

Town of Oriental, NC  
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes – 14 November 2019

With a quorum being present, Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:05AM. Present were Lisa Thompson, Dan Allen, Jim Blackerby, Don McGuire, Pat Stockwell, Commissioner Dianne Simmons, and Diane Miller, Town Manager

**Abandoned Vessels**

Dan Allen shared the most recent changes to the proposed abandoned vessel ordinance with the committee.

A majority of the Committee along with the Town Manager and Commissioner Simmons will be attending the NCDEQ seminar in Washington on 15 November related to abandoned vessels.

**Whittaker Pointe Restoration**

The Town is preparing bid documents and currently waiting on the CAMA permit and USDA documentation re: additional funding.

The engineer is getting costs re: plantings and oyster shells and dealing with issues related to the proposed reef maker and the possibility of using another design.

**Whittaker Creek Dredging**

The Town is drafting spoil site excavation and dredging bids.

Funds for the dredging match are still being delivered to the Town. This emphasizes the need for the Friends of Whittaker Creek non-profit to manage any additional funds and collect funds in the future for future dredges as needed.

**Storm Preparedness**

The committee's recommendation that all propane tanks and other loose items at construction sites be tied down prior to storms has been given to the Planning Board for its consideration.

**Member Comments**

Jim Blackerby raised the issues of problems with net fishing and the need for no wake zones.

Don McGuire and Pat Stockwell presented information they had gathered about the boat with shredded sail at anchor in the harbor.

Pat Stockwell stated that he believed "snow bird season" and the use of Town Docks was going very well.

Without objection the committee adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Thompson

