

Boating Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
6:30 PM – January 14, 2010
[Spicer House – Noank, CT](#)

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1. Call to order 6:35
2. Roll Call: J. Lokken, B. Grady, E. Monahan, T. Tobin, J. Komorowski, P. Butta, K. Talbot, B. Robinson
3. Minutes approved as corrected.
4. Correspondence/Communication: Butta reported that J. Silsby notified P&R that the Parks and Recreation budget request includes \$2500 for the Spicer Park dock. The BAB will need to make a supporting recommendation as soon as possible. The P&R Commission voted to endorse the BAB's recommendation at its meeting 01/13/10.
5. The following recommendation was drafted by the BAB:

The Boating Advisory Board recommends that the Spicer Park dock maintenance expense be viewed as a part of the Park maintenance cost and that it be funded through the Parks budget. Presently, the cost covered by user fees collected from participants in boating programs.

Please consider the following points:

- Maintenance of other P&R outdoor facilities is included in the Parks Budget.
- The dock is available for general public use and is not used exclusively for boating programs.
- The availability of a well-maintained dock is crucial for the continued provision of boating opportunities for our residents, and will be vital to the success of adaptive boating programs.
- Furthermore, a well-maintained dock is essential for safety of all users.

Whereas the goal of the BAB is to increase citizen access to water related resources, this recommendation is unanimously endorsed by members of the Board.

The above measure passed unanimously.

6. Old Business

Municipal owned water properties:

J. Lokken contacted Planning and Zoning regarding boat locking at Esker Point and will follow through to obtain any necessary approval. The intended use would be for seasonal or transient storage of small boats (e.g. Sunfish).

Peruzzotti Boat Launch: Lokken reported that small boats could be stored on racks adjacent to the launch area.

Robinson questioned reason for prohibition against using Noank Town Dock to tie up dinghies. Lokken will make inquiries and report back to the BAB.

Healthy Groton Month:

Monahan has contacted rowing shell dealers (D. Avery at Mystic River Boathouse and D. Arenberg at Wintech) regarding the rowing shell demonstration on May 15.

Robinson has contacted representatives of Vanguard, Laser, Bic and Pixel sailboats regarding May 8 demonstration.

Grady has contacted Wilderness Systems and Old Town, and both have agreed to May 8. He is still waiting to hear from additional vendors.

7. New Business

Spicer Park shelter for rowing shells – Capital Improvement Project:

Lokken reported that the Town Council has approved \$10,000 for purchase of supplies to build a shelter for the 4x and 8x shells, which are currently stored on outdoor racks. A community volunteer effort is needed to build the structure. Tobin inquired if someone with engineering knowledge is available to supervise the construction. Robinson will ask her husband, who operates a construction business, if he could review the plans and assist.

Steps to Spicer Beach for launching kayaks:

Tobin suggested that steps be constructed next to the rowing dock to facilitate launching of kayaks. Lokken noted that steps would need to be located below the high water mark. Grady suggested possible use of

interlocking flotation cubes. Lokken will check with Eileen Cicchese on possible ways to improve access for kayaks.

8. Next meeting date changed to Thursday, 2/25, at 6:30 PM.

9. Adjournment: 8:00 PM.

Submitted by: Kit Talbot