

## DRAFT Meeting Minutes

### Maritime Activities Advisory Committee

February 15, 2022

Dave Allen called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. All members were present - Donna McElroy joined by phone.

The previous minutes were approved

#### Old Business:

Oyster restoration - Dave asked if anyone had contacted Joe Jankowski to sign up for cages and supplies for the project. Some members indicated they planned to do so.

Marine Debris Cleanup/Plunder Project with Coastal Bays: Sue reported that she had attended a Zoom meeting with Sandi Smith and others from Coastal Bays to specifically discuss publicity for the event. In addition, one of their committee members has a dumpster company owner who is willing to work with the group for the May 15 event. Doug indicated that one of the main hurdles was installing and leaving a temporary dumpster for the debris somewhere in Ocean Pines for the weekend. He indicated that the Yacht Club was not an option; the proposal now is to use part of the parking lot and one boat ramp at White Horse on May 15 for the event. This would need the approval of John Viola. Sue and Jerry agreed to visit the parking lot following the meeting and Sue agreed to write up a request, including photos, to John Viola for sign-off so that Coastal Bays and Ocean Pines can proceed with planning and publicity for the event, which would take place following the conclusion of Bay Day, from 2 to approximately 5 p.m.

Community Input/Inquiries submitted: John went over some of the inquiries that had come in via email from the community. He said that every time This Week in Ocean Pines or other community publications runs our request for input, submissions go up! Some of the inquiries included:

Lights on low bridges: John indicated that Eddie Wells has specs on lights

Osprey nests - John gave a brief recap of information from DNR on osprey nests, which are not under the purview of any one agency or group. DNR has provided us with information that could be passed on to residents. Brief discussion of providing this to Ocean Pines for distribution to residents.

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John asked Doug Parks about the formal process to get some of these inquiries to the Board for consideration. Doug said that most things should originate with the Advisory Committees, which make recommendations, and then move those on to the Board for consideration.

Other topics John mentioned included when the new transient slips would be available at the Yacht Club, the time frame for dredging, and whether we needed to put in a request as a Committee to address safety and other issues at the Mumford boat ramp and the Yacht Club, including the boat owners' shower and dripping faucets at the piers there. Some of these are maintenance concerns and it was pointed out that Eddie Wells may already have them on his list to take care of. It was suggested that to avoid duplicating efforts, John could circulate the residents' concerns in writing to our committee members for review and input, and then summarize them in one place before sending a list to John Viola for review and comment. John agreed to do that.

New Business: Someone asked about a recent article in the Bayside Gazette about a maintenance issue that the article indicated our committee was handling?

There was a brief discussion about whether the Board plans to renew Ocean Pines' lease to Seacrets of parking lot space on the Bay side. Doug indicated that although it is not official, there are no plans to change the lease situation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 15, at 10 a.m.

Submitted by Sue Challis