

**Boating Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
6:00 p.m. - Thursday, November 21, 2013  
Spicer House – Noank, CT**

1. Call to Order:

2. Roll Call:

Present: Bill Grady, Ed Monahan, Dean Antipas, Tom Tobin, Phil Butta,  
Jerry Lokken, Kit Talbot, George O'Brien, Beth Robinson

3. Approval of Minutes of July 25, 2013 Meeting: Approved as submitted

4. Correspondence/Communications: None

5. Reports

- Spicer Park dock replacement (Jerry): The application is still in process. George O'Brien has suggested modifications, but Jerry Lokken indicated that it will not be possible to make changes after the application is submitted. Town Manager will need to approve the final plan and the funding. It may be necessary to use revenues from rack rental and boating club dues for 2-3 years to fund the dock. O'Brien and Lokken will discuss possible modifications that would reduce the estimated cost of \$58,000.
- Transition from Groton Community Boating Club (GCBC) to Noank Rowing Club (NRC) (Jerry): Paul Chomet and George O'Brien of NRC met with Jerry Lokken to discuss the agreement, with Judge Nick Kepple as facilitator. NRC would like a multi-year agreement, and P&R would like assurance that NRC will continue to offer the agreed upon programs. Monahan noted that there are other examples of private rowing clubs using public facilities, and that it may be helpful to obtain information about their arrangements. Bill Grady encouraged both parties to continue to work on finalizing the agreement.
- Noank Town Dock (Jerry): The type of replacement dock is still under discussion. Dean Antipas stated that there appears to be stronger support for a fixed rather than a floating dock.
- Sailing Dock (Jerry): Parks & Recreation (P&R) has taken possession of a floating dock donated by the contractor replacing a dock at the Coast Guard Academy. P&R is currently working to obtain a certificate of permission for the larger dock from the DEEP. The dock is in good condition, but may need minor repairs. It is specifically designed for sailing and will have advantages over the previous dock. Beth Robinson

is searching Town records to obtain minutes to document the existence of the dock prior to 1995.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business

- Election of officers in December:  
Ed Monahan moved to re-elect the current slate of officers for election (President – Bill Grady, Vice President – Beth Robinson Secretary – Kit Talbot). Motion carried.
  
- Meeting Schedule for 2014:  
The following schedule was approved:  
March 20, April 17, September 18, and November 20.
  
- Blue trails (Phil Butta):  
Butta suggested adding information to the Town web site to provide additional information regarding water trails for small boats (e.g. preferred trails for varying levels of difficulty, attractions along the trail such as restaurants, picnic areas, swimming areas.) Robinson volunteered to serve as the lead person for the BAB. Robinson, Grady and Tobin agreed to contact people in the community with knowledge of small boat activities.
  
- Grady reported that the Small Boat Day will be scheduled in June 2014 on a day approved by vendors.
  
- Lokken noted that P&R is coordinating “Great Park Pursuits” with other towns in SE CT. Lokken would like to schedule Groton’s day at Esker Point in conjunction with the Small Boat Day.
  
- Grady thanked Dean Antipas for participating in the BAB as representative of the Town Council.

8. Next Meeting Date – March 20, 2014, 6:00 PM

9. Adjournment: 7:15

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature



Date

