



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 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

Olivia Stewman, Town Clerk / Interim Manager
Dean Givens, Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director

ABSENT: N/A

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to approve the Agenda, as presented. Commissioner Proctor seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pritchett invited members of the audience to speak.

There was no public comment.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. ADDITIONAL LIVERY BOAT

Director Dean Givens explained that Carolina Properties has been in the commercial model for multiple years with a boat and trailer and they deliver boats to be used. Givens explained that this year, the organization was approved for one livery boat, but decided to buy a second boat. However, Givens Explained that Carolina Properties applied late for the second boat and the model is full.

Director Givens proposed that moving a vacation rental hours in the model would allow for the model to accommodate an additional livery that would meet the needs of Carolina Properties. Marine Commission members came to a consensus to give Givens authority to move vacation rental hours to livery.

Commissioner Proctor noted that he attended the Lake Advisory Board meeting this month and noted that the Lake Use Regulations explain that the definition for liveries states no lodging. There was question as to whether or not Carolina Properties' vessels classified as livery or vacation rental. Givens explained that it is livery because it provides watercraft rentals to operate long term and short term. Proctor noted that the Lake Use Regulations may need to be amended or updated. Commissioner DiOrio explained that it is a commercial operation with a livery classification. DiOrio provided history regarding commercial crafts and operations.

Commissioner Doster asked if this is a request for this year only. Givens noted that it will likely take place each year. Commissioner Doster asked if the town has any vacation rentals vacancies in the commercial model. Givens answered that there are 13 vacancies and the town typically has vacancies at the end of each year. Givens noted that the Town is still operating in 30 percent of model. It was questioned as to whether or not the boat is a backup or if both vessels would be on the lake? Givens answered that boat would be on the lake but also act as a backup in case one boat breaks down. Givens also noted that Carolina Properties has liability insurance for the additional boat and seem to follow the rules thoroughly.

Commissioner DiOrio noted that vacation rentals can change in the future. Commissioner Doster expressed that the Marine Commission would like to support the local business.

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to approve Carolina Properties' request for an additional livery boat permit. Commissioner Proctor second and the motion carried 4-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

B. DREDGING

Director Givens announced that the Town had been awarded the 2022 Dredging Grant for \$750,000 with a required \$250,000 match from town funds. Givens noted that the Town must spend the money within a certain time frame. Givens stated that there is a lot of dredging work this year and the money will be easily spent.

Givens asked Marine Commission for permission to dredge "at will" in the main channel at any time of the year, excluding June and July due to wake.

Mayor Pritchett asked if there will still be access from the marina. Givens said that there will still be access.

Commissioner DiOrio inquired how long until the Town should have access to dredge Firefly Cove. Givens noted that Town Attorney William Morgan sent an easement to property owners which is in the process of being negotiated.

Commissioner DiOrio asked if the Town will update the hydraulic dredging plan and post it if all goes according to plan. Commissioner DiOrio also asked what outcome Givens expects at the end of the year with excavation and the mining permit. Givens explained that he is still waiting on the mining permit and as soon as he gets that permit then the town should be able to proceed. Commissioner DiOrio asked if the plan will be revamped for excavation if the town gets the permit and approval. Givens answered yes, if the lake is drawn down. DiOrio asked if the Town can still make good use of hydraulic dredging if the permit is not received while not leave money on the table. Givens answered yes. It was asked if there is a choice, would the Town opt for the excavation rather than hydraulic. Givens noted that hydraulic is cheaper. Givens was questioned as to whether or not there a time limit on mining permit. Givens explained that the Town must pay a fee each year and the permit is renewed each year, but is being slightly modified this year.

Commissioners asked if the boom up. Givens said yes due to lake being down and debris.

Commissioner Doster made a motion to approve the request to dredge “at will” in the main channel at any time of the year, excluding June and July due to wake. Commissioner Proctor second and all voted in favor.

The Commissioners noted to make sure that this information is posted to the Town website.

III. NEW BUSINESS

C. REQUEST FROM LAKE LURE ROWING CLUB (LLRC)

Wade Oppliger with Lake Lure Rowing explained that he had submitted a proposal to get a moveable dock to get launched in the lake because the club has been water launching but with repairs on the ramp it is getting dangerous. Oppliger continued to explain that it would be safer to use a dock but a high dock is also dangerous. Oppliger noted that he has sent permitting information to Community Development Director Michael Williams, and now want 12 ft. wide Ramp which will be determined by location. Oppliger explained why approving this request would be beneficial to LLRC and the Town.

Commissioner DiOrio explained that before the Marine Commissioner can approve, permitting must be completed. Oppliger agreed but noted that some permit aspects such as construction and location will require an agreement. Commissioners concluded that they would need to know time span, which property is initially identified, does it meet zoning requirements, and additional information. Mr. Oppliger explained that much of this information is done but needs to be finalized adding that the location will be proposed to be on town property near ABC Store and will be long-term. Commissioner DiOrio noted that an address is needed in order for the town to have sufficient documentation. Oppliger explained that the Lake Lure Rowing Club would own and pay for the dock and noted that it would be similar to a concession agreement. Oppliger also noted that LLRC had built a similar dock on Lake Julien. Commissioners asked for a permit for the design of the dock and a developed agreement. It was asked if an agreement constitutes an address to operate on the lake, which was determined that it does. Commissioner DiOrio expressed

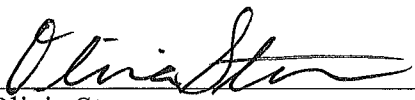
his opinion that this is a good plan. Bryant noted that it fits with model in constraints with the law and regulations.

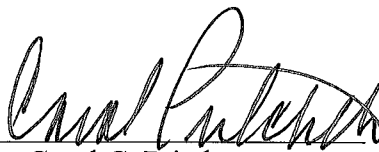
Council has consensus to allow Opplinger to gather additional information and propose an agreement with the Town.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Bryant made a motion to adjourn the meeting 4:39 p.m. Commissioner Doster seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:


Olivia Stewman,
Town Clerk


Mayor Carol C. Pritchett