

**Boating Advisory Board  
Minutes of Meeting  
6:00 p.m. - Thursday, March 22, 2012  
Spicer House – Noank, CT**

1. Call to Order: 6:05 PM
2. Roll Call:

Bill Grady, Ed Monahan, Tom Tobin, George O'Brien, Kit Talbot, Dean Antipas, Groton Town Council, Phil Butta, Parks and Recreation Commission, Jerry Lokken, Parks and Recreation Department
3. January 26, 2012 Meeting Minutes - approved
4. Correspondence/Communications
  - Spicer Dock permit extension – Jerry Lokken: Connecticut DEEP has received letter requesting an extension of the dates for the dock to be in the water and is currently reviewing it. The possibility of submitting a permit for a year round dock was discussed. Jerry Lokken will e-mail the permit application to members of the Board for review.
5. Reports
  - Boat rack construction - George O'Brien: Shelter work will continue on weekends beginning 3/24/12. Noank Zoning has approved a request to close in the two ends of the shelter. Bill Grady suggested that the volunteer efforts to build the shelter should be recognized through a celebration and placement of a plaque naming the volunteers. Dean Antipas suggested that the Town Council submit a proclamation for the event. Jerry will place item on agenda for next meeting. George O'Brien anticipates a completion date in early June.
6. Old Business
  - Small Boat Day 2012 – Bill Grady: Bill Grady has received input from vendors, but they have indicated that most vendors are not prepared to offer boats for the public to use. He will report back at the next meeting about one vendor who may be willing to provide kayaks for trials. Suggested date is Saturday, June 23.
  - Spicer Park dock replacement – Bill Grady and Beth Robinson: A modular dock is suggested with possible changes from the current design. Funds are

available from Parks & Recreation. Jerry Lokken stated that we need to identify the functions of the dock (launching multipurpose shells, launching adaptive kayaks, mooring coaching launches) and then contact vendors with specifications. George O'Brien moved that we establish a subcommittee (Bill Grady, Beth Robinson, Eileen Cicchese, and a representative of Noank Rowing Club) to review information on docks and submit a recommendation. Motion approved.

- Grants – No active applications at this time.
- Jerry Lokken reported that Parks & Recreation has received a donation of a Concept 2 Rowing ergometer to be used for adaptive rowing.

7. New Business

- Noank Rowing Club – Tom Tobin: Tobin met with Paul Chomet of Noank Rowing Club (NRC). NRC would like to take responsibility for youth and adult rowing, with the exception of adaptive rowing. Boats and equipment belonging to Parks & Recreation could be transferred to NRC. Tobin suggested that NRC also take over administration of rack space for rowing shells and kayaks in the Spicer boathouse and on outdoor racks. Tobin also recommended that NRC submit a proposal to Parks & Recreation. Lokken reported that Parks & Recreation would provide the facilities which would be used by NRC through a permitting process. Monahan recommended that policies be established for assigning rack space for active users.

8. Next Meeting Date – April 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., Spicer House

9. Adjournment: 7:02

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature



Date

