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Town of Oriental
Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2023

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am in the Town Hall Meeting room by Chairperson Jim Blackerby with the following in attendance:

Jenny Jones-Committee person-Secretary

Jim Kellenberger-Committee person

Pat Stockwell-Committee person

Don McGuire-Committee person

David White-Councilman

Dan Allen-Committee person

Tammy Cox-Town Hall representative

No July meeting. Minutes from May 2023 and June 2023 accepted and approved by Jim Kellenberger and seconded by Pat Stockwell.

Facilities check request for volunteers-Jim K will take a week and Pat Stockwell will take a week.

Jim B. reported on Pump out need to be flushed out more frequently and flowers/plants by Sargent house need watering more often due to heat.

Jim B. commented on Bobby Brewer presentation to Town Board on August 8, 2023. Suggest we support/help recreational fishermen and businesses for the town. Support, help them grow, maintain strong environment for fishing in Oriental.

No Town Management report. Diane out of the office.

Beautification Committee, Jane David and ?????, made presentation on putting window box planters on railings in front of the Bean. Ask approval from HAWC to hang and fund these planters. Don McGuire commented there may be major changes to this area in the near future. Jim K. commented they'd be used as trash cans and likely knocked off railing. David White commented that if Beautification committee used town money to purchase planters they'd be town responsibility for removing them if there was a storm. Jim K. proposed no funding from HAWC, Jenny Jones seconded it. Vote was unanimous from HAWC committee on not to support from HAWC budget.

Active and new projects-Midyette St., Town waterfront erosion control and around small dock-Jim B. spoke with Coastal Federation to look into the areas for use of available Grant money @ 2 to 1.

John Bond Beach-erosion, drainage and lack of sand an ongoing thing-try to plant plants that will hold the beach together.

Rebuild of Cupola-unknown status at the time of meeting. Sandy Winfrey is working on it. Question for Diane to answer.

Picnic Tables-Jim K. said he'd have Rotary Club Project build and donate to Town.

Whitaker Point living shoreline-Jim B. met with TownDock, took pictures. Said place was doing great, doing what it's supposed to be doing. Story may be posted on TownDock soon. Jim B. suggested a field trip to area in the future.

Neuse Fishing Pier-Jessie Ryan Cahoon was supposed to tighten bolts on fishing pier, he will no longer be available to complete this job. Need to ask Diane who will complete the job.

Signage-Jim K. said no signs ordered, but designs are completed. Jim B. asked for copy of the list to be sent to Tammy @ Town Hall, Dan said April update signs on order and waiting for parts. Jim K. said might want to add some new signs to the order. Tammy commented that his was Correction Enterprise order.

Website complaint brought up to Diane-Jim B. asked that we review the town website for HAW, several complaints of confusion on usage of different piers and/or dinghy docks. Jim B. noted it was hard to find information, etc. and Diane has asked that Committee look at it, how to make it more useful, do we want to change anything to make it more useful that will help visitors/locals. Jim B. requests members look at it and help make changes. For example-Town Dock 1 as a drop off and pick up for Fishing Guides and their clients. Get the word out to guides via Bobby Brewer. David White suggest reserve bulkhead for Guides. Jim B. said need signage for this, but don't put signs on bulkhead, put them on railings for easy attachment and removal.

Chapter R, section 1, 4, and 5-committee needs to read before next meeting. Think about increasing by 1 member. Should we add another member? Jim K. is opposed, makes quorum more difficult. Jim B. concern is facilities check, we don't have the peoples sign up for it outside of the committee. Jim B. also mentioned number of meetings set at 6 times a year minimum, should be set at more or less times a year? Jim K. prefers to stay the way it is. Dan Allen suggests people stepping up and heading up the projects.

Red boat moored off Whitaker channel-Jenny Jones made contact with NC Wildlife officer Cain. Waiting for a call back. David White concerned if moves into channel, can Coast Guard be called to move it?

Working with other Committees/Boards-Jim B. reported that in 2022, the Board approved request that we have someone from HAWC sit on Parks and Rec. Committee. Vote was to no all around.

Dan Allen reported on Dredge for Whitaker Creek-he had not received grant contract yet.

Jim K. Hodges st project-wants everyone to look at what was emailed to committee and review information. Wants to hear from committee what the next move should be, so he can report to Diane. Suggested we not discuss at the time. Jim B. said we should all look through draft and comment our recommendations.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:25 am by Jim Kellenberger, second by Don McGuire

Next meeting September 14, 2023 at 8:00 am