

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2018

A quorum being present, Ms. Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:05AM. Present were Ms. Lisa Thompson, Mr. Art Tierney, Mr. Pat Stockwell and Commissioner David White, Commissioner Allen Price and Commissioner Diane Simmons. Absent were Mr. Jim Blackerby and Mr. Walter Vick.

Approval of 14 December 2017 Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved upon motion of Pat Stockwell, seconded by Art Tierney.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of Town Harbor/Dock Master: Position will be posted pending contract approval. Consider a volunteer group to assist as an asset to tourism – discuss at joint meeting with Tourism Board.

Status of Current Projects:

- Flag poles. Consider a March work day to install new flag poles
- Kayak/Paddleboard Racks. Discussion of rules waiting on final review of rules to build and install. Spell out abuse and misuse and penalties. Be prepared to send rules to Commissioners by end February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

15 December Spill: Ms. Thompson gave a report on the diesel spill in the harbor and the response. The spill response system actually worked, and there was a response by the Coast Guard. Fortunately a crew out of Station Hobucken was near and they helped to attempt to locate the source which was eventually confirmed to have been “blow in” from the river, not from any boats in the harbor. Mr. Fulcher was great help in that he had his crew work to help clean up the fuel while waiting for the Coast Guard Response Team’s arrival. The Town placed a boom so that there would be no flow into Raccoon Creek. The Coast Guard Response Team will schedule a time to return and meet with the Town Manager and Ms. Thompson as to cooperation between the Town and Coast Guard for spill response/training.

CRAC Nomination: Commissioner Price asked the Committee’s approval to submit Ms. Thompson’s name in nomination to the Coastal Resources Advisory Council. Mr. Stockwell and Mr. Tierney agreed.

Whittaker Creek Yacht Harbor Issues: Whittaker Creek Yacht Harbor continues work on the building of the haul out. Reports have been sent to the Committee of run-off and parking issues due to the construction. It was also reported that a trailer was on the lot, but it didn’t appear to be a construction trailer. Commissioner White said he would have the Town Manager follow up with the building inspector. There was also a report of the sunken boat beginning to break up – Ms. Thompson will follow up with the Coast Guard.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15AM with the next meeting scheduled for February 8th 2018 at 8:00AM to concentrate on finalizing the Kayak Rules.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Thompson, Chairman - HWAC

