

Boating Advisory Board
6:00 p.m. - Thursday, November 20, 2014
Spicer House – Noank, CT
Minutes

- I. Call to Order 6:01
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Bill Grady, Kit Talbot, Beth Robinson, Ed Monahan, George O'Brien, Tom Tobin, Rich Moravsik, Jerry Lokken
- III. Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2014 Meeting
- IV. Correspondence/Communications
 - a. Jerry reported that the Town has appointed a new GIS coordinator.
- V. Reports
 - a. Spicer Park dock replacement (Jerry)

The purchase order is in place, with delivery expected in the spring of 2015. The Town is loaning Parks and Rec approximately \$7000 to cover the shortfall. The old dock is currently in place. George reported that the Noank Rowing Club voted to leave the dock in place until the new dock is ready to be installed. P&R is donating the old dock to NRC, which in turn, will sell the sections and use the funds to help pay for the new dock.
 - b. Transition from GCBC to NRC (Jerry)

Jerry reported that P&R and NRC are working on a memorandum of understanding on roles and responsibilities. NRC will continue to offer rowing clubs and manage the shell house. P&R will continue to offer the adaptive rowing and kayaking programs. Both will collaborate on managing the outside boat racks. The major question remaining is the potential impact of P&R's future move to Fitch Middle School. Rich stated that Spicer Park and the Spicer House are under deed restrictions.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Blue trails (Beth)

Beth has contacted several people in the community and the DEEP. Federal grant funds may be available to support development of blue trails. Tom volunteered to work with Beth on determining next steps. Kit suggested that BAB members continue to review information and pass information on to Beth and Tom. Jerry suggested that Beth and Tom present a preliminary proposal at the next meeting.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Election of officers for 2015
 - i. 2014 officers: President – Bill Grady, Vice President – Beth Robinson, Secretary – Kit Talbot
 - ii. It was moved by Ed Monahan and seconded by Tom Tobin that the same slate of officers be continued for 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Meeting Schedule for 2015

i. 2015 dates that correspond to meeting dates for 2014 - March 19, April 16, September 17, and November 19. It was moved by George O'Brien and seconded by Ed Monahan that the above dates be accepted for 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Phil Butta suggested that a ribbon cutting ceremony for new dock be scheduled in the spring. BAB supports the concept, and suggested holding it on National Learn to Row day on June 6.

d. Small Boat Day – date?

Kit indicated that National Learn to Row Day is the first Saturday in June, and that many people who attended in 2014 had attended Small Boat Day the previous week. Bill will need to consider availability of vendors in scheduling Small Boat Day, but will keep the recommendation for May 30 in mind,

e. Spicer Park visioning (Jerry)

The impending consolidation of Town departments at Fitch Middle School will require establishing a vision for the use of Spicer Park and the Spicer House.

VIII. Next Meeting Date – March 19, 2014

IX. Adjournment 7:05 PM

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

CA Talbot
Signature

3/19/2015
Date