



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE MARINE
COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021, 4:00 P.M.
ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT Mayor Carol C. Pritchett
VIA ZOOM: Mayor Pro Tem John W. Moore
Commissioner Patrick Bryant
Commissioner John Kilby
Commissioner David DiOrio

William Morgan, Jr., Town Attorney
Shannon Baldwin, Town Manager

ABSENT: N/A

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pritchett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner John Moore proposed adding a discussion regarding wake surfing under “Unfinished Business.”

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner John Moore seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Pritchett invited members of the public to speak and no one requested to speak at this time.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pritchett presented the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any proposed changes before calling for action.

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Commissioner John Moore made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Commissioner John Kilby seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Therefore, the Consent Agenda incorporating the following item was unanimously approved:

- A. Adoption of the December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. WAKE SURFING DISCUSSION

Commissioner Moore expressed concerns with wake surfing, specifically referring to heavy boats or boats using a ballast system or other accessories attached to a boat to create a large wake. He did not feel it was practicable on Lake Lure because of the small size of the Lake and suggested the Lake Advisory Board review this and come up with a recommendation. He mentioned that he spoke with Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director Dean Givens earlier to ask what kind of challenge we might have enforcing this and Mr. Givens stated that it could be enforced. Commissioner Kilby pointed out that the LAB has discussed wakeboarding on numerous occasions in the past. He stated the Lake will only support so much and agreed that these types of boats are not best suited for this Lake.

Mr. Givens mentioned that wakesurfers are easily spotted because they are pulled behind a boat with a rope. He stated this is enforceable and he would work with the Police Department to train the officers on how to identify these types of boats, if they are prohibited on the Lake. Commissioner Moore suggested prohibiting ballast systems being used on boats. Mr. Givens pointed out that Lake Oswego in Oregon bans ballasts systems from use on their lake entirely. He stated that a ballast system must be completely disabled by a mechanic before the boat is allowed on their lake mentioning that this might be an option the Marine Commission considers. Commissioner Moore suggested proceeding quickly since the summer season is approaching.

Commissioner John Moore made a motion to task the LAB to provide the Marine Commission a report and recommendation on a wakesurfing regulation in order to eliminate that type of activity on the Lake. Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded the motion.

Commissioner DiOrio made a motion to amend the previous motion to task the LAB to provide the Marine Commission a report and recommendation on banning ballast systems from use on the Lake. Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded the amended motion and the motion carried 4-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST FOR A NON-MOTORIZED PERMIT FOR A WORK BARGE THAT EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM LIMIT ALLOWED

Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director Dean Givens explained the request. He stated that Jay Freeman is requesting a permit for a non-motorized work barge that exceeds the 28' maximum allowed on the Lake. Last year Council approved Jay Freeman to put a 10'x 30' non-motor barge on the Lake in order to move heavy equipment and supplies. Mr. Freeman is now requesting a permit for a second 10'x 30' non-motor barge so that the two can be connected together to form a larger floating work area. The Lake Advisory Board met on March 1, 2021 and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request to the Marine Commission.

Commissioner John Moore made a motion to approve the request from Jay Freeman for a non-motorized boat permit for a second work barge that exceeds the maximum limit of 28' allowed. Commissioner John Kilby seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner John Kilby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:

Michelle Jolley,
Town Clerk

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett