

# Town of Oriental

## Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee

**DRAFT** Meeting Minutes from April 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order @ 8:00am, in the Town Hall Meeting room by Chairperson Jim Blackerby with the following in attendance:

Jim Kellenberger- Committee Person

Dan Allen- Committee Person

Jenny Jones- Committee Person

Pat Stockwell - Committee Person

Don McGuire- Committee Person, Secretary

David White- Councilman

Diane Miller- Town Manager

Minutes from February Accepted and approved.

Bill Hines addressed the question of a kayak launcher location. Various pictures of the launch area next to the Small Boat Dock. These showed the current launch area over time. Mr. Hines will send his presentation to the Town and the Committee.

Jim B reviewed the HWAC facilities check.

Diane Miller spoke about the Town Kayak fee and lock situation. The Town is now out of the lock business for Kayaks. It will be the kayak owner who will be responsible for providing and maintaining locks. The fee for the Town Kayak rack was discussed. Jim K made a motion to change to fee for the kayak rack to \$15 per 3 month period. Dan A seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 for and 0 against. The additional rack was postponed until the launch issue is resolved.

Diane Miller advised that the Hodges Street project is being reviewed by the USDA. Engineering has been finished. The design has not been completed yet.

Other Grant issues were discussed. No new projects have been added.

Dan A to update the HWAC to do list. At our next meeting we should discuss our "Under consideration" category for project grant submittal.

Re the Bond Beach, HWAC will look at the possibility of placing limited native grasses in the area, for the purpose of holding the soil.

Re Whitaker Creek dredging. \$15,000 has been raised by the Friends of Whitaker Creek. Another \$15,000 will be needed by the end of May.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

Next Meeting, 11 May 2023

Respectively submitted,

Don McGuire

