

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 8 October 2020

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion of Don McGuire with a second by Dan Allen the minutes of the 10 September 2020 meeting were approved.

Status of Current Projects:

- **Whittaker Pointe Restoration Project**

Ms. Miller reported the following on the restoration project:

- The project is approximately 90% complete;
- Placement of oyster bags is near completion;
- Will be applying for CAMA major permit for a 73' sheet piling extension at the end of the point and request for additional sheet piling and oyster bag areas to help mitigate high water energy at pass through areas;
- There will need to be additional mats placed and grasses planted in the spring;
- Decision to be made re: access to the point, liability issue, possible conservation easement;
- Signs and gates will be needed to block access to the area;
- Committee agreed to provide information for establishing a conservation easement;
- Funding, payments and grant time frames are all being monitored and are current;
- A volunteer team to place loose oyster cultch in late October or early November.

- **Whittaker Creek Dredging**

Mr. Allen reported that "Friends of Whittaker Creek" were looking into a plan for additional dredging of an approximately 500' x 20' area around marker #3.

- **Jurisdiction – Local Waterways**

Waiting for legislative action re: waterway jurisdiction – due to Covid no additional legislative actions were untaken in 2020 session – consideration possibly considered in 2021 session. Legislative approval is necessary before further action can be taken as to bulkhead quality; no wake zones and abandoned and derelict vessels.

- **Net House**

Mr. McGuire reported on the status of the plans for the Net House restoration:

- There was a meeting with the building inspector and contractor re: plans and raising or no issues;
- Building prices are increasing;
- Interior treatment to include – tile floors, mini split HVAC, other interior options based on whether to raise (approx. cost \$10,000) or level at current height;
- Photo presented of 1930s Sargent net house;

If not raised could be finished with tile floor and left "raw" as it was in 1930s being OK to get wet from high water;
Exterior finish to match current restroom style – siding, tin roof, porch additional doors, new gingerbread and cupola.
Mr. McGuire to provided new drawings and costs based on leveling prior to vote to approve and send to Commissioners.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20AM with the next meeting scheduled for 12 November at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Thompson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Thompson', written over the printed name.