

Town of Oriental, NC
Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – 13 May 2021

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion of Jim Blackerby with a second by Dan Allen the minutes of the 11 March 2021 and 8 April 2021 meetings were approved.

Status of Current Projects:

- **Net House**

Mr. McGuire reported on the status of the Net House restoration:

An additional 5.5” need to be lifted on the water side to level;

Sandy is confident the lift can be completed with new girders being used;

Town workers will assist with the necessary work;

Work pending – repairs to strengthen, complete leveling, finish internal demolition & strengthening repairs, then hand digging for footings;

Can’t use volunteers as yet due to the very specialized work being done.

Dan Allen expressed concern for the safety of visitors. It was agreed that the area would be taped off and danger/caution signs posted.

- **Whittaker Pointe Restoration Project**

Mr. Blackerby reported the following on the restoration project:

Some of the grasses are beginning to grow;

Coastal Federation is waiting for the availability of more plants; and

Will request volunteers for the planting though Coastal Federation has many interns for summer.

Ms. Miller reported the following on the restoration project:

Construction of the approved “wings” for the revetment is out for bid;

USDA funding of the project has been extended until July;

The extension of the revetment has been denied by CAMA; and

The final cost of the road repaving Maritime and White Farm Road was \$185,000.

- **Jurisdiction – Local Waterways**

The Committee had a discussion based on the surprise news of the County Commissioners passing a resolution expressing their disapproval of SB279 and endorsing HB161 only. Ms. Miller reconfirmed her discussions with the County Manager and Commissioner Bohmert and their support prior to the filing of SB279. It is unknown how the support went off track. The Committee is in support of both bills

passing. Commissioner Simmons will contact Senator Sanderson's office to see how to keep both bills on track.

- **Floating Docks**

The Committee had a discussion as to how to proceed with addition of the ladder and temporary floating dock for the fishing pier and the floating dock extension of the dinghy dock.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05AM with the next meeting scheduled for 10 June at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Thompson

May 11, 2021 Oriental Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes

Attended: Bonnie Crosser, Charlie Overcash, Butch Rasmussen

Location: Oriental Recreation Park

Agenda

1. Reviewed the improvements at the Recreation Park. Acknowledged the efforts of the Town Maintenance Staff.

Discuss the following:

A. Discussed the possibility of addition of a rope barrier to the front entrance to pavilion. Similar to the Town Beach. The current posts have holes - thinking is at sometime in the past a rope barrier might have been present.

B. Discussed the possibility of taking down the "old" exercise stations. Bonnie took the action to discussion with Andrew on the level of effort and timeline.

C. Discussed the possibility of "reworking" the horse-shoe area. Decided to table into next fiscal year.

2. Bonnie provided update on "shark teeth" exhibit. Nutrien changed policy on Phosphate Reject material in March of 2021. Phosphate Reject material is not released to municipalities. Bonnie took the action to reach out to Fossil Museum for support of a satellite dig site. Letter to Fossil Museum sent (email) May 13, 2021. No response have been received as of today (5/24/21).

3. 2021-2022 proposed Budget reviewed by Park and Recreation Board. Our team would like to thank the Commissioners for the financial support of the PARKS.

4. Flounder Fest. Pamlico Arts Society will be sponsoring an "Art in the Park" event on Saturday, July 3rd, from 11:30am until 1:30am at Lupton Park. The Park and Rec will provide assistance with setup/take down and working the art activity. Additionally, Park and Rec will provide popsicles, water, and wet-naps. Commissioners are welcome to join the "Flounder" fun at the Park.

5. Discussed the issue of "noise" at LouMac from individuals flying drones. Decided to table issue.

Action Items

1. Bonnie and Butch get with Andrew and review the improvements to the Recreation Park.

Please let me know if I missed an item.

Minutes will serve as an update for the Town Commissioners.

From: Debra Khouri <debrakhouri@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2021 10:24 AM
To: Oriental Town Hall
Subject: May Bay River Report

The Bay River Board met on May 6th. The only business was an update on FEMA. Things are progressing very slowly as the initial team that we were working with before Covid has been replaced by a new team that needs to familiarize itself with the district. The Board approved an audit contract.

Debra Khouri



ORIENTAL PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 3:00PM
Oriental Town Hall – 507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

At 3:10 PM, Member Willi called the meeting to order. Member Stone, Member Allen and Member Willi were present. Chairman Flaherty, Vice Chair Rahm were absent. The LUA and Commissioners Price and Overcash were also present. There were no members of the Public present. The meeting was properly noticed.

Minutes: Member Stone makes a MOTION to accept the Minutes as presented from April 2021. Member Allen Seconds. 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS: Review of GMO adjustments to go to Public Hearing June 1: Approved as submitted draft Ordinance, as well as Consistency Statement. Member Allen makes a MOTION to approve the draft Ordinance revision to the Board of Commissioners and the Statement of Compliance and Consistency. (Attached)

NEW BUSINESS

- **Wind Turbine potential**
Member Allen proposed noise limits according to numbers disclosed by World Health Organization are not consistent with our current noise Ordinance, but that the noise of wind power can be unsettling. LUA Miller offered to take the Pamlico County Ordinance and rework for us and email draft and any other examples that we might be able to find. Hope to have a draft Ordinance for the Planning Board to approve/amend at their next meeting and offer to the Town Board an amendment.
- **Compliance forms for review:** 310 Hodges- requests parking waiver for tourist trinket shop (similar to previously waived parking for similar shop). 103 Skipper (Coats) revised shed plans. Member Allen made a MOTION to waive the required 1.5 onsite parking spaces. Member Stone seconded. 3-0.

ADJOURN: Member Allen made a MOTION to adjourn. Member Stone seconds. 3-0. **Next Meeting scheduled for June 16, 2020, 3PM**

Signed: _____

Marc Willi, Senior Member present

Attest: _____

Diane H. Miller, LUA to Board