

**LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING PACKET**

Tuesday, March 8, 2022



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

# **TOWN OF LAKE LURE**

## **Marine Commission Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, March 08, 2022 – 4:00 PM

Lake Lure Municipal Center



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## **Agenda**

### **I. Call to Order**

### **II. Agenda Adoption**

### **III. Public Comment**

*The public is invited to speak on any non-agenda and/or consent agenda topics. Comments should be limited to less than five minutes.*

### **IV. New Business**

A. Additional Livery Boat

B. Dredging

C. Request form Lake Lure Rowing Club (LLRC)

### **V. Adjournment**

# **III**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**If you would like to speak on topics other than those being discussed during a public hearing. Please keep comments at five minutes or less.**

# IV

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Additional Livery Boat
- B. Dredging
- C. Request from Lake Lure Rowing Club (LLRC)

**LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION  
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION  
Meeting Date: March 8, 2022**

**SUBJECT:** Additional Livery boat

**AGENDA INFORMATION:**

**Agenda Location:** New Business  
**Item Number:** A  
**Department:** Parks, Rec and Lake  
**Contact:** Dean Givens, PR&L Director  
**Presenter:** Dean Givens, PR&L Director

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** Carolina Properties, applied for and was granted 1 livery boat permit in the 2022 commercial model. Carolina Properties has since applied for a second livery permit for the 2022 season, however there are none available without adjusting the model. Currently we still have room for 14 Vacation Rental Boats (VR). If the Marine Commission so desires, the model could be adjusted to 13 (VR) to make room for 1 additional livery.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION AND REQUESTED ACTIONS:** To (approve/deny) Carolina properties request for an additional livery boat permit.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:** Email from Carolina Properties

**STAFF'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** To (approve/deny) Carolina properties request for an additional livery boat permit.

## Dean Givens

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**From:** Kevin Everhart <ke@carolinaproperties.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 18, 2022 3:59 PM  
**To:** Dean Givens  
**Subject:** Everhart Livery Application

Hello, Dean.

Regarding our recent commercial livery application, I would like to provide more details of how we will use this boat. I own the boat and have been a full-time employee at Carolina Properties in Lake Lure since 2017. The boat will be rented only to vacationers staying in any one of the fifteen lakefront homes managed by Carolina Properties. We have never, and will never meet with renters at the marina, or any other location besides the house in which they are staying.

We have offered one pontoon available to our lakefront guests for two years. Due to occasional minor repairs last year, we found that having a second is boat essential.

We require guests to reserve our boat for two consecutive days, rather than half-day or day reservations, meaning we serve a different market than the marina or other boat rental agencies. The boat is insured with Markel Insurance agency under an extensive commercial coverage policy with the Town of Lake Lure also named as a protected entity. Every guest receives 30+ minutes of boat handling training with myself on deck and the controls in the hands of our guests to practice under supervision. We provide 24-hour customer service to our guests, and our boat has USCG-approved floatation devices for maximum boat occupancy. We perform a ten-item checklist with each user and a thorough multi-point inspection to ensure our boat is fit for the water after each rental.

I hope this information is helpful.

Thank you,

*Kevin Everhart*  
*Carolina Properties*  
386-216-5604

**LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION  
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION  
Meeting Date: March 8, 2022**

**SUBJECT:** Dredging

**AGENDA INFORMATION:**

**Agenda Location:** New Business  
**Item Number:** B  
**Department:** Parks, Rec and Lake  
**Contact:** Dean Givens, PR&L Director  
**Presenter:** Dean Givens, PR&L Director

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The Town was awarded a grant from NCDEQ in the amount of \$750,000 with Town match of \$250,000 for a total of \$1,000,000 to be used for dredging in the calendar year of 2022. We are requesting to dredge in the main channel all year long as needed, with the exception of holiday-busy weeks. The dredge will be in an area of the main channel as to not create a significant boating obstruction and will be cordoned off using ropes and buoys.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION AND REQUESTED ACTIONS:** To (approve/deny) the request as is OR amended for main channel dredging

**FUNDING SOURCE:** Grant

**ATTACHMENTS:** Dredge area map

**STAFF'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Staff recommends approval as is or amended.

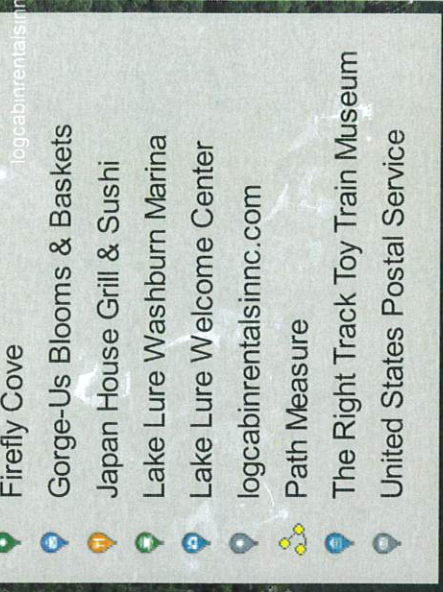
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**LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION  
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION  
Meeting Date: March 8, 2022**

**SUBJECT:** Request form Lake Lure Rowing Club (LLRC)

**AGENDA INFORMATION:**

**Agenda Location:** New Business  
**Item Number:** C  
**Department:** Parks, Rec and Lake  
**Contact:** Dean Givens, PR&L Director  
**Presenter:** Dean Givens

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** Wade Oppliger “Lake Lure Rowing Club” is requesting permission to build a floating dock next to the Lake Lure Police Boathouse at no cost to the town for the purpose of launching their rowing shells. The dock is requested to be 32’ X 8’. This request “If approved” would require permitting from Town of Lake Lure and Rutherford County.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION AND REQUESTED ACTIONS:** To (approve/deny) the request to build a floating dock for skull launching.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:** Wade Oppliger email

**STAFF’S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Lake Lure Rowing Club, stores their skulls and operates rowing activities from Town property without any written agreement/concession. Staff recommends that the Marine Commission discuss options with LLRC to have an agreement/concession in place as all other concessionaires do, so that we are being consistent with all.

## Dean Givens

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**From:** Wade Oppliger <lakelureracing@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 12:36 PM  
**To:** Dean Givens  
**Cc:** Leslie Rowland; Ted Nash  
**Subject:** 2022 Lake Lure Racing/Rowing/Row Experience Camps Request to Carry On and Move Forward

Hello Dean,

As we discussed, please find our updated request for continued operation of our rowing club--and request for approval of our moveable dock.

In January of 2019, we approached the Town of Lake Lure with the request to make Lake Lure the home base for a new rowing club with the intent of offering rowing to the Hickory Nut Gorge community and area visitors--as an additional, low-impact recreational use of Lake Lure.

The Lake Lure Rowing Club plan has four core functions:

1. **Lake Lure Racing.** Race competition-focused individual and team rowing.
2. **Lake Lure Community Rowing.** Adult, recreational rowing for relaxation, fun and fitness.
3. **Lake Lure Youth Rowing.** Development of a program to teach and enjoy the sport of rowing for people under the age of 21--particularly to develop a partnership with the Lake Lure Academy creating a new team/individual sport for school students.
4. **Lake Lure Rowing Experience and Camps.** Rowing lessons and coaching hosted on Lake Lure by the Lake Lure Rowing Club staff or visiting coaches. Programs range from half-day immersive introductory lessons to weekend or full week rowing camps. Pending Town approval; also falling under this category would be recreational rental of stable rowing craft by the hour.

Our initial request was made to the LAB who directed us to the Marine Commission and ultimately the Town Commissioners and sitting Mayor, who all welcomed and approved our proposal. At the suggestion of the Mayor and with the agreement by Dean Givens (Parks, Recreation and Lake Director) we parked our trailer with our boats near the Town Police boathouse behind the current ABC store location adjacent to the Lake Lure Town Beach and Marina, where Pool Creek enters Lake Lure. We have enjoyed the gracious support and partnership from the Town ever since.

On procurement of larger rowing shells, we presented and received approval for use of our rowing shells over the 28' length limit (Lake Use Regulation 4.03(A)) approval for use of our boats which exceed the 28' max limit. This request was re-approved in mid-2021 as we registered rowing shells under the commercial classification, with the understanding that consideration and re-approval would be an annual conversation between the Lake Lure Rowing Club and the Town of Lake Lure.

Due to health concerns of the Covid pandemic and the Lake lowerings for infrastructure improvements, we have had to focus on the competitive (Racing) component to date. Normalization of both scenarios have us on track to resume development of our Community Rowing and Rowing Camp programs in early 2022, with the approval by the Town to continue.

One aspect previously discussed but then tabled based on lack of need--was permission to float a moveable dock. To date, we have made use of the non-motorized launch ramp in the ABC parking lot for launching and landing

our boats. The inclusion of a riprap border with this winter's upgrade of that ramp will render this access point unusable for our boats, as the rocks are sharp and could easily damage the hulls. As such, we are re-requesting approval to float a moveable 32' x 8' floating dock (deck level at 6" above water level to allow rowing shell use) near the Town Police boathouse to facilitate safe launch and landing of our boats.

As part of the approval we planned to discuss the best location of this dock with Dean Givens to ensure no interference with Town operations and to compliment Marina aesthetics.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support. We stand ready to field any questions.

Warm regards,

Wade & Leslie

**Wade Oppliger (he, him) & Leslie Rowland (she, her)**

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**V.**

**Adjournment**