

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 9 September 2021

With a quorum being present, Ms. Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:10AM. Present were Lisa Thompson, Jim Blackerby, Pat Stockwell, Don McGuire, Dan Allen, Commissioners Diane Simmons and David White, and Town Manager, Diane Miller.

Status of Current Projects:

- **Net House**

Mr. McGuire reported that Sandy Winfrey and additional workers, including some Committee members, will be making a concerted effort working on the project 20-22 September. After this effort they will have a better understanding to determine how much more work and money will be needed to complete the project.

It was decided that the Committee would meet at 12Noon on 22 September at Town Dock #2 to review the work done and get input from Mr. Winfrey on the steps for moving forward to complete the project.

- **Kayak Racks**

Ms. Miller notified the Committee that the kayak racks are being well used with the racks currently full and a wait list for additional spaces.

Following discussion and upon motion of Mr. McGuire with a 2nd by Mr. Allen, the Committee unanimously approved the addition of a 3rd kayak rack at the small boat dock area.

- **Pump out**

Ms. Thompson asked that the pump be returned so that another repairman could be called. Ms. Miller advised that the Town was waiting on a new diaphragm for the pump.

- **Whittaker Pointe Restoration Project**

Ms. Miller reported the following on the restoration project:

USDA, granting agency, has inspected the project and was duly impressed with the results.

USDA and Golden Leaf are in the final payout process of the grants.

- **Jurisdiction – Local Waterways**

Ms. Thompson once again reported that the House has taken no action 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. Commissioner Simmons said that she would reach out once again to Representative Hanig as to the importance of the passage of S279.

New Business:

- **Street Ends and Benches**

Commissioner White reported that it will be the responsibility of the Committee to oversee the streets dead ending at the water where benches are currently placed. The Tourism Board will be putting together a brochure and map of these areas to encourage use.

- **Member Comments**

Ms. Miller advised that a new ice business is coming to town.

Mr. Allen advised that he continue research into a ladder and its set up on the fishing pier for the floating dock.

Ms. Thompson asked that the rakes and nets be returned to storage at Town Dock #2.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05AM with the next meeting scheduled for 22 September at 12 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Thompson