

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016, 5:00 P.M. AT THE LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL CENTER

PRESENT: Presiding Officer Bob Keith
Commission Member John W. Moore
Commission Member Mary Ann Silvey
Commission Member Bob Cameron
Commission Member Stephen Webber

Sam Karr, Interim Town Manager/Finance Director

ABSENT: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Bob Keith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Presiding Officer Bob Keith gave the invocation.

PUBLIC FORUM

Presiding Officer Bob Keith invited the audience to speak during public forum.
No one requested to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bob Keith presented the consent agenda and asked if any items should be removed before calling for action.

Commission Member Stephen Webber pointed out that Commission Member Diane Barrett was on the list of those present at the meeting, but Commission Member Barrett was not on the board at the time of the meeting so her name should be replaced with "Commission Member Stephen Webber".

Commission Member Bob Cameron made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended including the proposed change to the minutes. Commission Member Mary Ann Silvey seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Therefore, the consent agenda incorporating the following items was unanimously approved:

- a. Minutes of the April 12, 2016 regular meeting

CONSIDER A COMMERCIAL OPERATION PROPOSED BY LOGAN HARTZOG

Logan Hartzog presented a request to operate a water taxi service called Scuber on the lake. Mr. Hartzog explained that he believes there is a need for the proposed operation and that the operation will help promote economic growth.

Commission Members expressed concerns about not having an official recommendation from the Lake Advisory Board on the topic.

Commissioner Member Stephen Webber inquired as to whether Mr. Hartzog would be willing to sign a letter of understanding stating that he would be subject to a fee for commercial use of the lake should the town decide to levy one. Mr. Hartzog explained that he would be open to an agreement subject to discussion and review of the business once it is established.

Commission members discussed potentially approving the commercial license pending Lake Advisory Board approval and fitting the operation into the lake commercial model. Commission members also discussed approving the operation temporarily and asking Mr. Hartzog to come back to the September Marine Commission meeting for additional review of the proposed operation.

Mark Helms, chairman of the Lake Advisory Board, stated that if the Marine Commission goes forward with approval of the commercial license he would prefer that it be approved for the remainder of the year and that Mr. Hartzog submit an application for 2017 when all other commercial operations do (by November 1, 2016). Mr. Hartzog's commercial operation would be re-evaluated by the LAB when the application for 2017 is submitted.

After further discussion, Commission Member Bob Cameron made a motion to approve a commercial license application submitted by Logan Hartzog for Scuber on a trial basis. Mr. Hartzog should submit an application when all other commercial operations do (by November 1, 2016) and be re-evaluated by the LAB at that time. Mr. Hartzog should also sign a form stating that he will be subject to a commercial operating fee should the town decide to levy one. Commission Member John Moore seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

a. **CONSIDER DIRECTING THE LAKE ADVISORY BOARD TO STUDY THE PROCEDURE AND FEES FOR ALL COMMERCIAL BOATING OPERATIONS**

Mark Helms, Chairman of the Lake Advisory Board explained that per the Marine Commission's direction, the Lake Advisory Board has been discussing tour boat

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operations. Mr. Helms further explained that the LAB would like further direction from the Marine Commission as to whether there is a specific goal from the Marine Commission for the LAB concerning commercial boat operations and how they would like for the LAB to proceed.

After discussion, Commission Member Stephen Webber made a motion to direct the Lake Advisory Board to study commercial operation activities of the lake and possible fees by studying the following

- type of commercial operation
- operating rules – draft and develop new rules if necessary
- payment (both method and how much) – some may be concession agreements, others a set fee

Commission Member Mary Ann Silvey seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Marine Commission members would like an initial report from the LAB at the September Marine Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items of discussion, Commission Member Bob Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commission Member Mary Ann Silvey seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Andrea H. Calvert
Lake Lure Marine Commission Clerk