



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 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 David DiOrio made a motion to add item C to Section Vi for Lake Advisory Board presentation and explained that all other boards will be presenting during the Town Council meeting, but it was determined that it would be more appropriate for the Lake Advisory Board to present to the Marine Commission. Commissioner Jim Proctor seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pritchett invited members of the audience to speak.

There were no comments from the public.

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 DiOrio seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Therefore, the Consent Agenda incorporating the following item was unanimously approved:

- A. Approval of the September 13, 2022 Regular Marine Commission Meeting Minutes and the September 26, 2022 Special Marine Commission Meeting Minutes
- B. Adoption of the 2023 Marine Commission Meeting Schedule

LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
March 14, 2023	Lake Lure Municipal Center/Virtual	4:00 p.m.	Regular
June 13, 2023	Lake Lure Municipal Center/Virtual	4:00 p.m.	Regular
September 12, 2023	Lake Lure Municipal Center/Virtual	4:00 p.m.	Regular
December 12, 2023	Lake Lure Municipal Center/Virtual	4:00 p.m.	Regular

* Regular Lake Lure Marine Commission meetings are held four times per year during the months of March, June, September, and December on the second Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2023 LAKE USE FEE SCHEDULE

Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director Dean Givens explained that the 2023 fee schedule includes a new 90-day permit for boats not being registered in North Carolina per state law. Director Givens also explained that service and fishing guides have been merged into the commercial category, there is an adjusted fee for out of area businesses, an out of area commercial non-motorized permit, a boat slip moving fee and a late payment fee. Director Givens noted that the weekly timeshare fee had been updated to equate to the same price as an annual resident permit. Director Givens added that there had been updates to daily fees and a \$30 fee had been added for non-peak season daily motorized permits.

Commissioner DiOrio noted that there are no longer any weekly permits. Commissioner DiOrio also noted that the Town is limiting non-resident annual motorized to only those with a slip on the lake and that the off-season daily fee was reduced as a result because it should neutralize changes.

Director Givens noted that the main goal is to make the lake safer and that changes are being made in order to grant Lake Lure residents a more tranquil lake experience.

Commissioner Proctor asked if the 90-day permit is for residents or non-residents and Director Givens answered that it is for residents. Commissioner Proctor recommended adding that clarification to the fee schedule. Commissioner Proctor noted that it would make sense to place the 90-day permit under the resident section and Commissioner DiOrio agreed.

Commissioners discussed the importance of regulation enforcement.

Director Givens noted that in the non-resident section, there should be a non-resident annual motorized permit offered for those with a boat slip which is proposed to be \$650 and that it needs to be added. Director Givens requested that Commissioners add this during a motion to approve the fee schedule. Commissioner DiOrio recommended adding verbiage to this for clarification.

Manager Perkins asked if daily non-residents are allowed on the weekends during peak season and Director Givens answered no. Manager Perkins recommended clarifying this.

Commissioner discussed recommended change for the addition of the 90-day permit under the resident section and the addition of the non-resident annual motorized permit.

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to adopt the 2023 Lake Use Fee Schedule, with amendments discussed. Commissioner Bryant seconded and all voted in favor.

The 2023 Lake Use Fee Schedule was adopted as follows:

**TOWN OF LAKE
LURE
FY 2023 FEE SCHEDULE**

LAKE USE	Note: Lake Fees are adopted each Calendar Year		Effective: 2023
RESIDENT Boat Permits	Annual Fee	Weekly Fee	Daily Fee
Resident Annual Motorized Boat Permit	\$300		
Resident Annual Motorized 10hp or less Boat Permit	\$100		
90-Day Motorized (\$50 administration fee included)	\$350	90-Day	\$350
Resident Annual Non-motorized Boat Permit	\$40		
NON-RESIDENT Boat Permits			
Non-resident Annual Motorized (Boat slip lease required)	\$650		
Non-resident Annual Motorized 10hp or Less Boat Permit	\$350		
Non-resident Annual Non-motorized Boat Permit	\$100		
MISCELLANEOUS Boat Permits			
Daily Motorized Boat Permit (Peak Season Weekday Only)			\$60
Daily Motorized Boat Permit (Non-peak Season)			\$30
Daily Non-motorized Boat Permit			\$25
Weekly Timeshare Boat Permit		\$300	

Boat Permit Replacement Fee	\$15		
Temporary Permit (Special Use)	\$15		
Complimentary Annual Boat Permit – active volunteer firefighters, EMS, town employees (1 each per household)	1 complimentary		
COMMERCIAL Boat Permits			
Commercial License Fee	\$50		
Surcharge for Processing a Commercial License Application Received After the Deadline	\$200		
Livery	\$2,000		
Towed Water	\$2,000		
Tour Boats	\$3,000		
Service/Fishing Guides	\$1,000		
Service/Fishing Guides Out of area business	\$1,200		
Vacation Rentals	\$2,000		
Commercial Non-motorized	\$150		
Commercial Non-Motorized Out of Area Business	\$250		
Town Marina Slip Rentals		Annual Fee	
Annual Boat Slip Fee (Property Owners/Residents)	\$1,100		
Annual Boat Slip Fee (Non-residents)	\$1,500		
Boat Slip Move Fee	\$100		
Late Payment Fee	\$100		
Daily Boat Slip Fee (4 Day Minimum)	\$25		
Civil Penalties (Lake Citations)	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
Class A	\$125		
Class B	\$150	\$250	\$500
Class C (Non-motorized)	\$225	\$500	\$1,000
Class C (Motorized)	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
Class D	\$1,500	Revoked Indefinitely	
Lake Structure Applications			
Lake Structure Permit	\$400		
Shoreline Stabilization	\$0		
Seawall Exemption	\$240		
Decktop Accessory Structure	\$240		
Lake Structure Variance	\$240		
Lake Structure Adm. Appeal	\$300		
Commercial Lake Structure Fees (due March 31 each year)			
RVR over the water (fee for each taxed bedroom)	\$800		
Cluster Moorings			
Cluster Moorings (fee for each boat slip)	\$160		

VI. NEW BUSINESS

B. 2023 COMMERCIAL LICENSE BOATING MODEL

Director Givens provided Marine Commission with the proposed 2023 Commercial License Boating Model and provided an overview of the document. Director Givens noted that there are 73 businesses in the model and that the current amount of revenues from the model is \$18,000, but revenues may increase because there will likely be other applications at a later date.

Commissioner DiOrio asked if there are fewer vacation rentals in the model than usual and Director Givens answered that there are a few. Commissioner DiOrio noted that this may result in requests to join different categories the model in lieu of the vacancies in the vacation rental category. Commissioner DiOrio noted that all people who rent from liveries have been informed

of new training requirement. Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department staff reported that the training should be available soon and noted that if there are any issues with technology, the department will have paper copies available at the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Office.

Commissioner Bryant asked if those who submit an application after November 1st will still have to pay a \$100 fee and Director Givens answered yes.

Commissioner Doster made a motion to approve the 2023 Commercial License Boating Model, as presented. Commissioner Bryant seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

C. LAKE ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL PRESENTATION

Lake Advisory Board Chair Mark Helms presented the Board's annual report. Chair Helms noted that this year, the Board added three new members including Richard Sayles, Jim Lemmons, and Kathleen Hatfield. Chair Helms reported that the Board spent most of the year working on Lake Use Regulations updates and that notable changes include training requirements, horsepower and speed limits, watersport safety updates, initiatives to protect personal property, weekend congestion initiatives, eliminated non-serviceable boats on the lake, and enforcement of the 90-day North Carolina registration rule imposed by the state.

Chair Helms expressed that in the coming year, the Board plans to update the fishing survey and boat ramp barrier system, evaluate how new Lake Use Regulations are being implemented and enforced, assess impacts of the regulation changes, review the dredging plan, identify buoy locations, and more.

Mayor Pritchett asked if everyone who is driving a boat will need a license or just the boat owner and it was concluded all drivers will be required to obtain a license and that it is in the Lake Use Regulations.


Commissioner Doster asked for additional details regarding buoy location. Director Givens explained that he is going to launch a study with the Lake Advisory Board and review all buoys on the lake and determine if they are located in practical locations. Director Givens expanded that the Town spends about \$3,000 to \$4,000 on buoys each year. Director Givens expressed that he would like for the Lake Advisory Board to study where buoys are needed on the lake and make a recommendation to the Marine Commission. Commissioner DiOrio noted that there is an application process for buoys and that it has caused issues in the past.

Commissioners thanked the Lake Advisory Board and Chair Helms for their work.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Proctor made a motion to adjourn the meeting 4:31 p.m. Commissioner DiOrio seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:


Olivia Stewman,
Town Clerk


Mayor Carol C. Pritchett

