

Town of Lake Lure - Lake Advisory Board

- Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting -

The Lake Advisory Board held their regular monthly meeting at the Town of Lake Lure's Lake Operations Building on Monday the 1st day of August, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Bo Williams (chairperson)
Wiley Bourne (vice-chair)
Tom McKay
Bill Ashman
Mark Helms
Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)
Dean Givens (Lake Operations)
Clint Calhoun (Lake Operations)

Non-Attending Members:

Robin Proctor
David Efirid

Guests:

Mayor Bob Keith
Tom Judson

General Meeting Actions:

- Chairperson Bo Williams called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.
- After discussion, Wiley Bourne made a motion, seconded by Tom McKay, to approve the minutes of the July 2011 regular meeting as written. The vote of approval was unanimous.
- See below for individual reports
- Tom McKay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:53p.m. Wiley Bourne seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Public Forum:

- No one requested to speak during public forum.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:**Lake Operations Director – Dean Givens reported:**

- For the most part everyone is following the boating rules, with the exception of a few violations.
- Dean expressed a need to find a way to ascertain that renters are informed about the Lake Regulations before boating on Lake Lure.
- The Boys Camp Road Spoils Pit Project has been completed.
- About 400 feet of shoreline on the river side of Morse Park is deteriorating and needs to be fixed (rip rapped). Permits to have been applied for.
- Council has approved to move forward with the new marina project. The LGC has given preliminary approval, but the project still needs to go before their board. Bid packets for the project will go out soon. Tom McKay asked why the new marina will not have any covered slips. The board discussed this concern.
- The lake will be drawn down this winter. The dates for the lake to be lowered and raised back up will to be determined by the Lake Lure Marine Commission.

Town Council / Marine Commission Liaison – Mary Ann Silvey reported:

- At their July 12th, 2011 meeting the Lake Lure Marine Commission voted to approve amendments to Sections 1.03 and 1.51 of the Lake Use Regulations. This amendment removes the limit of two fishing lines from the Lake Use Regulations.

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- Mary Ann also reported that the Maine Commission did not adopt a proposed amendment to Section 1.57(F) of the Lake Use Regulation which would have changed the number of commercial non-motorized boat permits allowed for a single business without having a concession agreement from 10 to 40. This item will be discussed at a later meeting.

Reports from areas of responsibility:

Commercial & Recreational – Lake Operations Director Dean Givens reported that the Fourth of July weekend was extremely busy on the lake, but safe.

Fishery & Ecosystem – Lake Operations Director Dean Givens reported that the Fish study is available on the Town's website.

Lake Structures – Lake Operations Director Dean Givens reported a variance was denied for Tim Fisk's boathouse (132 Tanner Drive) and a variance was approved for Mittelbron's boathouse (333 Tryon Bay Circle) at the July, 2011 LSAB meeting

Dam & Sewer Operations, Water Quality – Water sampling is starting to show elevated fecal coliform levels in Washburn Marina and Pool Creek. Overall sampling numbers remain good. The board discussed a potential algae bloom that is being investigated by the Lake Operations department.

Special Topics:

REVIEW A PROPOSAL FROM BOB KEITH CONCERNING THE SWIM COURSE FOR THE OLYMPIAD

Bob Keith reviewed a proposal concerning the swim course for the Olympiad. Mr. Keith stated that the proposed swim course incorporates more buoys and is a more condensed course.

After discussion, Bill Ashman made a motion to approve the new swim course as outlined by Bob Keith. Mark Helms seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM RUMBLING BALD RESORT TO EXTEND THE NO WAKE ZONE BY THEIR MARINA

Due to growing numbers of non-motorized boats, Tom Judson presented a request from Rumbling Bald Resort to extend the no-wake zone at the north end of the lake in the area surrounding the Rumbling Bald Resort in order to create a "safe zone" by repositioning the no-wake buoys. After discussion Lake Operations Director Dean Givens stated that he and Environmental Management Officer Clint Calhoun would verify the accuracy of the positioning of buoys currently in the Rumbling Bald Resort area. He suggested that after the buoys are correctly positioned, that Mr. Judson place temporary buoys in the lake to allow the Lake Advisory Board members to see exactly what he is requesting. After the temporary buoys are placed, the town's lake operations department will go out and GPS the location of the proposed buoys.

It was the consensus of the board that outlining and GPSing the proposed no wake area would be an appropriate and necessary step before making a motion or taking a vote on the matter.

CONSIDER WHETHER ALL TOUR BOATS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO OPERATE UNDER A CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE

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Chairman Bo Williams appointed Wiley Bourne to preside over this portion of the meeting. Bo also asked to be excused from voting on this matter.

The board discussed the idea of tour boat permits having certain restrictions and the need to determine whether a town concession is defined as a “hard” asset or if operating tour boats should be considered a concession. The board also discussed what a concession agreement is, why a concession agreement is required and what the objective of the concession agreement is.

Bill Ashman also asked to be excused from voting on this matter

After further discussion, Dean Givens and Wiley Bourne agreed to meet with the Town Manager to further discuss this matter and obtain some details about the town’s concession agreements.

The board agreed to continue discussion regarding this item at a later meeting.

REVIEW LAKE USE REGULATION SECTIONS 1.58 LAUNCHING WATER VESSEL & LAUNCH SITES

After discussion regarding Section 1.58E of the Lake Use Regulations, the board decided that the regulation either needs to be enforced or amended in the Lake Use Regulations.

Lake Operations Director Dean Givens agreed to put together a packet to distribute at a later meeting so the board can make a recommendation to the Lake Lure Marine Commission.

Open Action Items:

- Consider whether all tour boats should be required to operate under a concession agreement with the Town of Lake Lure.
- Review Section 1.57(F) of the Lake Use Regulation regarding the number of commercial non-motorized boat permits allowed by a single commercial entity without having a concession agreement with the town.
- Review the map of proposed buoys in the Rumbling Bald Resort area and consider extending the no wake zone by the Rumbling Bald Resort Marina.
- Review Lake Use Regulations Sections 1.58 Launching Water Vessels & Launch Sites.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea H. Calvert