

Boating Advisory Board Minutes

6:30 p.m. - Thursday, May 13, 2010
Spicer House – Noank, CT

1. **Call to Order:** 6:33 PM
2. **Roll Call:** Bill Grady, Jack Komorowski, Tom Tobin, Ed Monahan, Bill Grady, Kit Talbot, Beth Robinson, Jerry Lokken, Greg Leonard
3. **Minutes** of April meeting approved
4. **Correspondence/Communications**
 - Budget update – The RTM voted on the town budget May 11, 2010. There were no changes in the Parks and Recreation budget. Dock maintenance will be covered through the Park budget.
 - The request from Norwich Rowing to use Spicer Park is no longer active.
5. **Reports**
 - Spicer Park shelter for rowing shells – Capital Improvement Project: J. Lokken is optimistic that a class from Grasso RVTS will build the shelter. If the allocated \$10,000 is not sufficient it may be necessary to obtain additional monies through fund raising.
 - Steps to Spicer Beach for launching of kayaks – Grant from National Recreation and Parks Association will cover construction of stone wall and steps, which will be built this year.
 - Esker Point Beach – The temporary boat locking cable has been installed. B. Grady reported that people attending the small boat event on May 8 expressed interest in using the cable. Rules for use will need to be developed and approved by Parks and Recreation. B. Robinson suggested

using rules for Stonington Small Boat Association as a model. This item will be placed on the BAB agenda for the June meeting.

6. Old Business

▪ Healthy Groton Month demo events:

- Despite the weather and poor turnout at Esker Point on May 8, representatives were pleased with the venue. In the future, the event should be marketed individually in addition to the healthy Groton month publicity. B. Robinson suggested that BAB members write thank you notes to the representatives at the June meeting.
- T. Tobin suggested combining the Beebe Cove event with the small boat day at Esker Point next year. A dock would be needed for launching rowing shells.

▪ Municipal-owned water properties – review of map

- Lokken presented map showing public access points in the Town of Groton. Legend differentiates properties by ownership (State, Town, City). Members agreed that the primary purpose should be to provide information on access points, and that the ownership is not important to the public. G. Leonard noted that the DEP maps show symbols for type of access (swimming, boat launching, etc.), which would be helpful to include. Lokken will present revised map next month.
- The final map showing water access will be published via internet and brochure.

▪ Peruzzotti Boat Launch is viewed as a potential location for racks. J.

Lokken suggested that the BAB develop a plan and present it to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The launch ramp is currently in need of repairs.

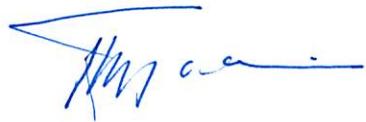
- **Noank Town Dock** – swim buoy and dock repairs
- B. Robinson has talked with J. Giblin, who is prepared to issue a permit for a mooring. Robinson will coordinate with J. Giblin and will contact B. Helbig at Noank Village Boat Yard to request donation of a mooring for the project.
- J. Lokken reported that he received a Notice of Availability of Boating Infrastructure Grants from J. Giblin. It may be possible to apply for a grant to make repairs to the Town Dock in Noank. He will forward the grant notice to BAB members. J. Lokken also requested assistance from the BAB in exploring grant opportunities for boating and in preparation of grants.

7. New Business

Tim Visel has been invited to the June meeting to discuss grant writing. Item should be placed on agenda.

8. **Next Meeting Date** – June 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. – Spicer House

9. **Adjournment:** 7:25

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