



Bruce E. Young
Chairman

Dave Wick
Executive Director

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING NO. 487

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019

HAGUE TOWN HALL, HAGUE, NY

PRESIDING: Bruce E. Young, Chairman

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kenneth W. Parker
Marc Migliore
Joe Stanek
Catherine LaBombard
Dean Cook
James Kneeshaw
William Mason
John McDonald
Dave Floyd

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Dave Wick, Executive Director
Joseph Johns, Director of Law Enforcement
Roger Smith, Conservation Operations Supervisor III
Joe Thouin, Environmental Analyst I
Justin Luyk, Park Ranger

COMMISSION COUNSEL PRESENT: Karla Buettner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Darren Marino	Ken Engler	Buzz Lamb
Steve Ramant	Walt Lender	John Porco
Al Rider	Walt Peterson	Cathy Clark
Mary Lou Doulen	Randy Rath	

Item #1 — Introductions, Roll Call, Minutes of Previous Meeting: Bruce E. Young, Chairman

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and the roll call was taken.

Joe Stanek made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes which was seconded by James Kneeshaw; all members present voted.

Item #2 — Fiscal Actions Report for June 2019: Bruce E. Young, Chairman

Joe Stanek made a motion to approve the June Fiscal Actions Report which was seconded by John McDonald; all members present voted unanimously.

Item #3 — Presentation by the Lake George Association: Randy Rath

Randy Rath of the Lake George Association gave a presentation on the I87 stormwater improvement project that has just begun. This project is being partnered with the NYS DOT and the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District. A Lake Champlain Basin Program grant was received for the funding of this initiative.

The remediation process will occur on the north bound and south bound sides of Exit 22, Lake George. Mr. Rath spoke about the asphalt pitches at Exit 22 and explained the process.

Please see the meeting video for complete details at www.lgpc.state.ny.gov.

Item #4 — Project Review, Acceptance of the Project Review Actions Report: Joe Thouin

Resolution 2019-32 — Project Review Actions Report

Joe Stanek read and moved to approve the Project Review Actions Report which was seconded by James Kneeshaw; all members present voted unanimously.

WHEREAS the Commission has received and reviewed the Project Review Actions Report prepared by staff and dated July 8, 2019.

WHEREAS the Project Review Committee recommends acceptance of the Project Review Actions Report.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission directs that the Project Review Actions Report be incorporated in the minutes of the full Commission meeting.

Tour Boat Application & Class A Marina Modification Submitted by Marino Charters & Lake George Beach Club, Village of Lake George, Warren County

Joe Thouin introduced the application submitted by Marino Charters and the Lake George Beach Club. He explained that Mr. Marino would like to operate his 20' Wellcraft as a fishing charter and a water taxi. The vessel is proposed to be berthed at Hall's Marina with passenger pick-up and drop-off at the Lake George Beach Club.

Joe Stanek read and moved to approve Resolution 2019-33 which was seconded by William Mason; all members present voted unanimously.

WHEREAS the applicants have applied for permits to operate a Tour Boat, and modify a Class A Marina to add a Tour Boat; and

WHEREAS the Lake George Park Commission has reviewed the applications, supporting documents, comments received and other information which appears in the record; and

WHEREAS the Commission has made a determination that the projects are Unlisted actions pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act 6NYCRR 617.5 and, as Lead Agency for the purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, has made a determination that the projects will have no significant impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS the actions are considered to be Major projects pursuant to 6 NYCRR 645-5.3 and public notice has been published and distributed as required; and

WHEREAS the applicants have demonstrated that the activity and facility comply with the Tour Boat requirements of 646-1.4(d)(2) and Class A Marina requirements of 6 NYCRR 646-1.2(b); and

WHEREAS the Commission finds that the project will have no adverse impact on the health, safety or welfare of the public, the environment or the resources of the Park; will not alter the essential character of the area in which it is proposed; will not lead to congestion in the Park and will not have an undue visual, cultural or audible impact on the neighborhood or the Park.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The Lake George Park Commission hereby resolves to approve the above application as proposed.

Item #5 — Law Enforcement Committee Report: Kenneth Parker, Vice-Chairman

Vice-Chairman Parker said that a Law Enforcement meeting was held at 9:00 a.m. where they met and discussed on going enforcement cases and Log Bay Day.

Resolution 2019-34 — Law Enforcement Committee Report

Kenneth Parker read and moved to approve Resolution 2019-34 which was seconded by Joe Stanek; all members present voted unanimously.

WHEREAS the Law Enforcement Committee met July 23, 2019 to review matters pertaining to the Lake George Park Commission's Marine Patrol and the Commission's Law Enforcement Program, and

WHEREAS active Law Enforcement cases and their status were reviewed in Executive Session, and

WHEREAS the Law Enforcement Committee has reported on the results of that committee meeting at this full Commission meeting, and

WHEREAS the Law Enforcement Committee recommends acceptance of this month's Law Enforcement Report.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission accepts the report of the Law Enforcement Committee.

Resolution 2019-35 — Log Bay Day 2019

Kenneth Parker read and moved to approve Resolution 2019-35 which was seconded by Cathy LaBombard; all members present voted unanimously.

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE GEORGE PARK COMMISSION MARINE PATROL, IN COORDINATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TO CLOSE LOG BAY AND SHELVING ROCK BAY IF NECESSARY

WHEREAS The Lake George Park Commission is established by Article 43 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) to preserve, protect and enhance the unique natural and scenic resources of the lake, and to regulate the use of the lake for appropriate purposes; and

WHEREAS “Log Bay Day” was a past unofficial gathering that was held on the last Monday of July in Shelving Rock Bay and Log Bay; and the event had become disruptive, dangerous and a threat to the public safety and health and welfare of Lake George and its users; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lake George Park Commission hereby authorizes the Lake George Law Enforcement Director in conjunction with the Executive Director the right to close Log Bay and Shelving Rock Bay to the motorized boating public if, in their sole discretion, closure is necessary to protect the public safety, health and welfare of Lake George and its users and to take any lawful measures to enforce the closure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Law Enforcement Director; the Executive Director, staff and counsel, shall cause all involved agencies and any other interested agencies to be notified of this resolution.

Item #6 — Public Comments

John Porco, a long time Lake George visitor, is considering starting a houseboat rental business on Lake George. He said that he was looking to build a fleet of houseboats so that families and friends can explore the water. He plans to rent the houseboats for three to six days at a time.

Mr. Porco envisions that the houseboats would be no longer than 85 feet in length and would hold between six and sixteen people with amenities such as a full kitchen, a wet bar, a hot tub and even a water slide.

Cathy LaBombard said that this proposal is causing her to hyperventilate. She said that she is going to need an awful lot of convincing to put four, 85-foot houseboats on Lake George.

Chairman Young said that he does not believe that the Commission should be advising on an unfinished proposal.

Chairman Young appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee to review the need for further restrictions on Parasail Operations on Lake George.

The Committee includes the following members:

Cathy LaBombard, William Mason, Dave Floyd, John McDonald and Kenneth Parker as Chair of the Committee.

Item #7 — Adjournment

Joe Stanek made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Marc Migliore; all members present voting affirmatively.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: The next Commission meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 27, 2019**