

Town of Oriental

Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes from June 9, 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

Pat Stockwell- Committee Person

Jim Kelleberger-Committee Person

David Szerlag- Committee Person

Don McGuire- Committee Person, Secretary

Also in attendance:

Diane Miller- Oriental Town Manager

David White- Councilman

Frank Roe-Councilman

Allen Price-Councilman

Allison – Reporter from The Town Dock.

Motion to approve May Minutes by Pat S and seconded by David S. All approved.

Jim Blackerby presented information regarding the extent of responsibilities for the HWAC.

Diane Miller reported that the Bond Beach will be closed during the project work days because the job site will be hazardous for much of the project duration. The start date is pending while the contractor waits for major components. The project length is expected to be 120 days, depending on weather.

Don McGuire reported that a meeting was held in May with Mr. Lee Stahlings regarding his potential involvement with the Net House Project as a General Contractor. Mr. Stahlings said he would consider the project but had some misgivings about that building being in a flood zone.

Jim K. will look for another G.C.

Dan A. opened discussion on the new kayak rack. We are waiting for our contractor but he cannot start before July 1, due to Oriental fiscal requirements. Then it will be built ASAP.

Dan A. also reported that a floating dock for kayak launching would help with an erosion problem that is happening in that area. Mr. Allen knows of a floating dock that is available and he suggested that the north side of the Dinghy Dock would be a good location or the Small Boat Dock. The committee will get an estimate to obtain the floating dock and an estimate to install it. We are aware of the sensitivity of anything in the Wildlife Area. The Town Council would handle that location choice.

Dan A. reported that the rip rap at Wall Street on the River needs more stone. We will coordinate with the contractor who is working in that area. David S. will follow thru with that contractor.

Re Waterway jurisdiction; there has been no progress at the State level.

New Business

Maintenance issues at Town Dock 1 and 2, the Bulkhead on Hodges, The Public Restrooms, The Town Fishing Pier. Whitaker Points also needs some attention. The Committee will have a work day in June to address some of the problems. The other issues will be handled by Town Crews but the Whitaker Point work will require a marine contractor. That work must be done from a work boat. Diane Miller will contact Bobby Cahoon.

The meeting was adjourned without objection by Chairperson Jim Blackerby. Our next meeting will be July 14 2022.

Respectfully submitted
Don McGuire