

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 9th day of January, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Bo Williams (chairperson)
Bill Ashman
Tom McKay
Mark Helms
David Efird
Mary Ann Silvey (council liaison)
Dean Givens (lake operations)
Clint Calhoun (lake operations)
Andi Calvert (town clerk)

Non-Attending Members:

Wiley Bourne (vice-chair)
Robin Proctor

Guests:

Mayor Bob Keith
Blaine Cox

General Meeting Actions:

- Chairperson Bo Williams called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- Mark Helms made a motion, seconded by Bill Ashman, to approve the agenda as presented and to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2011 regular meeting as written. The vote of approval was unanimous.
- David Efird made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Bill Ashman seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Public Forum:

- Mayor Bob Keith suggested that the Board think about some type of memorial honoring Dick Washburn (ex. plaque at the new marina after it is renovations are complete). Bob mentioned that Paula Jordan, chair of the town's Zoning and Planning Board, is working on coming up with some ideas in regard to this matter.

Special Topics:

- Review Boat Permit Sales Threshold – The board reviewed a list summarizing the number of boat permits that have been issued in each boat permit category as compared to previous years. It was the consensus of the board to continue monitoring the number of boats being permitted, but not take any further action at this time. Mary Ann agreed to report this result to town council.
- LAB Officers – Board Chairman Bo Williams asked if anyone would like to volunteer to serve as a board officer. Mr. Williams also mentioned that the Lake Advisory Board term for all three members currently serving as board officers are set to expire in December of this year (2012). After discussion, the board elected the following board officer by consensus: Chairman: Bo Williams, Vice Chair: Wiley Bourne, Secretary: Mark Helms
- Shore Clean-up- The board suggested that Clint Calhoun, the town's environmental management officer, write an article for the town newsletter reminding residents to clean up their shoreline while the water is down and provide residents some guidance regarding what should be removed and what should not.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

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Lake Operations Director – Dean Givens reported the activities of the Lake Operations Department. (Please see attached report)

Mr. Givens also led a discussion regarding river dredging. Mark Helms made a motion to recommend that town council not do any dredging projects in the river this year and that all funds that would have been used for river dredging go into contingency for future use. The board also recognized a need for dredging to be considered a high priority in future budget planning. Tom McKay seconded the motion and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Town Council / Marine Commission Liaison:

Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey reported that at the last town council meeting representatives for Tim Fisk, owner of a boathouse that is not in compliance, asked for a continuation of a hearing to appeal of the Board of Adjustment/Lake Structure Appeals Board's decision regarding the boathouse. Town Council voted to not grant the requested continuance and to uphold the Lake Structure Appeals Board's decision.

Commissioner Mary Ann Silvey also reported that at the two day offsite workshop held by town council, former mayor Jim Proctor and former commissioner Russ Pitts made a presentation regarding the "Law of Lake Lure". They suggested that the NC Wildlife may assist in removing unwanted beavers and otters if the town asked for their assistance.

Reports from areas of responsibility:

Commercial & Recreational – Nothing to report

Fishery & Ecosystem – Clint Calhoun suggested that, based on Tom McKay's idea presented at the last LAB meeting, he would like to work with Tom to create a survey for fishermen to aid in scientific research.

Lake Structures – Mark Helms expressed concerns about issues regarding boathouse footers on the lake that have been revealed while the lake is down. Mr. Helms agreed to work with town manager Chris Braund and environmental management officer Clint Calhoun to look at lake structures and compare structures with riprap and without and look for things that are working and let people know what is working for current lake structures and what is not. This research will help in establishing standard recommendations for footers on boathouses.

Dam & Sewer Operations, Water Quality – Nothing to report

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea H. Calvert