

**The Town of Oriental, North Carolina.**

**Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee**

**September 12, 2019**

In attendance at 8:07: Lisa Thompson, Jim Blackerby, Pat Stockwell, Dan Allen and Don McGuire.

Upon motion of Dan Allen, seconded by Pat Stockwell, the minutes for the July 11 meeting were approved.

Lisa Thompson reported on status of Current Projects and Florence Repairs

- 1) All damage by Hurricane Florence to Oriental Docks and Harbors is complete. Of particular note the Fishing Pier is complete in an improved format. And the decking of the Dinghy Dock and Small Boat Dock has been replaced and repaired.
- 2) The permit for the Whitaker Point Restoration has been applied for. Hurricane Dorian did some minimal damage to the Point. The comment period is open until October. CAMA is allowing for some additional improvements on this project. The town has identified another potential source of funds to address the new potential improvements. We hope to start "dropping rock" this winter.
- 3) Whitaker Creek Dredging. We have raised funds that now surpass the amount required in order to receive the Grant funds for this project. Sea Harbour has agreed to lease a spoil site to the Town for this project. Also, no dredging spoil will go to the Whitaker Point restoration. Fill requirements are very restrictive and the dredging spoil does not qualify. The Engineer is preparing the bid and the list of bidders.

Dan Allen reported progress on forming a nonprofit to address needs for future dredge requirements but its activity is unclear. We may address this need for funds on a continuing basis for dredging and related incidentals, (such as mailings for fund raising etc.) in a different fashion with a nonprofit of interested Oriental people.

Discussion of the possibility of individual trying to dredging of their private dock areas was raised. CAMA could determine the possibility. But the current Spoil Site is not large enough to receive any additional spoil material.

- 4) The Storm Prep Process for Dorian worked well. The Townspeople complied and items such as shutting off power and water to docks were handled and no resulting instances of problems were reported. The Evacuation Form was used but not universally by all.

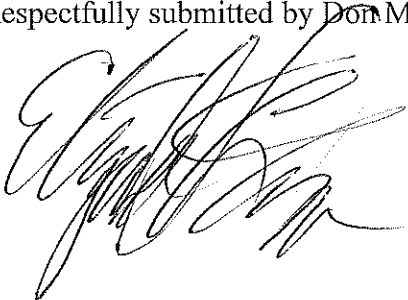
New Business

- 1) The Parrot Head regatta was discussed. We have had some coordination problems due to a lack of communication between regatta officials and Harbor and Waterfront officials. We will pursue this before next year's event.
- 2) An oil dump was found in the Harbor in July. The guilty boat could not be identified but certain out of state boats were in harbor and we will watch in the future.
- 3) We are considering the need to alert people regarding the microbial danger in water and ways to help deal with that. Such as washing with simple soap and water after contact. Also there is a product available in some drug stores called silver gel the can help protect.
- 4) Issues with one local company who continues to ignore the responsibility for floating debris, such as telephone poles that were found to have caused damage during Hurricane Florence to boats and docks in the Whittaker Creek area. There are still telephone poles in that area.
- 5) We will meet at a special Harbor and Waterfront meeting in November to work on the wording for a derelict and abandoned boat ordinance.
- 6) We would like to schedule a date to get all committee members trained on spill cleaning methods.
- 7) Lisa asked for committee help to clean up Hurricane Dorian debris from dock areas.
- 8) Dan A reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pamlico County Emergency Group has not yet happened.

Pat Stockwell moved to close the meeting. All seconded that motion and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on October 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by Don McGuire

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don McGuire', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and 'M'.