

## **Ceremony launches work on drystack facility**

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**BEAUFORT** - While many development projects across the county, as well as the country, have slowed to a halt, one here took its initial steps to moving ahead as planned.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held Monday for the drystack facility dubbed The Boat House of what is now known as Front Street Village – the mixed-use development planned at the east end of Front Street and Lennoxville Road.

Front Street Village is made up of nearly 25 acres formerly known as Beaufort Fisheries and another 5 acres formerly owned by the Loftin family. The Boat House will be located on the more than 8-acre tract that borders Taylors Creek.

Nearly 50 town residents, including town Mayor Richard Stanley and Commissioner John Hagle, and others associated with the development attended the brief event held on the project site.

Lined up before the massive old wheel used for drying nets during the property's menhaden processing days. Charles "Bucky" Oliver and his wife Wendy, owners and developers of Front Street Village, were joined by Mayor Stanley and Commissioner Hagle, as well as J.D. Banks, marine contractor Chuck Bissette and building contractor Tommy Simpson, to help throw the first shovel loads of dirt.

"The real goal here is to show that we're moving ahead and that the project will be utilizing Carteret County contractors," Mr. Oliver told *The News-Times* of the event.

The ceremony marked the beginning of the development's first of four planned phases. Phase one of the project includes construction of the dry bay and a portion of dockside with 234 dry bay boat units, deepwater slips and staging. Phase two includes the

residential units, club, restaurant and bar facilities. Phase three of the development includes a portion of development on Lennoxville Road, and phase four includes the remainder of development north of Lennoxville Road.

The infrastructure of Front Street Village includes roads; golf cart, bike and pedestrian paths; power, telephone, cable water and sewer; irrigation; docks; sound; lighting; and landscaping. On-site amenities are to include a swimming pool, private club, restaurant and meeting rooms. Off-site amenities are to include water and sewer, access to an Olympic pool, kayak club, tennis, golf, fishing and boat charters. The ultimate plan includes up to 350 residential units in single- and multifamily homes.