



ORIENTAL PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 3:00PM
Oriental Town Hall – 507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chairman Aeschleman, Member Flaherty, Member Willi, LUA Miller, Commissioner Overcash, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Barrow.

Chairman Aeschleman called the meeting to order at 3:03PM.

Approve Minutes from November 20, 2019. Having made a correction to the November 20, 2019 Minutes, Member Willi made a MOTION to accept the Minutes. Member Flaherty Seconded. 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Solar Ordinance progress/ potential review of language: LUA Miller circulated a draft of the Ordinance that combined all of the previous discussions into the template from the State. In addition, there is a list of definitions that would be needed to be added to the existing and then the list renumbered, as well as an addition to the Table of Permissible Uses. Members will forward any corrections/edits to LUA Miller for recombination and final review at the January 15, 2020 meeting.
- SUP from Village Hardware not available as owner had family issues to attend to- will hopefully see documentation next month.

NEW BUSINESS

- Swearing in new member: Julie Rahm (oath attached)
- Compliance forms- Hines (raising at 405 Midyette)- everything compliant, Everette- (deck at 701 Midyette) everything compliant, driveway permit at 701 Midyette.
- SUP- for New Village Microbrewery to raise nonconforming garage (which functions as part of business) above flood elevation. Asking the Planning Board to request Public Hearing from TB-Member Flaherty made a **MOTION** to request a Public Hearing for the SUP required to raise a nonconforming structure. Member Rahm seconds. 4-0.
- Three Lions' Engineer did not forward any documents for review.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS / PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN: Member Willi makes a MOTION that the meeting be adjourned. Member Rahm seconds. 4-0. **Next Meeting scheduled for January 15, 3PM**



ORIENTAL PLANNING BOARD AGENDA

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 3:00PM
Oriental Town Hall – 507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM: Chairman Aeschleman called the meeting to order at 3:03PM with all members attending except Member Flaherty.

Approve Minutes from December 18, 2019: Member Rahm made a MOTION to accept the Minutes, seconded by Member Willi. 3-0

OLD BUSINESS

- Solar Ordinance progress/ potential review of language.
- SUP request from New Village Brewery- rebuild shed on same footprint, 18” higher. (see 194.2)

NEW BUSINESS

- Swear in new member Dan Allen
- SUP request for construction of new hardware store on currently vacant lot
- Compliance forms for review: NONE

NON-AGENDA ITEMS / PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN: Next Meeting scheduled for February 19, 2020, 3PM

Parks and Recreation Committee

Proposed Bike Path and Connection to Oriental Recreation Center and Dolphin Point.

Over the past 20+ years several Oriental Residents, Commissioners, and Friends of Oriental worked hard to provide solutions to the consistent request to establish a Bike Path in and around Oriental. Brief History is captured in the attached file: PaR Committees History.

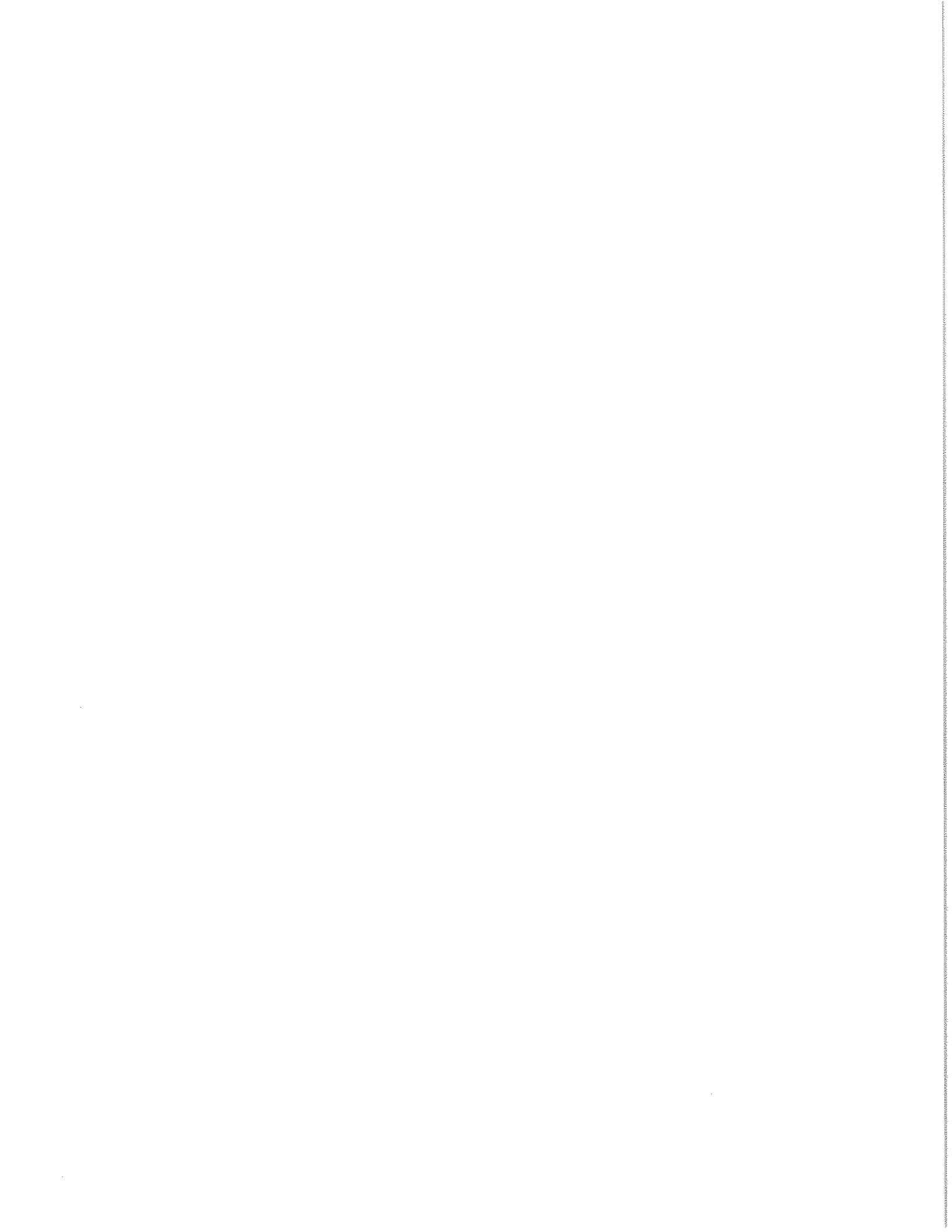
We begin another quest to determine the viability and support to push forward to develop a plan to establish a Bike Path and perhaps Golf Cart Path in and around Oriental. The initial phase in the previous Bike Path proposals focused on the Trail (Path) from Oriental to the Recreation Center. The recent expansion of Highway 55 provides a paved shoulder for Bikes, although not optimum. Additionally, the use of the Recreation Complex has tapered off in the past ten years. The baseball and soccer fields have had limited use. The nets on the soccer fields are in shreds and the Obstacle Course is in disrepair. However, the addition of the Dog Park has started to increase the traffic and usage of the complex.

Focus of the Committee: Validate the current interest and support of the Recreation Center and the need for a Bike/Ped Trail to accommodate access.

1. Develop a Survey to solicit the interest of the Oriental Residents. In a 2010 Parks and Recreation Public Survey: 90% Agree/Strongly Agree resources should be allocated to develop safe walking and biking infrastructures. Gauge the current interest of the population.
2. Past Survey requests for the development Recreation Center: Horse Shoe, Lighting, Volleyball, Bocci Court, and Shuffleboard. Current thoughts of the Committee: Remote Control Flying, host Community Garden (raised beds in the non used sports fields), Community or Oriental Town Solar Field - turn Oriental a new shade of green.

The committee will continue the monthly walk about in the Oriental Parks.

Parks and Recreation Committee
2/6/2020



PaR Committees History of Effort

<u>Year</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Requestee/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Result</u>
1998	Matching Grant	NC Park and Recreation Trust Fund	Creation of Recreation Complex	\$35,000	Granted
2001	Matching Grant	NC Park and Recreation Trust Fund	Lupton Park Creation	\$26,000	Granted
2009	Grant Request	Kodak Grant	Complete survey of Whittaker Creek Greenway - First step towards bike path	\$1,000	Granted
2009	Grant Request	NCDOT	Extend trail network design	\$8,000	Denied
2011	Plan Approval	Town of Oriental	Establish objectives and action items for the development of a bike path plan	N/A	Adopted
2012	Grant Request	Bates Foundation	Lupton Park tennis court	\$10,000	Granted
2014	Grant Request	NCDOT	Development of Bicycle Path in and around Oriental	\$36,000	Denied
2015	Grant Request	Federal Recreational Trails Program	Oriental connector trail linking Croatan Regional Bike path and Dolphin Point with Oriental Recreation Complex	\$62,000	Denied
2015	Grant Request	Bates Foundation	Water Fountains in town parks	\$2,000	Granted
2018	Donor	Donor	Dog Park	\$10,539	Completed

To: Oriental Town Board

From: Debra Khouri, BRMSD Board Member

Re: The Bay River Metropolitan Sewerage District Board at its monthly meeting held on January 16,2020

Actions taken at the meeting:

The board approved the purchase of a used Hyundai excavator.

Officers were elected for the upcoming year: Chair: Art Kelley , Vice Chair: John Buck, Finance Officer: Debbie Conway, Asst. Finance Officer, Debra Khouri

Other Business

The audit was presented with no issues of note.

The Board Review of the Sewer Ordinance continued. In consultation with our legal council it has been noted that some language needs to be updated and simplified as some material in the Ordinance is out of date or does not apply to our district. Legal council was unable to be present at this meeting so the board is meeting again on Wednesday, January 22 with our attorney in order to go over each item and ask questions before approving any changes. When the updates are approved by the board the new document will be available for a public hearing for final approval and adoption.

Director Ventors presented the FEMA update. Paperwork continues and the Director noted that the district just received a FEMA check of about \$16,000 as final payment of damages caused by Hurricane Irene in 2011. With this in mind, the board can expect updates to continue long into the future.

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 9 January, 2020

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

1. Status of Current Projects

a. Whittaker Point Restoration –

- i. The Whittaker Point RFP is complete. It is 128 pages long, and is very detailed. The oyster bag work and vegetation replenishment are being placed in a separate RFP to assure the proper expertise is involved for that part of the project. The RFP bidding process is being run by Brian and the engineering firm, so the town closely monitors, but is not directly involved in responding to bidders.
- ii. Public notices are being finalized to go out in the Pamlico News, Washington Times and one other paper. There have been several calls asking for bid packages, so the work has a lot of interest.
- iii. The paperwork for USDA money is being finalized, bidding cannot start before all USDA Grant work is finalized. If all goes as planned, work to drop rocks will start before the end of March.

b. Whittaker Creek Dredging –

- i. The town leased the spoil site and work has been underway to remove all the other spoils/dirt from the site so it can be filled with spoils from Whittaker Creek dredging. Work is going well, it should be complete by Jan 11.
- ii. The bid is almost ready to go out for dredging Whittaker Creek from marker 3 to 7. According to Kevin Hart at CAMA, the dredging permit is in for final signatures now. Once complete, the dredging bid can go out. The Grant runs out in June, the dredging will take 3 weeks, so barring the unforeseen there is time to get the dredging done before the grant expires. There are several people farther up Whittaker Creek that want to contract directly with the same company the town awards the bid to so they can have dredging done. None have pursued getting permits, so they may not be able to take advantage of the opportunity.

c. Abandoned Boats –

- i. A discussion of draft 5 of the Abandoned and Derelict Vessels (ADV) Ordinance concluded we should prohibit any anchoring anywhere in Oriental waters during a named storm and timing should run parallel with

what is already in place for the town docks. Dan will update the draft version.

- ii. The ADV ordinance still cannot be presented to the commissioners for action until the state legislature grants the town jurisdiction over its waters. The map showing the waters within the town's jurisdiction was completed last fall. All concluded it makes sense to run two tracks to get legislative authority to get jurisdiction for the town's waters. One as a group of towns together, and another as a local bill that includes New Bern and Oriental. Diane will start the ball rolling and reach out to Paula Gillikin, N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, Div. of Coastal Management or her boss Joy Hicks as well as Mark in New Bern. Diane will also reach out to the county as well as the fishing community so they are aware of what we're trying to do, and ensure people understand the intention is not to interrupt any fishing, commercial or recreational. Diane is the single voice to speak with others so we don't send mixed signals.

d. Fishing Pier –

- i. There needs to be a fixed ladder on fishing pier to go to a floating dock, and we still need to get a floating "Easy Dock" for there. They need to be in place before the college regatta in mid-April. Pat will work with Easy Docks in Morehead to acquire, Lisa to provide specs. The town has a flatbed trailer to transport the docks, and a place to store the docks when not in use.
- ii. There was a question of whether there should be a permanently installed ladder on the pier, or have one that can be easily removed after use so people don't try to use the ladder on an ongoing basis without the floating dock in place. Discussion was tabled until after we get the Easy Dock.

2. Committee Action Items:

- a. The Budget planning retreat is first Friday in March at 8 am. The HWAC will need to have recommendations for initiatives during the next budget cycle. We do know the "Net House" needs work, we also previously discussed adding a floating dinghy dock. Diane will provide information about what expenses have been over past year, Lisa will provide a spreadsheet of prior HWAC wish list items. All to be reviewed in the February HWAC meeting.
- b. Lisa and Town Maintenance personnel will be winterizing the town docks over the next week. Heat strips are being put in place to protect water lines, the pump out will be closed for winter (until mid-March).

- c. Lisa is finalizing the contract for a “Harbor Master” and plans to present it to the Commissioners in March.
3. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 AM with the next meeting scheduled for 13 February at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Allen