

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2018

A quorum being present, Ms. Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:05AM. Present were Ms. Lisa Thompson, Mr. Jim Blackerby, and Mr. Pat Stockwell. Commissioner present was Ms. Diane Simmons.

Approval of 12 April, 19 April and 24 April 2018 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved upon motion of Mr. Pat Stockwell, seconded by Jim Blackerby, with all voting in favor.

Old Business

Status of Current Projects:

- Small watercraft racks –constructed, waiting for installation
- NC King Tides Project – Tide measuring device installed at Town Dock #1.
- Small boat dock project - Waiting on welding equipment to become available for work
- Pump out - operational
- New Burgees due soon
- Harbor Master proposal – waiting on contract approval and advertise position

Joint meeting with Tourism & Parks and Recreation Committees

The meeting is scheduled for 15th of May at 5:30pm. Ms. Thompson encouraged all to attend.

Meeting with Duke Attorneys

Ms. Thompson advised the Committee that representatives of the Town met with environmental law students and professors from Duke University. They presented a “prioritized” request for the students to research and report back to the Town. The prioritized list included: 1. dinghy dock extension – easement issues and a continuing review of town’s options; 2. abandoned boats and other topics including, littering, bilge releases, boat bottom work and its effects on water quality, hazmat approvals, ADA access at net house and what are Town options.

Whittaker Creek issues

Under assessment. Issues have been turned over to appropriate authorities.

NC DEQ Grant Application Assistance

- Grant application paperwork and support documentation to be prepared by HWAC committee
- Deadline for grant submission to DEQ is June 30th 2018.
- Mr. Blackerby reported that the Coastal Federation will allow the use of their engineering template for the living shoreline construction.
- There was discussion as to how to get the public’s “buy-in” as to the importance of the restoration.
- Committee members reviewed and discussed the Grant application/process and agreed to meet on May 21 at 9AM, May 24 at 8AM, May 30 at 8AM, 7 June 8AM and 11 June 8AM to continue work on planning and preparation for application submission.

NEW BUSINESS

Tierney Resignation

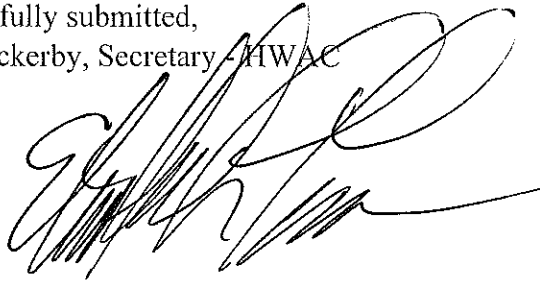
The Committee sadly accepted the resignation of Art Tierney and will begin a search for a member to fill his position.

Dredging Whittaker Creek channel

Mr. Stockwell raised the issue of locating a leader in order for matching funds to be raised. Ms. Thompson advised that she had met with John Deaton, and he had agreed to take the lead on the dredging project for the Friends of Whittaker Creek. This is a separate issue from the restoration project though the two projects do overlap. It was suggested that the Tourism Board might be able to assist in raising the funds. This will be a discussion point to take to the joint meeting.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25AM with the next regular meeting scheduled for June 14th 2018 at 8:00AM and work meetings scheduled for May 21 at 9AM, May 24 at 8AM, May 30 at 8AM, 7 June 8AM and 11 June 8AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Blackerby, Secretary - HWAC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Blackerby', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and 'B'.