

Boating Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
6:00 p.m. - Thursday, November 17, 2011
Spicer House – Noank, CT

1. Call to Order: 6:00 PM

2. Roll Call:

Jack Komorowski, Tom Tobin, George O'Brien, Bill Grady, Kit Talbot, Jerry Lokken

3. Minutes of September 22, 2011 Meeting

Approved as corrected.

4. Correspondence/Communications:

Article about boating access map appeared in the Mystic River Press 9/29/2011.

5. Reports

- Noank Rowing Club fall rowing: NRC conducted fall classes for Fitch Crew, continued Monday, Wednesday, Saturday masters rowing, with as many as 15 rowers on the water in multi-person and single shells. Winter training for youth and adults will be offered at Fitch High School beginning in January, 2010. Members of Noank Rowing Club, Fitch Crew and Groton Community Boating Club participated in Coastweeks, with 12 members taking medals. The web site is operating, with online registration for classes available. NRC has held 2 pasta suppers as fund raisers. Bill Grady and Jerry Lokken asked that BAB members and Parks and Rec staff be informed about future programs.

- Boat rack construction - George O'Brien reported that volunteers have broken ground and set up support posts for the shelter. Weather permitting, concrete will be poured within the next 2 weeks. Volunteers include Noank Rowing Club members, Groton Community Boating Club members, BAB members, and Parks and Rec staff. An artist's rendition of the shelter was shared with the BAB. Filling and leveling will be needed. Jerry Lokken noted that the Town of Groton has budgeted funds for materials. He commended George O'Brien for coordinating the project and the volunteers working on the project. Bill Grady suggested that it would be helpful to have a bobcat to complete filling and leveling. Additional free fill is needed. There will be additional work parties beginning at 8:30 AM every Saturday until the project is completed, or weather interferes.
- Jerry Lokken reported that Parks and Rec is working with Paul Chomet of Noank Rowing Club to explore replacing the floating dock with modular floating docks for rowing and kayaking. Bill Grady has experience with use of modular docks at Mumford Cove and would be happy to share his experiences with the committee.

6. Old Business

- Grants

7. New Business

- Small Boat Day 2012: Date will need to be set for publication in DISCOVER by January. Bill Grady reported that some vendors have declined to provide boats for water trials because of liability concerns. It may be appropriate to

sponsor a kayak race or other boating activity. Item will be discussed at January meeting.

- Expiring terms – Terms for George O'Brien and Tom Tobin will end in December. Talbot moved that the BAB recommend to the Commission that terms for O'Brien and Tobin be extended for an additional 3 years.
- Jack Komorowski stated that he plans to resign from the BAB in December, 2012, when he completes his term as Chair.

8. Next Meeting Date – January 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., Spicer House
Election of officers will be on the agenda.

9. Adjournment: 6:45 PM

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Kit Talbot
Signature

1/26/2012
Date