



Bruce E. Young
Chairman

Dave Wick
Executive Director

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING NO. 505

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE

PRESIDING:

Bruce E. Young, Chairman

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Parker, Vice-Chairman
Joe Stanek
Catherine LaBombard
Erin Burns
Dave Floyd
William Mason
James Kneeshaw
Dean Cook

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

John McDonald

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Dave Wick, Executive Director
Shane Ross, Marine Patrol Sergeant
Joe Thouin, Environmental Analyst I
Michelle Way, Office Assistant III
Justin Luyk, Park Ranger

COMMISSION COUNSEL PRESENT:

Karla Buettner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rosemary Pusateri

Kristen Wilde

Dave Hatin

Chris Navitsky	Traci Boyle	Greg Teresi
Lorraine Ruffing	Steve Ramant	Walt Lender
Carol Collins	Pat Dowd	Ginger Kuenzel
Jared Caruso	Dennis Curtis	David Miller
Gregg Sherry	Emily Boucher	Paul LeBlanc

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 February meeting minutes which was seconded by William Mason; all members present voted unanimously.

Item #2 — Fiscal Actions Report for February 2021: Bruce E. Young, Chairman

John McDonald made a motion to approve the February Fiscal Actions Report which was seconded by William Mason; all members present voted unanimously.

Item #3 — Queensbury Septic Inspection Program: Dave Hatin, Queensbury Director of Building and Codes

Dave Hatin, Town of Queensbury's Director of Building and Codes, gave a presentation on the Town of Queensbury's Septic Inspection Program. He explained that the program was adopted two years ago and can be found under Town Code Chapter 137, Property Transfer Law.

Mr. Hatin said that this program is not just for Lake George properties but also includes Glen Lake, Sunnyside Lake, the Hudson River, etc.

Mr. Hatin spoke further about affected properties, the inspection process, what they are inspecting for, minimum standards and exemptions. To hear/see the complete details please see our website at www.lgpc.ny.gov to watch the live meeting.

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

Resolution 2021- 16— Project Review Actions Report

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

WHEREAS the Commission has received and reviewed the Project Review Actions Report prepared by staff and dated March 15, 2021.

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 Modification Submitted by Tiki Tours/Lake George Beach Club,
Village of Lake George, Warren County**

Joe Thouin introduced the application submitted by Greg Teresi of Tiki Tours. He explained that this is a dual application between Tiki Tours and the Lake George Beach Club. This will be the second tour boat for Tiki Tours and the third boat out of the Lake George Beach Club.

Mr. Teresi said that Tiki Tours has been in operation for the past 4 summers and have only had minimal complaints the first season.

A discussion followed regarding the size of the vessel, the number of passengers and crew and NYS Parks and Recreation rules.

Mr. Teresi said the charter would be a 75 minute charter that will stay primarily in the southern basin. He said that he has catered to some individuals in the past and typically the last charter is at 8 p.m. with the exception for fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

Mr. Teresi said that the Lake George Beach Club will have two public vessels and a fishing charter that uses the location as a pick up and drop off for its customers.

Chairman Young asked if anyone in the public had any comments or questions. There being none, it was turned over to the Commission members for discussion. The Commission members had no additional questions.

Joe Stanek read and moved to approve Resolution 2021-17 which was seconded by Catherine LaBombard; all members present voted unanimously.

WHEREAS the applicants have applied for permits to operate second Tiki Tour Boat, and modify a Class A Marina to increase charter vessels from 2 to 3; 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.

New Class A Marina Application Submitted by Stone Gate/Clinton Inn Partners, Town of Lake George, Warren County

Joe Thouin introduced the application submitted by the Stone Gate/Clinton Inn Partners. The applicant seeks to offer 20 non-motorized rental vessels and two tour boats. Of the two tour boats, one would be an existing tour boat already operating on Lake George and the second would be a new tour boat operated by Stone Gate Resort. The applicant seeks to establish marina operations to be provided exclusively to their overnight guests.

Traci Boyle spoke on behalf of the resort. She explained that the guests had expressed how they really wanted to get onto the water last season and they thought this would be a great opportunity for the resort.

Ms. Boyle said that there would be no construction – they would just need to add a stand to hold the non-motorized vessels. The rentals would be short term, approximately 1-2 hours.

Joe Stanek said that he and other members had some concerns regarding 20 non-motorized vessels in that area of the lake. They discussed the possibility of starting out with 10 non-motorized vessels with the opportunity for the applicant to come back in the future and request more.

Ms. Boyle said that she was amenable to that as long as they have the opportunity to apply for the additional non-motorized vessels.

The Commission members also discussed staying away from Dome Island as a condition of the resolution. Ms. Boyle accepted that compromise as well.

Joe Stanek read and moved to approve Resolution 2021-18 which was seconded by Dave Floyd; all members present voted unanimously.

WHEREAS the applicants have applied for permits to operate a new Tour Boat and a new Class A Marina offering two Tour Boats and 20 non-motorized boat rentals to overnight guests of the Stone Gate Resort, 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 with the following modifications or conditions:

1. Authorizing the use of 10 non-motorized vessels with the opportunity to apply for additional non-motorized vessels in the future
2. Stay away from the Dome Island area

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

Kenneth Parker said that the Law Enforcement Committee met this morning. He said they discussed major equipment upgrades.

Kenneth Parker read and moved to approve Resolution 2021-19 which was seconded by William Mason; all members present voted unanimously.

- WHEREAS** the Law Enforcement Committee met March 23, 2021 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 2021-20 — Law Enforcement Radio Upgrade

Kenneth Parker read and moved to approve Resolution 2021-20 which was seconded by William Mason; all members present voted unanimously.

- WHEREAS** the Lake George Park Commission maintains an eight (8) vessel Marine Patrol force charged with ensuring the safety of the public as they use the waters of Lake George, and
- WHEREAS** each marine vessel is equipped with a multi-channel law enforcement radio which enables officers to communicate with each other, the Commission office, other police and fire agencies and the Warren County Sheriff's dispatcher, and
- WHEREAS** the Patrol is required to respond in all conditions to calls for assistance including storms, fog and in darkness, and
- WHEREAS** adequate radio communication is imperative for officers and public safety, and
- WHEREAS** the Warren County Sheriff's Department is upgrading their radio communications to digital radio signals making it impossible for the Lake

George Park Commission Marine Patrol to communicate with other agencies without upgrading the current analog radios purchased in 2008.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby allocates funds in an amount not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purchase of 7 multi-channel law enforcement mobile radios, and

FURTHER RESOLVES that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a purchase order for the mobile radios consistent with the findings and requirements of the State Finance Law and Office of Standards and Purchase of the Office of General Services procurement guidelines.

Item #6 — Public Comments

Steve Ramant thanked the Commission and DEC on their assistance with the early opening (4/15) and late closing (12/15) of the launches/inspection stations.

Item #7 — Adjournment

Joe Stanek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. which was seconded by William Mason; all members present voting affirmatively. The meeting was adjourned.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: The next Commission meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 27, 2021 via Tele-Conference.**