

Minutes

Oriental Tree Board Meeting

DATE	July 22, 2024
DURATION	9:00 AM through 10:07 AM
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	John Deaton, chair

IN ATTENDANCE

John Deaton (chair), Janet Chinaea, Ken King (em), Bob Miller, Missy Tenhet, Cathy Washburn

CHAIR REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

Tree Inventory Project – Janet reported that little progress has been made on the inventory this summer. The Board agreed to use the pruning downtime in August to try to move the project forward. Bob agreed to write up a press release alerting the town to the presence of people in yellow vests taking inventory.

Non-OTB Pruning Work – After consideration of the issues, the Board agreed that the best approach is to avoid doing non-OTB work as a board. Anyone who does this work, does so at their own risk.

Planting:

The two (2) red oaks, that the OTB planted this spring at 2107 White Farm Road, were attacked by orange stripe oak worm, and defoliated. One of the two trees shows signs of some re-growth. Monitor for re-growth or recommend replacement in the fall.

One of the responsibilities of the OTB is to monitor the condition of trees associated with the Oriental town ordinances on parking lot landscaping. The trees that were planted on the ice machine property (1202 Broad Street Ext) are not doing well; especially the dogwoods in the front. The OTB recommends that these trees be replaced with species more suited to the conditions at the site. Board members are willing to advise the lot owner on alternative selections. Bob also suggested that the Planning Board should consult with the Tree Board on the selection and planting of parking lot landscape trees in the future.

John reported that there is a dead cypress tree at the NC Wildlife boat ramp; it looks like possible herbicide damage. The boat ramp area is a challenge because of the poor soils, frequent inundation, and abuse by users of the boat launch. The OTB will consider replacing this tree somewhere in the park in the fall.

John received requests for tree plantings on Vandemere Street, and at the corner of White Farm Road and Dolphin Road. These will be considered for the fall planting season.

Pruning Activities

Pruning efforts this summer have been hampered by extreme heat and draught, illness and vacations. The Board agreed to suspend tree pruning activities (except urgent, emergent needs) for the month of August. Instead, crews will work on the tree inventory.

Some areas that may need urgent attention include the completed construction site at 504 North Street, the last three crepe myrtles on Broad Street in front of the mini-mart/gas station, and the crepes in front of the ATM and along Sea Vista by the old Town & Country site.

TreeWise will be starting the contract removal of the tree at Lou Mac Park, South Avenue, and Lupton Park as soon as Duke Energy can drop the power lines in those areas. Xan Wise indicated that he is willing to allow anyone to pick up the wood from these tree removals, as long as it's picked up while he is on site, and as long as everyone stays

safely away from him and his crews during the operation. Bob agreed to update the press release as soon as we have a date.

John & Ken inspected a number of large dead limbs on the live oaks at the corner of Factory and Neuse Streets (502 Factory). TreeWise will remove them when they remove the Lou Mac Park oak.

OTB members continue to monitor the ongoing damage to town trees near the construction sites on Windward.

John was asked to monitor the condition of the trees on Gilgo where trenching has exposed the tree roots.

John took care of addressing the pruning request at 501 Ragan Road.

Bob reminded the Board that Duke Energy is scheduled to do a line-clearing pruning next year in Oriental. This operation inevitably creates damage control work for the Board. There are no certified arborists in the tri-county area; so, the utility pruning crews can do a lot of damage. The catch-22 is that the OTB members cannot safely prune the trees away from the lines themselves.

NEW BUSINESS

The new bakery/wine bar building that is being built on the old Steamers Restaurant site (401 Broad Street) will need a parking lot landscape plan. This is the time the OTB needs to be involved in making recommendations for the trees the landscaper will plant there.

Janet pointed out that, as a volunteer Board under town jurisdiction, perhaps we should be participating in the town festivities to raise awareness of our work. We had not participated in either the anniversary celebration or the Croakerfest this year due to the inability to staff those venues. After some discussion, the Board consensus was that the members preferred to increase our press releases rather than try to staff a table or float in the parades.

NEXT MEETING

The next full Board meeting will be **Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 9:00 AM** in the town hall main conference room. Pruning crews meet at the town Hall most Tuesdays throughout the year.

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Oriental Tree Board Meeting

DATE	June 25, 2024
DURATION	N/A – Meeting Cancelled
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	John Deaton, chair

The regular monthly meeting of the Oriental Tree Board, scheduled for June 25, 2024, was cancelled due to illness and injury, resulting in lack of quorum.

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Parks and Recreation Meeting Notes July 9, 2024

Meeting began at 3:00 PM

In attendance:

Vicki Rasmussen

Kimberly Langson

Alice Flannigan

Marcia Ostendorff

Eileen Price

Barbara Miller

Commissioner Allen Price

Alice and Barb were introduced and welcomed as our new members

No Google meeting this time around

Vicki is trying to get our budget numbers to know how much money we have to spend.

New shirts will be ordered for Alice, Barb, and Steve Price, an honorary volunteer.

Discussed buying baseball equipment:

- Vicki thinks \$100-\$200 for bases, bats, balls
- Allen suggested a thrift store in New Bern where we can get used equipment cheap
- Alice suggested baseball players typically have their own equipment, so maybe we just need bases.

Vicki is also working to get a bocci ball space and equipment at the Recreation Park.

The horseshoe pit is complete. Once the weather cools a bit, we're all hoping to see more activity at the Recreation Park. Eileen will put more sand around the horseshoe rings now that it has settled, and she will also kill more weeds on the path leading up to the playground.

Alice brought up making flyers to put around town to bring attention to the activities available at the rec park- baseball, soccer, bocci ball, horseshoes, and the dog park.

There was some discussion about the popularity of basketball, but it seems too expensive to look into at this time.

Kids' park @ Croaker Fest was a huge success as well as the pirate's treasure hunt. Parents were very happy to see the activities for their children and appreciated the squirt guns to keep them cool ☺

A new tennis court net was installed by Mark DiCain.

The tennis/pickleball court @ Lupton Park needs pressure washing. Once it cools down, we will contact a pressure washing service to see if they will donate their time in exchange for being able to advertise at the tennis court- this needs to be investigated with Manager Miller to make sure it's allowed.

Vicki needs to order a part for a new spinner at Lupton Park.

The backboard for the tennis court will be repaired by Butch Rasmussen, but not until fall.

We are scheduled to pick weeds at Lupton Park on Saturday, the 13th @ 10:00 AM- hoping for a big rain by Friday to make it easier.

Eileen brought up asking the Croaker committee to ask vendors not to use balloons, or prohibit balloons in the future. The proximity to the water makes it likely many of them will end up in the river.

Pickleball update- We are beginning the application process for a grant. We had also discussed trying to get sponsorships by companies such as AARP, Blue Cross NC, energy drinks, etc. to help raise money. Ken Reed is honing the numbers to get a better estimate of cost.

Allen brought blueberries and shared with us all- thank you Commissioner Price!!

Minutes prepared by: Eileen Price
Approved by: Vicki Rasmussen

Oriental Water Advisory Board
July 12, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Water Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
July 12,2024: Town Hall 9:00am

Attendees: Daniel Early, Richard Guimond, Steve Drew, Commissioner Bonnie Crosser and Allen Price, Manager Diane Miller

- A. TRC Project Update. Reviewed the initial mapping and noting the following items. We review the maps you included in your update email on 7-10-24. We have noted the following for the Dolphin Point Subdivision:
1. The water lines drawn for the culdesac(s) are most likely incorrect - as reference by the "as built" mapping provided. A portion of the culdesac(s) show a have circle around the area, where as, the actual line is most likely a straight through on the left side (as facing the culdesac).
 2. The water line sizes for the culdesac show a consistent size of 6", the actual sizes varying from 6" to 4" and 2" as the water lines progresses down the culdesac. On one of the paper maps shared - we drew in the pipe sizes.

The Oriental Team will be pulling the long tap information from the Dolphin Point area to assist in the determination of the location of the waters line. Also, we are hoping to determine the water pipe sizes. Additionally, we will be contacting the subcontractor (Clayton) responsible for the tap work to gain an understand of location and pipe size.

Questions for TRC; Where are we with mapping the values? Is it possible to color code the size of the pipes to add in the viewing of the maps?

B. Have received DEQ Revised Letter of Intent. Will revised Ordinance with the increase in funding. Submit for approval at the August Town Meeting. Once Board approved is in place with submit paperwork with signatures.

C. Water Conservation. Noted dramatic improvement in pumping. Combination of conservation and the swimming pools are filled. Good sign.

D. Copper in discharge has improved. Levels are still above EPA metrics. Working through options to address. Have received first fine of \$1,400 - Manager Miller is contesting.

E. DEQ Plant Inspection. Pass recent DEQ plant inspection with a few minor issues. Excellent job team.

HWAC Meeting 7/11/24

- The meeting was called to order at 8am July 11th, 2024.
- Attending were Pat Stockwell, Jim Blackerby, Jim Kellenberger, Dan Allen, Don McGuire, David Szerlag by phone, Town Manager - Diane Miller, and Commissioners - Charlie Overcash and Breena Litzenberger
- Approval of the minutes: Meeting canceled last month so approval of May 9th minutes
Jim Kellenberger made motion, Pat 2nd unanimous approval
- Chair comments:
 - Work Load:
 - It works well that Diane is copied on facilities checks because she forwards to Mary and she makes it into a work order
 - We are still looking to replace Jenny Jones and we may want to add a member as well
 - Diane believes the facilities checks may be excessive to do daily: may want to go to 3 days a week - especially during slow periods
 - Docks going to 2 hrs per boat (Town Dock 1): August - September
 - Can only enforce when police are on duty, it is really going to be on the honor system
 - Signs are made and they will be placed on the two pilings facing the water
 - Town Dock and Town Hall are going to publicize it. It may be good to put it on active captain, navionics, waterway guide
 - Vicki with Town Website subcommittee has contacted Jim about their page and what they would like to see
 - Diane would like to see it broken out in more pages: where to put kayaks? Fishing, dock depths, etc.
 - Breena said they have about 2 months to get the information to the subcommittee as they are working on clean up first
 - Scope of FEMA documentation:
 - We need to record conditions of facilities annually for FEMA
 - We may want to add photos or a video of the facility
 - What we will need for FEMA:
 - Original construction docs
 - Year of construction
 - Materials used
 - Reconstruction Details
 - Environmental Impact
 - Actions taken at site: description and date
- Facilities Check
 - Need more people to sign up: We have people signed up through August 17th currently

- The Whittaker Point project was reimbursed and when Diane and Jim's hours were logged, there was a \$10,000 excess in repayment that will go to this committee: stressing the importance of logging out hours
- Town Manager Report
 - Town is keeping up with reports when HWAC sends reports
 - Diane sent the request to Cahoon about inspecting and tightening the fishing pier and the other facilities they have not touched this year. They'll fix the roller issue on the floating dock (everything but town dock 1 & 2). The inspection will be a charge after the fact but they will give us an estimate for the repairs
 - Dan is worried about the pulleys at the end of the ramp: Diane will keep this in mind
 - Pat asked if there is a way to ask Cahoon to make repairs in a way that would make it easier to prep for a hurricane
 - Hurricane Prep is going to be different this year because public works is short handed. The town will be focused on the town and not able to help residents as much as in the past. We have also lost the two employees that have the most experience with hurricanes so staff will be working with inexperience, as well.
 - Hodges street has been selected for funding but no further movement has been made
- Active and New Projects
 - JB Beach Access: No real solution at the moment
 - Midyette Fishing Pier: Living shoreline - the coastal federation was supposed to supply a plan for this: the first option was to fill in the whole thing and block access to the kayaks from the shoreline, but residents objected. An alternate overlapping design was suggested doing the rocks similar to Cedar Point ferry kayak area. The NCCF may be able to cover 50%-100% of the project
 - The town homes are not on board yet but the WRC will participate
 - Diane had not recently heard anything back from the NCCF
 - Jim and Dan i went over inspection findings in regards to the Midyette street kayak launch ramp and Whittaker Point fencing
 - Town Dock 2 Registration bulletin board plan: Would be on the building and we can do it when it gets cooler
- Commissioner Comments:
 - Charlie: If anyone sees a boat on the beach that says no overnight, we need to let them know they cannot leave it there overnight
- Don will take the minutes next meeting
- Action Items:
 - Diane is going to ask Jenny Jones to update whichever platform she has access to for town dock 1- 2 hour limit notification
 - Dan will notify waterway guide if Jenny does not have access to that
 - Jim is going to talk to Vicki about website and anyone else who has ideas is welcome to give their input
 - Dan will gather all the updates and maintenance per facility and consolidate into a packet per site: Date and Action with documents

- Diane will look for form from FEMA and give it to Dan and he will put together a template spreadsheet we can use for each site for inspection for FEMA documentation
 - Diane will add fencing onto the maintenance contract
 - Diane will talk to Cahoon about hurricane prep options for facilities' as they inspect
 - Commissioner may be requested to expand the perimeter for members so it widens the pool we can select from if need be: Application is online under forms
 - Jim and Dan will talk to CAMA and look at permits to see about putting rocks in front of the Whittaker Pointe fences
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- Next meeting is August 8th, 2024 8am
 - Jim K closed meeting, Don McGuire 2nd.



ORIENTAL PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 3:00PM

Oriental Town Hall – 507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM: At 3:00PM, Chair DeWeese calls meeting to order. Members Strickland, Flood and Rasmussen and Crothers were present. LUA Miller, Commissioners Roe, Crosser, Overcash and Litzenberger were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA VC Rasmussen makes a MOTION to approve the agenda. Chair DeWeese seconds. 5-0.

Public Comment:

Ginger Barnett discusses event at her home that is being challenged as a business, denies there is a profit based activity.

Sue Henry speaks to the disruption at a regular loud event in a residential neighborhood and advertising shows it, plus food truck plus portable toilet- that's more than should be in residential zones. Very disruptive.

Discussion by the PB on decibels and length of event ensues, urges residents to find a compromise.

Jim Cornette- has complied with and has temp fix for Art Gallery to open for Croaker Fest is Planning approves reduced parking. Has already satisfied BRMSD and Building Inspector.

Feb 14, 2024, March 20, 2024, April 17, 2024 Minutes- VC Rasmussen makes a MOTION to approve all. Chair DeWeese seconds. 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

160D conversion: Final version goes to Public Hearing July 2- ONLY for 160D changes. All other potential changes will be discussed later.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Art Gallery:** As of 6/14/24, received an application for 800 Broad St to request exemption from parking requirements. Nonconforming building is requesting exception from parking requirements, similar to Wit's End, Fish Market, etc- 9 parking spaces required, 3 available off street, 6 available ON-STREET. Town Board voted to remove no parking curbing in front of structure. Planning Board agrees to reduce parking requirements due to nature of noncompliance of the structure- better for it to be used than empty.
- **Bakery has an issue impacted by required additional piling.** Additional piling at site of handicapped space requires all spaces to move a few inches and leaves the last space 8 inches over the parcel line. Proposed fix is to allow the spaces to be each 8'10" instead of 9' in order to keep the spaces within the parcel. Agreed.
- **620 Windward operating STR in R-1:** second letter, drafted by attorney has been sent via certified mail. Neighbors are tracking all of the renters.
- **Compliance Forms:**

Jones	3/22/2024	2024-15	compliance	401 Broad St	Y	3/22/2025	new commercial
Ellis	3/22/2024	2024-16	compliance	57 Shorey Ct	Y	3/22/2025	new SFR
Bacon	3/22/2024	2024-17	LUP	Brewery	Y	3/22/2025	food trucks on proper
Jones	3/24/2024	2024-18	LUP	Bakery	Y		bakery LUP
Bohmert	3/27/2024	2024-19	compliance	adding/raising structure	N	4/4/2025	sent 3/27/24
Intnatl Furniture Consultant	4/2/2024	2024-20	LUP	807 Broad St	Y	4/2/2024	new reataurant
Bennett and Statton	4/4/2024	2024-21	compliance	5620 Styron	Y	4/4/2025	new SFR
McKenzie	4/26/2024	2024-22	compliance	5626 Styron	Y	4/26/2024	addition+new deck
LaBreck	5/2/2024	2024-23	compliance	104 Whittaker Pt Rd	Y	5/2/2025	shed
Streamline Developers	5/2/2024	2024-24	compliance	613 Windward Dr	Y	5/2/2025	new SFR
Thorne	5/2/2024	2024-25	compliance	1400 Seafarer Dr	Y	5/2/2025	new SFR
JEC Investments	5/14/2024	2024-26	compliance	513 Broad St	Y		STR-residential
● Midyette	5/14/2024	2024-27	compliance				new deck 1405 Seafa

- **SUP STR request for 306 Mildred St.** Application complete- request recommendation to TB to schedule a Public Hearing.
- **Use of Residential Property for ongoing concert series.** Several complaints lodged for 401 Freemason St (R-2) where music playing on monthly basis. Issues: charging “donations”, providing food truck (allowable on private property) and portable toilet (again, allowable for event on private property)- noise level must stay within Noise Ordinance, application for Noise Permit received and granted for 1st event. As of 6/17, permit applied for June event. (4 permitted per year to exceed noise levels). Discussion took place during Public Comment.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS / PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN: Next Meeting scheduled for July 17, 2024, 3PM.

ADJOURN: Member Crothers makes a MOTION to adjourn. Chair DeWeese seconds. 5-0.

Next Meeting scheduled for July 17, 2024, 3PM.

Allison DeWeese, Chair

Diane H. Miller, Clerk to the Board/LUA