

Boating Advisory Board  
Minutes  
6:30 p.m. - Thursday, March 11, 2010  
Spicer House – Noank, CT

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1. The meeting was called to order by Jack Komorowski at 6:45 PM.
2. Roll Call: J. Komorowski, E. Monahan, B. Robinson, K. Talbot, G. O'Brien (via phone) J. Lokken, G. Leonard, Liason to Parks and Recreation Commission.
3. Minutes of meeting, January 14, 2010, approved with correction.
4. Correspondence/Communications
  - Spicer Park Dock budget request – Lokken reported that the public hearing on the budget is scheduled for March 9. The BAB request for funding Spicer Park dock maintenance was presented to the Town Manager, but is not expected to be included in the budget. Leonard reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission voted to support the request. BAB may wish to have a representative attend the budget hearing to advocate for dock funds.
5. Reports: None
6. Old Business
  - Municipal-owned water properties – Lokken recommended that marketing materials include all public access points, not only those owned by the Town. The proposed brochure would include a map showing access points, accompanied by an on-line map with informational links for each site. Lokken will have map revised to show all available properties and eliminate any that are not available for boating access (e.g. Noank Main St. location).
  - Esker Point Beach – temporary boat locking cable. Lokken has received verbal approval from Noank Zoning and will follow up on written approval.

- Peruzzotti Boat Launch – Lokken suggested that BAB visit site to consider ways to increase use by boaters. For those interested, the BAB members will meet at the Peruzzoti Boat Launch at 6:00 PM, April 8, to view the site and then return to the Spicer House for meeting the regular meeting at 6:30.
- Healthy Groton Month demo events
  - Monahan reported that Wintech would like to attend the Spicer Park demonstration of rowing craft on May 15, but may not have staffing for the event. Monahan will maintain contact with Wintech and report to BAB as information becomes available.
  - Robinson reported that there will be numerous vendors (with “cool stuff”) present for the May 8 event at Esker Point Beach.
  - P&R will advertise events in local papers and Discover magazine.
- Spicer Park shelter for rowing shells – Capital Improvement Project:
  - Robinson’s husband, Mark Robinson, reviewed the drawings and made suggestions regarding oar storage. It was noted, however, that a more recent set of drawings included specifications for storage of boats and oars.
  - O’Brien commented that the final location of the shelter will need to be adjusted to avoid damage to trees, and that the site will need to be leveled. Lokken stated that the Town tree warden has been consulted and would be involved in locating the shelter. O’Brien noted that Town engineering staff will need to provide technical support and that exact specifications must be followed to ensure proper storage of boats. Lokken will obtain revised version of the plans.
  - Lokken has contacted Grasso Tech about the possibility of constructing the shelter as class project.

- Steps to Spicer Beach for launching of kayaks – Lokken has explored possibility of using grant funds to construct steps to right of Spicer Park dock to increase access for people with disabilities.

#### 7. New Business

- Noank Town Dock – swim buoy and dock repairs. Lokken reported that dock is available for transient use by dinghies. Swim buoy is not recommended at this time because it may violate DEP regulations. P&R preference is to increase communication with police and neighbors regarding use of facility. Lokken suggested that BAB may wish to invite Harbor Master, Jim Giblin to meeting on 4/8 to discuss the matter.
- Update on Shellfish lease in Noank – The Main St. property is leased by the Shellfish Commission and is not available for boat launching.
- Robinson reported that deadlines for possible local grants are coming up. Lokken stated that P&R needs to obtain approval from Town Council before submitting applications. He requested that information be given directly to him, and that members provide assistance with writing applications.
- Monahan requested that members be asked to respond to agenda announcements indicating if they will be in attendance at meetings.

8. Next Meeting Date – April 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. – Spicer House

9. Adjournment: 7:45 PM

Submitted by Kit Talbot