

Good evening:

I hope everyone had a great holiday break and that we are all ready to tackle the New Year.

First, I want to report to you that the letter we sent to the governor was forwarded to DNR and they called me and advised me that they were taking the responsibility to try and get the abandoned boats cleaned up the best they can but they have to follow the laws.

Second, I want to let you know that yesterday Logan McFee was awarded the outstanding Eagle Scout award for the memorial project that he did in front of our Court Building, for all of Northern Beaufort County.

Third, I am very pleased to inform you that work has started to replace our transient dock and install the new power pedestals and fire suppression system. This is the beginning of us making the necessary improvements to our marina that we have been planning on for the last several years.

And, finally

I thought it might be helpful for me to recap for you the highlights of 2016 and these are not in any priority but in the last 12 months we accomplished or have ongoing over two dozen major projects, and we have over a dozen projects on the books that we will be working on for the next 12 months. This is all before we hold the Council Retreat and you set some new goals for us to move forward on.

I am only going to highlight the projects and I am happy to discuss any of them in detail with anyone from the public at any time should they have questions. It also goes without me saying it, that there was also some everyday work that was accomplished by all departments that I am not discussing, but I do acknowledge what staff has accomplished. In addition, we did have some work that we did not get done, and we had some complaints about what we had or had not done – we do not live in the perfect world, but we do live in the real world so we try our best.

So, let me go to my list.....

*(see attached projects done in 2016)*