

# 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 7th day of May, 2007 at 6:30pm.

### **Attendees:**

Bob Washburn (Chairman)  
Chris Braund (Secretary & V-Ch)  
Wiley Bourne  
Bob Keith  
Gary Hasenfus  
Blaine Cox  
Russ Pitts (Council Liaison)

### **Non-Attending Members:**

### **Guests:**

Bo Williams  
John Cloud

### **General Meeting Actions:**

- Chairman Washburn called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
- March and April meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
- The NC Lake Management Society is holding a workshop in Greensboro on May 22th. They would like someone from the LAC to attend and make a short presentation on our activities. Chris will check his schedule. Russ is also working with NALMS (North American Lake Management Society) about a similar briefing at their upcoming meeting in Orlando.
- Bob toured the lake with the town crew to review debris removal and buoy relocation work to be done.
- Discussion about the letter submitted by the Iwaoka's with photos showing erosion behind their boathouse (in a no wake cove). There is no seawall on this portion of their property. Bob turned the information over to Teresa Reid and Clint Calhoun, who are working with the owners on solutions to stabilize the situation. Bob will respond to them in a letter.
- There was a meeting with engineers from FEMA concerning establishing the Lake Lure floodplain at 999 feet. This would have implications for several property owners. They agreed to send surveyors to shoot elevations at the dam. The dam goes from 991 to 1000 feet. We're awaiting their final evaluation on the flood plain level.
- The town's Comprehensive Plan now contains all of the revisions to the Lake Management sections.
- Meeting recessed at 9:03 p.m., to be resumed on Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>, at which time there will be a lake structures regulation workshop with Shannon, Teresa and Mike Egan.

### **Individual Meeting Reports and Actions:**

#### **Lake Structures – Wiley Bourne reported:**

- On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Chris and Bob W. met with Shannon and Teresa to review the 2007 Inventory of Marinas & Cluster Moorings. They are moving forward on the identified action items.
- Wiley made a motion regarding the initial inventory of marinas and cluster moorings. Blaine seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

The LAC recommends that:

1. The Community Development Department should take ownership of the 2007 Marina and Cluster Mooring Inventory document, resolve any remaining questions on the content and should complete all recommended action items.

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2. The Town Council should adopt the initial inventory as presented by the CDD and address any specific issues and recommendations.
  3. The Town Council should direct CDD staff to re-inventory, update and publish the document annually.
- Review and discussion of recommended amendments to the lake structures regulations, particularly the definitions of commercial use of lake structures and section 94.06.
  - John Cloud suggested that the town council should enact an ordinance that requires a re-certification of septic systems or sewer connections before any real estate sale be consummated.

### **Dredging – Bob Washburn reported:**

- No report

### **Law Enforcement – Chris Braund reported:**

- The new police boat is back in action (after repairing muskrat damage to it's electronics) and is on regular patrol. The Chief said there's nothing unusual to report. Russ has been working with the Chief to test out a weatherproof laptop for use on the water. It will contain a copy (updated weekly) of the boat permit database.
- Discussion about standard operating procedures for town employees to wear PFD's when in town boats.
- Boat Permits sold through April 24th:
  - 548 resident annual motorized >10hp (limited to 1,000)
  - 18 nonresident annual motorized (limited to 50)
  - NEW: 12 resident annual motorized 10hp or less
  - NEW: 13 peak season weekday only (5 resident, 8 nonresident)
  - 20 complimentary motorized
- Boating Safety:
  - NCWRC boating safety classes will be held at the municipal center on July 23 & 24 from 6-9pm, and again on August 20 & 21 from 6-9pm.
  - The Lake Lure Coast Guard Auxiliary will be performing free boat safety inspections on May 19th from 10am-3pm at the Rumbling Bald Resort ramp. At their last event at the Town Marina, 3 of their members inspected 19 boats. Bob Keith reported that he's heard some good feedback from participating boaters.

### **Recreation & Commercial Activities – Blaine Cox reported:**

- The Marine Commission approved the recommendations (from last meeting) to approve the Dragon Boat racing and deny the request for Camp Care boats in a peak season week.
- The Dragon Boat organizers are concerned about the depth of the river. They are now looking at 30-foot boats with 20 rowers. They are trying to become a 509c(3) organization linked with Camp Lurecrest as their charity.

### **Emergency Preparedness / Water Quality - Bob Keith Reported:**

- The fireboat dock (at Rumbling Bald) has been repaired and the fireboat is moored there now.

### **Fishing & Ecosystem – Gary Hasenfus reported:**

- Blue Ridge Ecological has been very active on the lake during the month of April. The angler diary-survey has been on going since mid March and will continue thru the month of May.

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Electro fishing and gill netting took place in late April. It was common to see Wes, Ben and Mike working long hours on the lake in all weather conditions.....especially the WIND. Blue Ridge will continue to study the water quality, the fish population and total environment thru May with emphasis on creel surveys.

- We need to be looking toward a date and time in June for the presentation of their findings (perhaps a Friday afternoon).

### **Dam Operations & Sewer System - Gary Hasenfus reported:**

- Dam painting continues as weather permits. Current progress is good and the results are becoming obvious. An interesting fact, the river side of the dam is in the "original" state without painting....William can not remember any attention to the river side ...at least for his tenure.
- Work continues on the sewer plant with emphasis on the solids tank. The REDUCED daily volume of between 150,000 and 200,000 gallons continues. Explanations range from "dead alligators" to giant "man-eating" cat fish which have filled a void in the system.....flesh will decompose, plastic, rocks, or other matter may continue to reduce the flow.....time will tell.

### **VWIN Coordinator, Gary Hasenfus reported:**

- Normal collections were completed on April 28, 2007, except for the actual lake samples. The coordinator has been without a boat due to mechanical problems.....

### **Council Liaison Notes, Russ Pitts reported:**

- Russ is working with Clint Calhoun to get a streamlined, blanket permit in place for citizens that wish to add riprap in front of a seawall for shoreline stabilization. This would eliminate the need for multiple state and town approvals.
- Russ is working on sourcing a new fuel pump for the town's gas dock with a credit card swipe machine.

### **Recap of Motions Passed:**

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### **Recap of Open Action Items:**

#### ***From February meeting***

- [Chris] Attend a meeting of the Lake Lure Coast Guard Auxiliary unit.
- [LAC] Develop lake commercial license criterion for yacht club commercial usage. These parameters need to be developed in a manner that intends to preserve the original intent/impact of the R1 zone.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Braund, Secretary LAC