

Town of Lake Lure Lake Advisory Committee

- Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting -

The Lake Advisory Committee (LAC) held their regular monthly meeting at the Town of Lake Lure Municipal Center on 11th day of June, 2007 at 6:30 pm.

Attendees:

Bob Washburn (Chairman)
Chris Braund (Secretary & V-Ch)
Blaine Cox
Bo Williams
Gary Hasenfus
Wiley Bourne

Non-Attending Members:

Bob Keith
Russ Pitts (Council Liaison)

Guests:

Chuck Watkins
Clint Calhoun
John Cloud
Don & Ann Hinton

General Meeting Actions:

- Chairman Washburn called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
- Clint Calhoun led a discussion on watershed issues and distributed handouts of GIS maps and stream information. Discussion of streams and tributaries leading into the lake, steepness of slopes in the area.
 - **Recommendation:** to take an inventory and use a prioritization scheme to determine the most important tributaries for the town to regularly monitor or perform maintenance dredging. The inventory could be done with the assistance of a research grant. The LAC supports continuing the inventory and prioritization project if funding assistance can be found.
 - **Recommendation:** John Cloud noted that the Trout Stream in Rumbling Bald Resort is a major sediment challenge in need of some remediation. It was recommended that Clint and Shannon engage the state and the Resort management to investigate and determine a course of action (perhaps an upstream catch basin).
 - **Recommendation:** Bob Washburn and the Hintons noted that we need to effect the repair the breached impoundment on the Keller property (unnamed tributary #3) as it has been depositing significant amounts of sediment into Gray Logs Cove. It's unclear whether the town or the state has any authority to require corrections of impoundment problems. Clint and John Cloud to facilitate meetings on this with Kevin Barnett, Corps of Engineers, DWQ, UBRWP, the Kellers, etc.
 - **Recommendation:** the town should implement a standard operating procedure to conduct an annual inspection of all 16 impoundments in the surrounding tributaries. This is to identify any issues and to implement corrections as needed.
 - **Recommendation:** The company that removes solid material from the wastewater treatment facility can also perform streamside and cove dredging (they did this for Blue Heron Point). We should investigate using them to full advantage on tributaries that are hard to reach by the regular dredge.
- Once the town's Comprehensive Plan is approved, we'll use our next meeting to review amendments to the Lake Structures Regulations. We also need to be evaluating mechanisms for a transferable boat permit for 2008.
- We'll meet at 5:00 pm. this Friday to dedicate the tree and plaque for Ross Worden. The Blue Ridge Ecological workshop will be at 6:00pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Lake Structures – Wiley Bourne reported:

- The reconvened meeting of the LAC on Friday May 11 (with members of the Town staff) generated some follow-up issues that need to be addressed. These issues involve the commercial use of lake structures and our proposed temporary suspension of any lake structures permits for structures that are designed or intended to serve more than one dwelling unit. This and some other related issues are discussed in Bob Washburn's memo to the Town Council and Manager, a copy of which we all received earlier. The proposed suspension of lake structure permits will be on agenda of the Town Council meeting on 6/12.

Law Enforcement – Chris Braund reported:

- Memorial Weekend Recap (from Chief Hester)
There was a pontoon boat reported adrift late Sunday evening. The chief spoke with the caller that reported this in and she said that the boat just broke free and started drifting down the lake toward the dam. The lake patrol officers were there within minutes of the call. The half-sunken pontoon boat was Rick Coley's and had been tied up at the Oates residence on the lake. Chief Hester went out himself and observed the boat. The boat was towed to the Damn Marina by the Lake Lure Fire boat and was picked up the next morning by Rick Coley. Rick Coley had already taken the gas tanks off of the boat when it was damaged in the wind storm that we had a couple of weeks ago.

Lake Patrol had a very busy weekend, several citations were written along with several warnings given. The chief brought in an extra officer to work the lake this weekend.

The chief reports that the new patrol boat has been a great success. He went out for about an hour and noticed that the officers aren't getting as hot as they used to. The center console with the top blocks most of the sun and this keeps them a lot cooler. The officers told him this has helped them stay on the lake longer without having to come in and cool down. Officers also used the new laptop this weekend on the boat. It worked fairly well, but there are still a few glitches that need to be ironed out. The laptop will be a great tool for the officers when we get everything worked out with it.

- Camp Care
A representative from Camp Care has been in contact with the town this week, inquiring whether or not they will be able to purchase a weekly motorized permit for the ski boats they would like to use with campers during the week of the 4th of July. Although the LAC recommended against this, and the Marine Commission concurred in their April 10th meeting, there is not yet closure on the question. The account of the minutes published in the town newsletter stated only that the request for a fee waiver had been denied, when actually the issuance of any boat permits was denied for this commercial activity during the busiest week of the season. The inquiry has been reported to the mayor, the town manager and to councilman Pitts for followup with Camp Care.
- Gary noted that there has been a significant amount of lake patrol after dark. Also, the Wildlife Resource Commission officers have been very active in their boating safety checks.

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- Bo has noticed that the weekend boating traffic has been coming too close to the swimming beach ropes (closer than 75 feet). He will work with the town crew to order some additional navigation buoys that indicate the swim area.

2007 Police Log	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOT
Lake – Alcohol Violation													0
Lake – Boat Permit Check				26	39								65
Lake – Boater Assist				1									1
Lake – Boating While Impaired					1								1
Lake – Citation				1	6								7
Lake – Cove Check	54	0		331	539								924
Lake – Fishing License Check				24	28								52
Lake – Ordinance Violation													0
Lake – Overturned Boat													0
Lake – Patrol	2	0		17	32								51
Lake – Safety Check				2	36								38
Lake – Stranded Boat				2	1								3
Lake – Towed Stranded Boat					1								1
Lake – Unauthorized Swimmer													0
Lake – Verbal Warning					1								1
Lake – Warning Citation					1								1

Fish & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported:

- Can't wait to hear what Blue Ridge has to report on June 15, 2007 @ 6:00 P.M. One aspect of the study, the fishing surveys, are not yet completed by some of our participants.....this will be important information for Blue Ridge regarding their management recommendations.

Dam Operations & Sewer System – Gary Hasenfus reported:

- The concrete dam surfaces scheduled for painting have been completed. The new budget includes funds to paint the metal surfaces of the dam. This work will be completed over the next year, weather permitting.
- Work continues on the cleaning (internal) of the wastewater "solids" tank. Sewer volume continues to fluctuate from the 9's to the 7's. You will recall that April even saw some 6's.....

VWIN Coordinator – Gary Hasenfus reported:

- All streams and lake samples were bottled and transported to UNCA as usual.....Y.T.D. results appear to be normal. One observation on my part is the lower than usual secchi numbers even though we have had less rain than usual. The numbers for May were running in the 80's (inches), as opposed to the high 90's one year ago.

Dredging – Bob Washburn reported:

- Two weeks ago, Chuck Place relayed that some additional money surfaced to do some more dredging in the river channel - to avoid the hauling fees of the dredge itself, he authorized Lake Norman Dredging to resume their operation in the channel.

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- Ronnie Austin - the gentleman who is saving the town BIG \$\$\$ by removing all of the sand from the spoils areas, told me this past week that the dredging had been halted due to complaints from neighboring property owners - the dredge is to be hauled to another site - if it hasn't already been removed...Chuck was on vacation last week - so I'll call him today - prior to our meeting for the full story.
- Thrilled to see that \$200,000 has been earmarked for the dredging fund for the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

Emergency Preparedness / Water Quality – Bob Keith reported:

- No report

Recreation & Commercial Activities – Blaine Cox reported:

- No report

Recap of Motions Passed:

- None

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Braund, Secretary LAC