

Boating Advisory Board
6:00 p.m. - Thursday, April 17, 2014
Spicer House – Noank, CT
Minutes

- I. Call to Order: 6:00
- II. Roll Call
 - Present: Bill Grady, George O'Brien, Kit Talbot, Ed Monahan, Tom Tobin, Jerry Lokken, Rich Moravsik, Phil Butta
 - Absent: Beth Robinson
- III. Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2013 Meeting: Approved
- IV. Correspondence/Communications
 - DEEP notified Parks and Recreation of approval for the sailing dock.
 - DEEP has given initial approval for Spicer Park Dock, with final approval anticipated by early May.
- V. Reports
 - a. Spicer Park dock replacement (Jerry)

Bruce Avery contacted Jerry Lokken to express concerns about the dock selection. The Town cannot accept additional bids without re-opening the bidding process. Lokken asked Mr. Avery to submit written comments for us to consider. Lokken anticipates that it will be necessary to finance \$10,000 to \$15,000.
 - b. Transition from GCBC to NRC (Jerry)

Lokken reported that Paul Chomet has stepped down as president of Noank Rowing Club. Lokken has been involved in discussions with members of the NRC Board regarding inclusion of adaptive rowing and kayaking. NRC has requested a multi-year agreement with the Town for use of the facility. Tom Tobin indicated his support of a long term agreement.
 - c. Noank Town Dock (Jerry)

The dock is a proposed project for FY 2016, and is currently in the planning process.
 - d. Sailing Dock (Jerry)

The new sailing dock will be in place for the 2014 sailing season.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Blue trails (Beth) – Tabled until next meeting.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Small Boat Day – Park RACE (Regional Adventure Challenge and Expedition) (Bill)

Small Boat Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 31, 2014, and will be a part of the SECT Park RACE. The event will be marketed regionally and will be the kickoff for the Park RACE. Challenges will include a scavenger hunt and a boat trial. Bill Grady reported that EMS has declined to participate, which means that we will need mid-level kayaks and paddle boards. Lokken has arranged for Mystic Shipyard to provide paddle boards. Grady stated that there will be opportunities to take a launch to the sailing dock and try out a small sailboat. Talbot volunteered to organize opportunities for rowing, with Tobin's assistance.

- b. Monahan reported that Mystic Seaport is proceeding with the new North Entrance. As a result the Rowing History Museum will be dismantled and the items will be put in storage. There should be no impact on the CoastWeeks Regatta for this year. It is not yet clear how the regatta will be affected in 2015. Monahan will keep the BAB informed as he learns more details.

VIII. Next Meeting Date – September 18, 2014

IX. Adjournment: 7:05 PM

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature



Date

