

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

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion of Mr. Stockwell with a second by Mr. Blackerby the minutes of the May 24, 2018 and August 9, 2018 meetings were unanimously approved.

Old Business

Status of Current Projects:

- Whittaker Pointe – post- Florence photos of the Pointe were shared
- Harbor Master proposal – waiting on attorney input

Status NCDEQ, Golden Leaf Grant and US Fish and Wildlife Service Applications

- NC DEQ Grant Application – application submitted 29 June; waiting on DEQ grant award update
- Golden Leaf Grant Application – Grant awarded 2 August; awaiting deed recorded for funds transfer; Due to Hurricane Florence the Town was granted an extension to file initial report with Golden Leaf Foundation.
- NCCF filed for a \$450,000 grant for the living shoreline restoration with the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Awaiting response from USF&WS.

Committee Vacancy

- Two open positions. Members were encouraged to seek interested individuals.

NEW BUSINESS

Damage to Harbors and Waterfront infrastructure preliminary report

- Town docks 1 and 2 – minimal damage – flag poles, lattice, debris
- Dinghy dock – no damage
- Pump out station working
- Net house flooded – debris to be cleaned
- Fishing pier damage – will replacement fall under FEMA exigent claim?
- Gangway washed out at small boat dock – walkway blocked for safety
- Watercraft racks are fine

Work day scheduled for 16 October at 1PM

Environmental Spills Activity

Two additional people were trained in the use of the spill clean-up pads and booms.

Report from Duke Environmental Law & Policy Clinic

The report, Derelict Vessels and Dirty Dischargers – Protecting Oriental’s Waters, was distributed to all Meeting will be set with Duke lawyers and the Committee members – will update date and time.

Whittaker Creek Dredging Funds

The businesses on the creek have begun making donations to the fund

Dock Activity

Snowbird migration in full swing. Docks are busy.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Blackerby

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Blackerby", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and cursive.