

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 8th day of January, 2007 at 6:30pm.

Attendees:

Bob Washburn (Chairman)
Ross Worden (Vice President)
Chris Braund (Secretary)
Bob Keith
Gary Hasenfus
Blaine Cox
Russ Pitts (Council Liaison)

Non-Attending Members:

Wiley Bourne

Guests:

Bo Williams
Chief Eric Hester

General Meeting Actions:

- Chairman Washburn called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.
- December meeting minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously (with an edit to the starting time of the meeting).
- Election of officers
 - Chairman – Bob Washburn (Ross nominated, Blaine seconded – approved unanimously)
 - Vice Chairman – Chris Braund (Ross nominated, Gary seconded – approved unanimously)
 - Secretary – Chris Braund (Gary nominated, Ross seconded – approved unanimously)
- Assignment of areas of responsibility
 - Lake Structures - Wiley (w/support from Blaine)
 - VWIN / Dam - Gary (one more year)
 - Fishing & Ecosystems – Ross
 - Recreation & Commercial – Blaine
 - Water Quality / Emergency Preparedness – Bob Keith
 - Law Enforcement - Chris
 - Dredging – Bob Washburn
- Review of 2007 meeting schedule – Blaine moved to approve, Ross seconded, approved unanimously
- Discussion of recommended 2007 boat permits
 - Blaine moved we recommend the discussed and amended boat permit schedule. Ross seconded, approved unanimously.
- Lake Use Regulations – Bob reviewed some sections that need to be adjusted:
 - Amending the maximum number of boat permits available to match the recommended boat permit schedule above
 - Language to restrict the age of operators of motorized boats
 - Adding land development companies and POA's, house rentals to the list of commercial activities and the rental or use of a boat by these organizations.
 - Bob Keith moved to approve the revisions, Ross seconded, approved unanimously.

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- Two proposals have been received for fishery management consulting. One for \$8800 (Blue Ridge Ecological from Waynesville) and one for \$20,000 (Barbara Wiggins). The RFP will be sent to three other organizations from the Charlotte area. Gary will request that Blue Ridge include a preliminary meeting with the LAC and the local fishing guides. The LAC recommends that the council approves the Blue Ridge Ecological proposal for assistance with fisheries management (price not to exceed \$10,000). Gary moved, Ross seconded, approved unanimously.
- Discussion of the Lake Management Plan & Land Design (Comprehensive Plan authors): The CPSC has asked the LAC to take the 1999 Lake Management Plan and update the outline for each responsibility area in 2007. We should propose town policies that should be included in the town's comprehensive plan. Each LAC member is to complete their area of responsibility by the end of the month. Scheduled for Friday the 26th at 3:00 in the afternoon.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:25p.m.

Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:

Fishing & Ecosystem – Ross Worden reported:

- Due to the lake being drawn down, I've been unable to get out there.
- My observations from shore are that the lake is full of junk presently.
- We still do not have a deep water ramp (that I know of). Maybe we can get volunteers to help me shovel out a canal at the boat ramp at Rumbling Bald.

Lake Structures – Wiley Bourne reported:

- Chris and I will do an inventory of marina and cluster moorings after I return from a trip on January 16. I have the responsibility to contact Chris (after Jan. 16) to set this up.
- I recommend that we dedicate as much of the February meeting as possible to the subject of revisions in the Lake Structures Regs. which was begun at the Dec. meeting. Bob and I will get together prior to the Feb. meeting to prepare for this.

Dredging – Bob Washburn reported:

- Lake Norman dredging is still in the river channel and plans to remove the 17,200 cubic yards of material @ \$10 per cubic yard - project to be completed within the next few weeks.
- Excavation in the town bay near the ABC dock is planned - no bids are on the table as of yet.
- Excavation around the docks at Rumbling Bald is also in the negotiation mode.
- Blue Heron Point's work to reclaim the areas of the coves that were impacted by their land disturbance is still in the staging mode.
- The removal of spoils from the north spoils area is being handled by an independent contractor - no cost to the town.
- Lake Norman Dredging is still interested in trading out work for the town's dredge - no offer is on the table - as of today.

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Law Enforcement – Chris Braund reported:

2006 Police Log	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOT
Lake Patrol		2	10	24	38	50	46	32	24	22	12		260
Cove Check		54	162	326	380	549	534	372	401	417	277		3472
Safety Check (lake)			2	64	65	40	39	30	4	6	10		260
Permit Check (lake)				66	77	141	118	61	46	46	29		584
Life Jacket Check					4	5	8		3				20
Fishing License Check					46	34	18	26	33	21	6		184
Boat Inspection								3	4				7
Boater Assist													0
Stranded Boat			1	4	3		3		1	2	1		15
Towed Stranded Boat													0
Overturned Boat													0
Citation (lake)								3					3
Lake Ordinance Violation													0
Lake Alcohol Enforcement									2				2
Alcohol Citation (lake)													0
Boating While Impaired													0
Unauthorized Swimmer													0
Verbal Warning (lake)					7			11	4				22
Written Warnings (lake)					4								4
Warning Citation (lake)													0

- The Citizens on Patrol program currently has 4-5 trained volunteers that have been assisting with land- and water-based police activities. Starting this spring, these volunteers will begin lake patrols in the old police boat. Although they will not have enforcement authority, they will be able to aid, assist and educate boaters. They will be able to radio for enforcement support if needed.
- The first civil-fine ticket was issued for lake regulations violation...failure to have a boat permit.

Community Development Department – 2006 Lake Related Activities

- Lake Structure Variance Requests: 6 (2 approved, 4 denied)
- Erosion Control Boat Hours Logged: 22.5
- Zoning Administration Boat Hours Logged: 18
- Lake Structures Administration Boat Hours Logged: 13
- Lake Structure Permit applications received: 24
- Lake Structure Permit applications processed: 16
- Lake Structure Certificate of Occupancy issued: 12
- Lake Structure Complaints logged: 5
- Lake Structure Complaints investigated: 8
- Lake Structure Permit applications received:
 - 2006 24
 - 2005 28
 - 2004 77
 - 2003 47
 - 2002 32
 - 2001 56

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Recreation & Commercial Activities – Blaine Cox reported:

- No report this month

Emergency Preparedness / Water Quality - Bob Keith Reported:

- No report this month

Dam Operations & Sewer System - Gary Hasenfus reported:

- Pressure washing currently in progress! Seems the first company contracted withdrew and another company had to be located and contracted. No clear timetable has been established for completion...may depend upon the weather and other factors.
- A recent dam inspection completed on October 18, 2006 by Ed Luttrell, from the firm of Devine, Tarbell & Associates revealed no serious problems. In fact, the four recommendations were "basic" in nature. [PDF of inspection report provided by Bob W.]
- Lake levels have been erratic by a foot or two ...due to rain and hydroelectric activity.....have not heard of any contractor complaints, but I suspect this may have created some problems.
- Manhole covers and support surfaces to be repaired where necessary...no timetable.
- Sewer "smoking" still not completed....you get the sense that this must be a low priority item.

VWIN Coordinator, Gary Hasenfus reported:

- Samples collected on December 16, 2006 as usual....samples delivered to UNCA on December 18, 2006 for evaluation. The December report was normal and in range.
- Effective February 1, 2007 we will have a need for a volunteer to sample Cane Creek. Please forward any names of folks that would be interested in helping.
- Stream sample will be collected on January 27, 2007 as we are back on a regular schedule.

Recap of Motions Passed:

- Election of officers
- Approval of 2007 meeting schedule
- Approval of recommended 2007 boat permit fee schedule
- Approval of recommended updates to Lake Use Regulations
- The LAC recommends that the council approves the Blue Ridge Ecological proposal for assistance with fisheries management (price not to exceed \$10,000).

Recap of Open Action Items:

From December meeting

- [Wiley and Chris] Conduct an inventory of the cluster moorings and marinas. We will then flag all that appear to be out of compliance for further review and dispensation by the town.

From January meeting

- [Chris] Work with Chief Hester on a solution for disabling boats that are in violation.
- [All] prepare comprehensive plan policy recommendations for LAC areas of responsibility. These are due before January 26th.

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- [Gary] Request that Blue Ridge Ecological include a preliminary meeting with the LAC and the local fishing guides in their proposal and estimate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Braund, Secretary LAC