

Boating Advisory Board
6:00 p.m. – Thursday, May 18, 2017
Spicer House

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order 6:05
- II. Roll Call:
Beth Robinson, Tom Tobin, Kit Talbot, Ed Monahan, John Watson, Jerry Lokken, Scott Peirce
- III. Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2017 Special Meeting:
Watson moved to approve revised minutes, Tobin seconded motion, minutes approved.
- IV. Reports
 - a. Photos of water access points: Scott has completed photos of most of the Groton Shoreline and will continue until completed. Photos have been added to interactive map of water access points.
 - b. High School Rowing: MSMHS boats are still at center of Spicer Park, but will be moved to new location after tree removal. MSMHS and Noank Rowing Club have been cooperating on use of facility.
 - c. Lokken reported that Parks & Recreation budget will be reduced by 2.5% for the next year. The Public Works expects budget cuts for utilities at seasonal facilities are likely to result in additional cuts to Parks & Recreation.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Small Boat Day – Saturday July 1, 2017: Robinson reported that EMS will be bringing kayaks and paddle boards. DEEP is also planning to attend. Lokken also has arranged for loan of paddle boards from Mystic Shipyard. Zimboats will also provide boats for sailing trials. NRC will have an exhibit and has asked for club members to volunteer.
 - b. National Learn to Row Day, sponsored by NRC, will be held at Spicer Park, June 3 from 9:00 to noon.
 - c. Spicer Boat Ramp: Tobin contacted DEEP. If the ramp is located closer to the dock replacing the steps, we may be able to apply for a certificate of permission rather than a permit, which would be a simpler application process. Lokken noted that the stairs were designed for accessibility and that a ramp may not serve the same purpose. We would need to have a design completed. Robinson suggested a possible contact to volunteer to work with us on the design and will follow up with him.


d. Lokken reported that wood decking over the concrete pier leading to the Spicer Park dock has been temporarily repaired, but will need to be replaced in the future.

VI. New Business: None

VII. Next Meeting Date: October 19 , 2017 at 6 pm

VIII. Adjournment: Monahan moved to adjourn, and Tobin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

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Signature Date