

Town of Oriental

Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order @ 8:00am, in the Town Hall Meeting room by Chairperson Jim Blackerby with the following in attendance:

Dan Allen- Committee Person (on telephone)

Jim Kellenberger-Committee Person

David Szerlag – Committee Person

Don McGuire- Committee Person, Secretary

Also in attendance:

David White- Councilman

Diane Miller- Town Manager

The minutes from October . Motion to approve by Jim Kellenberger, seconded by Dan Allen.

Reports

Jim B – The Fishing Pier still has problems with the sink and fishing line pipe, needing cleaning. But useage on the Fishing Pier is way up. The Town is replacing the toilets at the Public Rest Rooms. Re the Net House, the saved wood has been taken off site. Framing Starts today.

Dan A- Tightened up the bolts at the Small Boat Dock and the Fishing Pier. He also removed staples and nails at Town Dock 1. In addition he repaired the fender boards on the bulkhead at Hodges Street. Winter prep has started. Hoses are being removed. The toilets will be winterized. And when we make our weekly inspections, please observe the temperature settings on the Mini Splits. Someone is raising the temperature settings to 90 degrees and leaving them running for days at that high setting.

Jim B. reported on Area Committee meeting with the Coast Guard. If we see an oil or fuel spill, we should advise the Coast Guard.

Town Manager's update

Diane Miller advised that the Bond Beach project is complete and has been paid for. The sod was added as an immediate fix to address erosion. Trees will come in the Spring.

The Hodges Street project is in the hands of the Engineers. It will be a long process.

Diane also discussed the process and timing for Grant assistance.

Re the Kayack launcher, we received a (minor) permit but we will need a major permit to proceed. The major permit process was approved by committee vote.

Re Whittaker Point: We are still working on the repairs for nuts and washers at the site. Some are submerged and they are beyond what Town employees can handle.

Water jurisdiction: Still an active item. To be discussed at upcoming meetings.

Signage at HWAC facilities still pending.

Whittaker Creek dredging update, A 5 year permit extension has been granted. Our next opportunity looks like 2024.

A question was raised regarding local marinas trying to achieve "Clean Marina" status. Traveling boats might look favorably on visiting Oriental if we were more Green.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 by Mr Blackerby.

Respectfully
Don McGuire