



**Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 6, 2025**

**Call to Order**

Chair Kathie Hatfield called to order the January 6, 2025 at 3:30 pm.

**Roll Call**

***Board Members present:***

Chairman Kathleen Hatfield

Mr. Richard Sayles

Mr. Dave Lusk

Mr. Mark Helms

Mr. Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Jim Lemmons

***Absent:***

Ms. Sonya Ledford

***Town Council Members & Town Representatives present:***

Councilman Dave DiOiro, Council Liaison

Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation & Lake Director

Council Scott Doster

Council Jim Proctor

Olivia Stewman, Town Manager

**Members of the Public**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for the January 6, 2025 board meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of addition of VI-B - 2025 Lake Use Fee Schedule. Mr. Hasenfus seconded the motion, and all members were in favor.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the September 9, 2024 Lake Advisory Board Meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sayles seconded the motion, and all members were in favor.**

**Chair/Vice Chair Communications**

Chair Hatfield thanked all attendees to the first Lake Advisory Board meeting post-Helene.

### **Public Comment**

Anthony Steffel, 320 Holmstead Dr. asked if the Army Corps of Engineers would be coming back around for continued lake cleanup after the initial pass. Director Bradley informed that ACE will be making repeated passes to do a thorough clearing.

### **LAB Reports and Comments**

#### **Regulations & Law Enforcement**

No report was provided.

#### **2025 Lake Use Fee Schedule**

The board reviewed the dates of the monthly meetings of the first Monday of each month and determined that all dates, with the exception of September, being acceptable. September

#### **Report from Council Liaison**

Councilman DiOrio spoke at length on the priority of the Town Council to get the Lake back to a healthy state. From that will flow the other priority of the health of area businesses and subsequently the community.

Mr. DiOrio gave an outline of projects that are addressing the health of the Lake.

- The Parks, Recreation & Lake Department obtaining water samples for testing, with results being better than expected.
- To proceed with the next stage of their debris removal strategy, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) recently finished a bathymetric analysis of the Lake.
- We have representatives who are advocating this area, and requests for federal and state assistance have been made.
- A manual inspection of the dam valve's operation is anticipated in the near future. The valve placement will allow the lake to be dropped significantly for extensive silt/sediment removal.
- AshBritt is committed and working to clear the surface and shoreline.

He reported that many residents/property owners have been amenable to allowing property access for whatever the Town and FEMA/AshBritt need. The town hopes other resident/property owners will be as agreeable and consider their offerings as a benefit to the fellow citizens as well as the Town.

#### **Report From Lake Operations**

Director Bradley updated the board on the progress of recovering motorized boats off the Lake. She reported that water samples are tested on a regular basis with results being better than anticipated.

#### **Fishery & Ecosystem**

Ms. Hasenfus reported that it is too early to determine the storm's impact on the fish population of Lake Lure. Mr. Hasenfus and Director Bradley suggested that the Town proceed with Threadfin Shad stocking once more this year. There was discussion that previously installed fish habitats were wiped out but new habitats were left in the wake of the storm. He noted that Christmas trees would not be collected for installation this year. Mr. Helms noted that he had not seen any dead fish on the Lake, but has seen live fish.

**Emergency Preparedness & Response**

Mr. Lusk stated that the emergency sirens were effective during the storm. The fireboat has been repaired and is operational.

**Unfinished Business**

**Lake Use Regulations 2024/25 Updates**

Chair Hatfield led the board in a discussion regarding their recommendations for changes for the 2025 Lake Use Regulations. **Mr. Sayles made a motion to recommend to Marine Commission, the discussed and presented changes to the Lake Use Regulations for 2025. Mr. Lemmons seconded the motion. All members were in favor.**

**New Business**

**2025 LAB Meeting Schedule**

The board discussed the 2025 LAB meeting schedule dates and locations. **Mr. Helms made a motion to accept the schedule with the September’s date changed to September 8, 2025 and the locations to remain as presented with the exception of the January meeting being held at the Lake Lure Fire Department. Mr. Hasenfus seconded the motion. All members were in favor.**

**Marina Permit Application – 0 Memorial Highway Parcel #1618199**

The Board listened to and discussed James Sciandra’s proposal at length. The board determined that the proposal is in compliance on all points that pertain to the Lake Advisory Board’s scope. **Mr. Lusk made a motion to recommend approval to the Marine Commission with consideration of the possible traffic implications on the water in this area. Mr. Sayles seconded the motion. All members were in favor.**

**Adjournment**

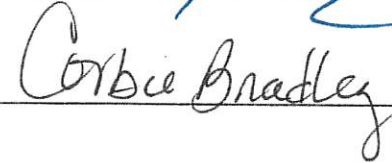
**Mr. Lusk made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 6:07 p.m. Mr. Helms seconded the motion, and all members were in favor.**

Minutes were transcribed by Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk.

The next regular meeting of the Lake Advisory Board will be February 3, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. at the Arcade Building.

ATTEST:

  
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Kathleen M. Hatfield, Chair

  
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Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk