oversight of the Town Docks; a Dock Master. That the position/contractor could be funded from the occupancy taxes collected. Crowley asked Thompson to present a motion, which Thompson did: **motion** by Thompson that the HWAC make a request to the Town Commissioners at the March budgeting retreat that they hire a contractor to perform Dock Master oversight and minor maintenance of the Town's docking facilities, not exceeding 20 hours/week. That the person should be "self-starting" with prerequisite skill set to accomplish. **Seconded** by Crowley and **motion approved: 3-0**

Thompson agreed to fine tune the proposal and present at our next meeting and also make the necessary presentation to the Town Commissioners at the budget retreat. Likewise Thompson will present a "State of the Union" of HWAC at the retreat including requesting that activities budgeted for in 2015 but not actually acted upon be carried forward for budgeting in 2016.

Crowley thanked Stockwell and the Inland Provision Co., for clarifying with the electronic version of the Waterway Guide that although Oriental did lose the Walmart grocery we still have groceries available in Oriental, it's just not one stop shopping.

Thompson made an observation that it appears that cruising boats are frequenting Oriental more than in the past. Commissioner White noted that Sail Magazine is again planning to make Oriental a stop on the North/South sojourn in 2016.

Thompson **motion** to adjourn at 1804 hrs., **seconded** by Stockwell, , **approved 3-0**  
Scribe/Chairman

Crowley