

Boating Advisory Board
Minutes
6:30 p.m. - Thursday, September 9, 2010
Spicer House – Noank, CT

1. Call to Order 6:38
2. Roll Call: J. Lokken, B. Grady, G. Leonard, E. Monahan, T. Tobin, J. Komorowski,
G. O'Brien, B. Robinson, K. Talbot
3. Minutes of July meeting approved
4. Correspondence/Communications
 - CT DEP proposed "Slow No Wake Zone" on Mystic River – no new information
5. Reports
 - Spicer Park shelter for rowing shells – Capital Improvement Project – O'Brien reported that the shelter plans have been reviewed by a committee of rowers, and that a change in the location has been suggested. The proposed location is behind the barn in the area currently used by the racks for small boats. The small boat racks would be moved to the present site for the eights and fours. Lokken and the committee have obtained approval from Noank Zoning for the revised plan. O'Brien is following through on assessment of needs for site preparation, and will be meeting with the Town surveyor, Parks Foreman and Lokken. Lokken noted that the revised plan may make it necessary to obtain donations for labor, which will result in a delay of the start of construction by the Grasso RVTHS students.
 - Esker Point Boating Day – July 24 – Monahan reported that there was a lot of interest in kayaking and wind surfing, but less response for rowing. Lokken reported that the P&R Commission commented favorably about events

hosted by the BAB. The Board consensus was to host future events at Esker Point to coincide with times when higher beach attendance is expected.

6. Old Business

- Municipal-owned water properties map –Lokken displayed a copy of the map with the Mystic River inset moved to the corner of the map. Tobin is meeting with Andrew Bowne next week to follow up on map revisions. Tobin asked if we could consider placing racks at other launching locations, e.g., Town dock on the Mystic River. Although dinghies are not permitted to tie up at the Town dock, Board members agreed that it would be beneficial to have a dinghy dock in downtown Mystic. Tobin suggested asking merchants to fund a dinghy dock that would be available for boaters to leave dinghies and go into town to eat, shop, etc.
- Noank Town Dock – swim buoy and dock repairs –not completed, but Robinson reported that the project is still active.
- Review of Stonington Small Boat Assn and Groton Community Boating Club information – Board agreed that many of the rules for the SSBA would apply to boat storage at Peruzzotti Boat Launch and Esker Point. Tobin will revise the rules to apply to the cable at Esker Point and future racks at Peruzzotti Boat Launch. The group noted that racks at Spicer Park have design flaws that should be corrected before new racks are built. Robinson will send copy of a design used by SSBA to O'Brien to be converted to PDF file and distributed to members.
 - Peruzzotti Boat Launch – potential location for racks – Lokken stated that P&R can build racks, but would like to have rules clarified in advance.
 - Rules for Esker Point Beach locking cable – See above.

7. New Business

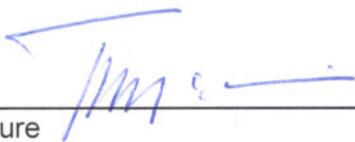
- Grants – guest Tim Visel, Sound School – Robinson will check to see if he is available for the October meeting.
- Healthy Groton Month planning –
 - BAB would like to sponsor another vendor exhibit at Esker Point 2011, but would prefer to hold it in June when the weather is better and beach attendance is higher. Dates should be set by January 1 for publication in the winter and spring editions of Discovery. Grady suggested scheduling the event for late June and inviting vendors to give demonstrations. If a float could be secured in Palmer's Cove, rowing shell vendors could use it to demonstrate their boats.
 - Monahan suggested having a presentation on boating for the Senior Center for Healthy Groton Month. Lokken encouraged planning an evening program targeting "younger seniors." Monahan will follow up with the Senior Center.
- Talbot raised a question about term limits for members. New terms begin in December, when officers for the next year will be elected. Lokken will check on length of terms for members and will make contact with any inactive members to ask if they wish to remain on the Board.

8. Next Meeting Date – October 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. – Spicer House

9. Adjournment 7:51

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature



Date

