

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2022, 4:00 P.M. AT THE LAKE LURE TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carol C. Pritchett  
Mayor Pro Tem David DiOrio  
Commissioner Patrick Bryant  
Commissioner Jim Proctor  
Commissioner Scott Doster

William Morgan, Jr., Town Attorney  
William Hank Perkins, Jr., Town Manager  
Dean Givens, Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director  
Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Coordinator

**ABSENT:** N/A

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**II. AGENDA ADOPTION**

Commissioner Doster noted that the Boy Scouts presentation will be postponed until June. Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to adopt the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Pritchett invited members of the audience to speak.

Donald Freeman, 1423 Bear Creek Road, Leicester, NC explained that he is a non-resident fisherman and expressed concern in regard to restrictions placed on non-residents and fishermen this year. Mr. Freeman detailed that the issue with the daily permit for non-residents is that fishermen like to fish early in the morning and permits are not sold until later in the morning. Mr. Freeman also expressed concern with the 10 HP limitation. Mr. Freeman noted that it is difficult to turn around for the launching spots from the green space where the permits are not sold this year. Mr. Freeman explained that he has enjoyed the lake for years and has never experienced a problem with non-residents, but has experienced issues with residents. Mr. Freeman expressed that

there are not many fishermen throughout the week at one time. Mr. Freeman stated that he can no longer fish on Lake Lure because of the new regulations and asked for reconsideration for non-resident fishermen restrictions. Mr. Freeman expressed support for the new speed limit. Commissioner DiOrio explained that permits can be bought at the Marina and in advance. Commissioner DiOrio noted town is developing a protocol to allow a lock boxes for permit pickup outside of office hours and permit holders will need to identify days that will be on the Lake. Mr. Freeman expressed that he would like to buy an annual fishing permit that was available in the past. DiOrio expressed that the weekend peak season congestion is the issue. Commissioner DiOrio explained that comments will be considered and addressed.

#### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pritchett presented the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any proposed changes before calling for action.

Commissioner Proctor made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Therefore, the Consent Agenda incorporating the following item was unanimously approved:

- A. Approval of the December 13, 2022 Regular Marine Commission Meeting Minutes

#### **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. REQUEST TO APPEAL DENIAL OF 2023 BOAT PERMIT FOR 2020 NAUTIQUE GS20 EXCEEDING THE 4,000 POUND LIMIT**

Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director Dean Givens explained that this year, staff is building a new boat database, and are requiring specifications and enforcing lake use regulations for each individual permit. Director Givens stated that upon checking this information for Mr. Brian Walker's permit, it was identified that his boat was about 4,090 lbs. and the limit is 4,000 lb. dry weight. Director Givens explained that because the boat was not in regulation, the Town denied Mr. Walker's permit, and Mr. Walker would like to appeal this to Marine Commission. It was noted Mr. Walker has been pleasant to work with and that the permit was denied only because of the lake use regulations.

Commissioner DiOrio noted that this boat had been address previously, as the Town was aware the boat could be a problem in terms of weight. Commissioner DiOrio also noted that Mr. Walker worked with the Town to use a weight ticket process and Mr. Walker was issued a permit for the boat in past years. It was detailed that the trailer manufacturer had also made a mistake which sent the boat weight over the limit. Commissioner DiOrio expressed that Mr. Walker made

a good faith effort to do the right thing, and expressed support for waiving the permit denial. Commissioner Doster agreed. Commissioner Proctor also agreed and noted that taking all items of the boat would likely result in the boat being in compliance with the weight limit. Mayor Pritchett expressed that Marine Commission is dedicated to enforcing the lake use regulations, but noted that there are extenuated circumstances in this situation because permits were granted for the boat previously and precedence is not being set.

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to grant the request to appeal denial of 2023 boat permit for 2020 Nautique GS20 exceeding the 4,000 pound limit. Commissioner Doster seconded and all voted in favor.

Mr. Walker thanked Marine Commission and asked if this process will have to be taken annually. Director Givens answered no and that the meeting minutes detailing this decision will be attached to permit applications in the future.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

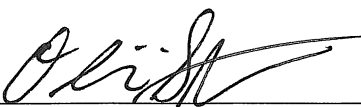
### **B. BOY SCOUTS TROOP 605 ANNUAL REPORT**


This item was postponed until June.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Commissioner Proctor made a motion to adjourn the meeting 4:19 p.m. Commissioner Bryant seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:

  
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Olivia Stewman,  
Town Clerk

  
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Mayor Carol C. Pritchett

