

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2018

A quorum being present, Ms. Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:10AM. Present were Ms. Lisa Thompson, Mr. Pat Stockwell, and Mr. Walter Vick. Commissioner present was Ms. Diane Simmons along with the Town Manager, Diane Miller.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

No minutes were available for adoption.

Old Business

Status of Current Projects:

- Small watercraft racks – Constructed, installed and awaiting ordinance adoption on 28 June
- Town Docks – Increased number of “Loopers” (those traveling the Great Loop) passing through after annual meeting in New Bern last year, staying at the docks and enjoying Oriental

NC DEQ Grant Application Assistance

- Ms. Miller reported on support letters requested and tax value issues
- Ms. Thompson reported on discussions with NCDEQ re: pros and cons of timing of land acquisition and the need to change application form and direction to that of Stream Restoration in order to pay engineering, permitting and initial breach repair costs. Additional engineering information will be needed to complete the application.
- Upon motion of Mr. Stockwell, with a second by Mr. Vick, the Committee voted to recommend to the Commissioners that needed match funds for the NCDEQ grant be paid from the Harbor Waterfronts “reserve” funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Golden Leaf Opportunity

Ms. Miller presented information about a funding opportunity through the Golden Leaf Fund, which in its grant cycle this year will be putting an emphasis on grants requesting funds for projects related to damage from Hurricane Matthew. The committee agreed that the Town should look into pursuing this funding option.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10AM with the next regular scheduled monthly meeting on 12 July 2018 at 8:00AM and grant work meetings scheduled for June 21 at 8AM at Town Hall and June 26 at 8AM at Sea Harbour Yacht Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Thompson, Chairman, HWAC

