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Town of Oriental, NC Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 09 April 2019

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion of Mr. Allen with a second by Mr. McGuire the minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting were approved.

Status of Current Projects:

- Ms. Miller requested that the HWAC help supply ideas and direction to the Town relative to storm preparedness and evacuation efforts. Commissioner White recommended that HWAC develop a list of ordinances for review that covers best practices associated with on and off the water storm preparedness.
- The harbormaster contract is back from the attorney. The harbormaster would oversee a volunteer crew to help with pump outs, docking and general policing of the town docks. Ms. Thompson requested to have a weekly log of work added as part of the contract. The harbormaster will report to HWAC and the Town Manager. A recommendation was made to pay \$100 per week for the position.
- Town Dock #2 –electric vehicle charger is to be repaired
- Bobby Cahoon Construction Co. will rebuild the fishing pier. The work is to include a controlled access area to a removable floating dock for use during small boat racing. Funding for the addition of a floating dock is to be paid from HWAC funds. A diver will be hired to check the integrity of the fishing pier pilings and to provide needed information for the fishing pier rebuild contractor.
- Gangway washed out at small boat dock. FEMA will fund this work. The gangway has been rebuilt and is narrowed by a foot which reduced costs.
- HWAC is in the feasibility stage of adding an extension to Dinghy Dock for day use only.

Whittaker Pointe Restoration Project Update

- The Quible & Greene engineering firm submitted a preliminary design which incorporates the information gained from collecting core samples, bathymetry measurements and surveying the Pointe.
- Ms. Miller indicated that onsite Whittaker Point failed attenuators and damaged fishing pier hog slats may be redeployed for underlayment for rock revetments at the Pointe.
- Ms. Thompson reported 60 bushels of oyster shells have been gathered that will be used for living shoreline revetments along the back side of the Pointe.

Dredging Whittaker Creek Channel

- As of April 22, 2019, \$85,282 has been collected to date for the matching funds needed to activate the dredging grant.

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- Ms. Miller recommended a mailer to reach more potential donors. A letter has been written to reach out to all the businesses. The next action is stuffing and sending the letters. Also Mr. McGuire and Ms. Thompson reviewed donations submitted by local businesses to determine where to concentrate effort for further donations.
- The HWAC committee may be put to task to generate the dredging permit. Priority is to apply to extend the grant and have it activated by July 1, 2019.
- The original dredging permit file has been located since this meeting. This file may make the difference between having to go through a CAMA major versus a CAMA minor maintenance dredging permit.
- Options for dredging and disposal of dredging materials are being reviewed. Ms. Thompson plans to meet with the contractor used in the Pierce Creek dredging and spoil site usage. The town is reviewing options to use the dredge material to backfill South Water Street and build grade in Lou Mac Park.
- CAMA has requested a photo of the channel to determine guidelines on the width of the channel. HWAC recommended redoing the bathymetry of the channel.

Abandoned Boats/Policing Town Waterways

- Mr. Allen obtained key information from Beaufort and Brunswick Co. on how they set up and manage the jurisdiction of their waterways.
- Commissioner White recommended a draft document be submitted at the next HWAC meeting that does the following:
 1. selects rules taken from the Beaufort and Brunswick Co. waterways rules that best fits the Town of Oriental needs and
 2. provides for added comments by the committee.This will form the beginning point of work to be tied in with the Coast Guard Abandon Boats program and state jurisdiction and rules application. It was noted that Beaufort approached the jurisdiction issue as a town under the 160 A statute whereas Brunswick being a county is held to a different set of state statutes.
- Ms. Thompson proposed that the Coast Guard provide EF 10 coverage which not only has the Coast Guard giving notice to the owner of the derelict boat, but also will remove the boat after a storm. Ms. Thompson will further research the EF 10 designation option that provides money for removal.

New Business

- New burgees were received and sent back to correct the wrong background color
- All the decking at the dinghy dock is to be replaced including the upper deck.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 AM with the next meeting scheduled for 9 May at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Blackerby

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Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 14 March 2019

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion of Mr. Stockwell with a second by Mr. Allen the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting were approved.

Status of Current Projects:

- The harbormaster contract is back from the attorney. The harbormaster would oversee a volunteer crew to help with pump outs, docking and general policing of the town docks. Ms. Thompson requested to have a weekly log of work added as part of the contract. The harbor master will report to HWAC and the Town Manager. A recommendation was made to pay \$100 per week for the position. Upon motion of Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. McGuire, a request will be made to the town to approve the contract to hire a harbormaster. The motion was approved.
- Town Dock #2 –electric vehicle charger remaining to be repaired
- Damage bids are out for pier rebuild. The bid is to include a controlled access area to a removable floating dock for use during small boat racing. Funding for the addition is to be paid from HWAC funds.
- Gangway washed out at small boat dock. FEMA will fund this work. The gangway is on order and is to be narrowed by a foot saving town funds.
- HWAC is in the feasibility stage of adding an extension to Dinghy Dock for day use only.

Whittaker Pointe Restoration Project Update

The Quible & Greene engineering firm was on site March 12 through 14 collecting core samples, taking bathymetry measurements and surveying the Point. This data will be used for design and permitting purposes.

Dredging Whittaker Pointe

- \$84,490 has been collected to date for the matching funds.
- The Tourism Board is planning a fund raiser gala to be held near the end of March. The goal is to engage all businesses
- Ms. Miller recommended a mailer to reach more potential donors. The committee will help write and stuff letters for mailing.
- The HWAC committee may be put to task to generate the dredging permit. Priority is to apply to extend the grant and have it activated by July 1.
- HWAC recommended redoing the bathymetry of the channel.

Abandoned Boats/Policing Town Waterways

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- Mr. Allen obtained key information from Beaufort and Brunswick Co. on how they set up and manage the jurisdiction of their waterways.
It was noted that Beaufort approached the jurisdiction issue as a town under the 160 A statute whereas Brunswick being a county is held to a different set of state statutes.
Mr. Allen will also contact the Coast Guard to obtain their waterway guidelines on local jurisdiction
- Ms. Miller will contact the town of Manteo to get an update on their work with the state to get jurisdiction of their waterways.
- Ms. Thompson proposed that the Coast Guard provide EF 10 coverage which not only has the Coast Guard giving notice to the owner of the derelict boat, but also will remove the boat after a storm

New Business

- Ms. Miller requested that the HWAC help supply ideas and direction to the Town relative to storm preparedness and evacuation efforts. Examples include how to accomplish getting all waterlines shut off that feed private docks and getting residents to evacuate in the event of a mandatory evacuation order
- Ms. Miller reported on her attendance at the quarterly Area Committee Meeting hosted by the Coast Guard which focused on storm reports in addition to hazmat and emergency management planning.
- March 1st budget retreat conference was well received with sharing of pertinent town information
- Ms. Miller and Ms. Thompson made a request to the HWAC members to help with the monitoring all parks for safety and integrity of equipment and to report back to the town any potential problems.
- A diver will be hired to check the integrity of the fishing pier pilings
- All the decking at the dinghy dock is on the slate to be replaced including the upper deck.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM with the next meeting scheduled for 11 April at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Blackerby

**ORIENTAL TREE BOARD
Regular Meeting
March 26, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Oriental Tree Board was held at Town Hall on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. All members were present. Allen Price was also in attendance.

AGENDA

- 1. Roll Minutes - The minutes were approved without objection.**
- 2. Old Business -**
 - * Arbor Day, March 23rd, was nicely attended. "Good job by all".**
- 3. New Business**
 - * Pruning Area 1 will begin at the wildlife ramp on Midyette St.**
 - * 204 Freemason St. - dead branches will be contract pruned.**
 - * In agreement that perhaps the Tree Board needs more publicity, the Board will reach out to local publications for more coverage/acceptance of submitted articles, photos.**
- 4. Adjourn. Plant trees.**

Respectfully submitted by Toni Leavitt