

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 10 October 2019

With a quorum being present, Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order. Present were Lisa Thompson, Dan Allen, Jim Blackerby, Don McGuire, Pat Stockwell and Commissioners Dianne Simmons and David White.

Status of Current Projects:

- **Whittaker Pointe Restoration Project Update**

The engineer continues putting together and refining a proposed plan, meeting with contractors and neighbors re: needs of implementing the plan.

The town is seeking additional funding in the amount of \$1,800,000 from a USDA grant. These funds should be enough to complete the project with the approval of additional rock on the backside of the point.

Waiting to hear from CAMA re: permits.

A journalism student from UNC will be writing about the Town and the Pointe project for possible later publication with NPR.

With oysters now in season it is important to publicize that oyster shells are being collected at Town Dock #2.

- **Dredging Whittaker Creek Channel**

A lease between the Town and Sea Harbour for the use of their spoil site is in the drafting process.

Dan Allen continues to research setting up a non-profit to hold dredging funds. In looking into the makeup of the Board, he presented information relating to Whittaker Creek businesses having a possible conflict of interest if serving on the Board. Several names were suggested as possible Board members.

Abandoned Vessels

There were comments and concerns about 3 boats “at anchor” in the harbor. Various information about possible owners and attempts to contact owner of boats with blown out head sail.

Plans were made to spend an entire meeting in November reviewing a proposed abandoned vessel ordinance. The meeting was scheduled for 6 November.

Member Comments

Jim Blackerby raised the issue of the fishing pier needing to be cleaned – a work order will be entered after the meeting.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Thompson

