

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 14 March 2019

With a quorum being present, Ms. Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:05AM. Present were Ms. Lisa Thompson, Mr. Pat Stockwell, Mr. Dan Allen, Mr. Don McGuire and Mr. Jim Blackerby. Commissioners present were Ms. Dianne Simmons, Mr. David White and Mr. Allen Price. and Town Manager, Ms. Diane Miller.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion of Mr. Stockwell with a second by Mr. Allen the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting were approved.

Status of Current Projects:

- The harbormaster contract is back from the attorney. The harbormaster would oversee a volunteer crew to help with pump outs, docking and general policing of the town docks. Ms. Thompson requested to have a weekly log of work added as part of the contract. The harbor master will report to HWAC and the Town Manager. A recommendation was made to pay \$100 per week for the position.
Upon motion of Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. McGuire, a request will be made to the town to approve the contract to hire a harbormaster. The motion was approved.
- Town Dock #2 –electric vehicle charger remaining to be repaired
- Damage bids are out for pier rebuild. The bid is to include a controlled access area to a removable floating dock for use during small boat racing. Funding for the addition is to be paid from HWAC funds.
- Gangway washed out at small boat dock. FEMA will fund this work. The gangway is on order and is to be narrowed by a foot saving town funds.
- HWAC is in the feasibility stage of adding an extension to Dinghy Dock for day use only.

Whittaker Pointe Restoration Project Update

The Quible & Greene engineering firm was on site March 12 through 14 collecting core samples, taking bathymetry measurements and surveying the Point. This data will be used for design and permitting purposes.

Dredging Whittaker Pointe

- \$84,490 has been collected to date for the matching funds.
- The Tourism Board is planning a fund raiser gala to be held near the end of March. The goal is to engage all businesses
- Ms. Miller recommended a mailer to reach more potential donors. The committee will help write and stuff letters for mailing.
- The HWAC committee may be put to task to generate the dredging permit. Priority is to apply to extend the grant and have it activated by July 1.
- HWAC recommended redoing the bathymetry of the channel.

Abandoned Boats/Policing Town Waterways

- Mr. Allen obtained key information from Beaufort and Brunswick Co. on how they set up and manage the jurisdiction of their waterways.

It was noted that Beaufort approached the jurisdiction issue as a town under the 160 A statute whereas Brunswick being a county is held to a different set of state statutes.

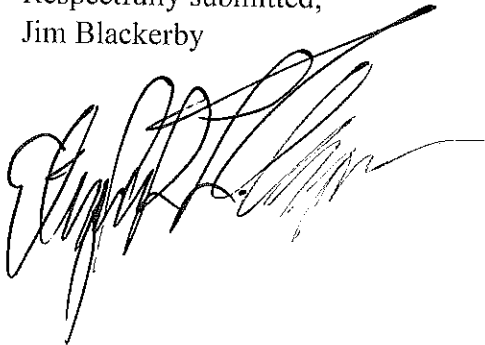
- Ms. Miller will contact the town of Manteo to get an update on their work with the state to get jurisdiction of their waterways.
- Ms. Thompson proposed that the Coast Guard provide EF 10 coverage which not only has the Coast Guard giving notice to the owner of the derelict boat, but also will remove the boat after a storm

New Business

- Ms. Miller requested that the HWAC help supply ideas and direction to the Town relative to storm preparedness and evacuation efforts. Examples include how to accomplish getting all waterlines shut off that feed private docks and getting residents to evacuate in the event of a mandatory evacuation order
- Ms. Miller reported on her attendance at the quarterly Area Committee Meeting hosted by the Coast Guard which focused on storm reports in addition to hazmat and emergency management planning.
- March 1st budget retreat conference was well received with sharing of pertinent town information
- Ms. Miller and Ms. Thompson made a request to the HWAC members to help with the monitoring all parks for safety and integrity of equipment and to report back to the town any potential problems.
- A diver will be hired to check the integrity of the fishing pier pilings
- All the decking at the dinghy dock is on the slate to be replaced including the upper deck.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM with the next meeting scheduled for 11 April at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Blackerby

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Blackerby', written over a white background.