

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2018

A quorum being present, Ms. Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:05AM. Present were Ms. Lisa Thompson, Mr. Jim Blackerby, Mr. Pat Stockwell and Mr. Walter Vick. Commissioners present were Ms. Diane Simmons and Mr. Allen Price. Town Manager, Ms. Diane Miller joined in toward the end of the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

No minutes were available for adoption.

Old Business

Status of Current Projects:

- Small watercraft racks – constructed, installed and waiting on locks
- Harbor Master proposal – waiting on attorney input
- Pump out – operational, heavy use, no complaints and no down time
- Parrot Head Regatta 28 July – docks reserved and members asked to assist boats in docking
- Whittaker Creek Yacht Harbor issues:
Mr. Stockwell and Mr. Vick inquired as to status of Travel lift SUP in light of appearance of no construction progress in addition to overgrown grass piles of cut trees and creosote pilings, piles of trash – junkyard appearance. Ms. Mill explained the status of the SUP.
- Dredging Whittaker Creek channel – John Deaton to take lead on the dredging – looking into extension of grant. The Tourism Board will host a public meeting on July 19th at 7pm at the Old Theater that proposes support for funding the dredging project match.

Status NCDEQ & Golden Leaf Grant Applications

- NC DEQ Grant Application – application submitted 29 June; waiting on September DEQ grant award update
- Golden Leaf Grant Application – application submitted 29 June; waiting on mid-August grant award update

NEW BUSINESS

Golden Leaf Site Visit

2 members of Golden Leaf Fund staff came to Oriental, met with Ms. Miller and Ms. Thompson, posed questions and took a boat trip to Whittaker Point and up Whittaker Creek and its canals to ascertain the scope of the project. Their questions and follow up discussions included in kind match dollars, timing, costs and local impacts. Following the site visit the staff called Ms. Miller and asked her to increase the grant application amount to \$916,406 to include the cash match for the NCDEQ grant.

Committee Vacancy

Recommendations are being received and reviewed. Members were encouraged to seek interested individuals.

Committee Member Comments

Mr. Stockwell – Concerns re: Whittaker Creek Yacht Harbor issues

Mr. Vick – Suggestions for a fundraising kickoff

Mr. Blackerby – Updates from discussion with Dr. Weaver - Coastal Federation will be applying for funding for the Pointe Restoration through the National Fisheries and Wildlife. The Coastal Federation has agreed to pay for planting marine vegetation to support the living shoreline restoration design.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25AM with the next meeting scheduled for 9 August at 8:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Blackerby, Secretary - HWAC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Blackerby', written in a cursive style.