



Kenneth W. Parker
Chairman

Dave Wick
Executive Director

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING No. 519

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

BOLTON TOWN HALL

PRESIDING:

Kenneth W. Parker, Chairman

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Floyd, Secretary/Treasurer
Catherine LaBombard
Kathryn Muncil
William Mason
Erin Burns

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dean Cook
Joe Stanek
John McDonald

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Dave Wick, Executive Director
Joseph Johns, Director of Law Enforcement
Jason Kokkinos, Environmental Analyst I
Joe Thouin, Environmental Analyst II
Justin Luyk, Park Ranger
Michelle Way, Office Assistant III, Calculations

COMMISSION COUNSEL PRESENT:

Karla Williams Buettner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lorraine Carbognin
Zach Matson
Carol Collins

Robert Carbognin
Buzz Lamb

Walt Lender
Chris Navitsky

Lauren Townley
Cathy Clark

**Item #1 — Welcome, Introductions, Roll Call, and Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Kenneth W. Parker, Chairman**

The meeting was called to order at 10:19 a.m. and the roll call was taken. It was noted that Commissioner McDonald, Stanek, and Cook were not present for this meeting.

Commissioner Muncil was reintroduced as this is the LGPC's first in-person meeting in quite a while.

Chairman Parker also spoke about the passing of Bill Dow who was the owner of the Lake George Steamboat Company. He said that he was good for the Village of Lake George and Lake George as a whole. He will be missed.

Item #2 — Approval of Meeting Minutes and Fiscal Actions Report: Kenneth W. Parker, Chairman

William Mason made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes which was seconded by Dave Floyd; all members present voted unanimously.

Dave Floyd made a motion to approve the July and August Fiscal Actions report which was seconded by William Mason; all members present voted unanimously.

**Item #3 — Presentation: Harmful Algae Bloom Action Plan for Lake George:
Lauren Townley, DEC**

Lauren Townley of DEC's Bureau of Water Resource Management, gave a brief presentation on harmful algae blooms on Lake George. She said that we have had some minor habs on Lake George – nothing significant has been seen.

Ms. Townley spoke further about the Lake George Hab's Action Plan and said that she has been updating the documentation of the hab's in collaboration with the Lake George Park Commission, the Department of Health, and Agriculture and Markets. The Action Plan is a living document meaning that it is constantly being updated.

She said that cyanobacteria have been present in freshwater lakes from the beginning of time and is an ancient microscopic bacterium which produces toxins that are not fully understood.

You may visit <https://lgpc.ny.gov> to listen to the presentation and additional questions and answers in its entirety.

Item #4 — Proposed Lake George Septic Inspection Program - Public Comment Period Open: Kenneth Parker, Chairman and Karla Buettner, Counsel

Chairman Parker spoke about the proposed Septic Inspection Program that the LGPC has been working on. He explained that Chairman Young put together an Ad-hoc Committee and worked with 18 groups which comprised of engineers, municipalities, government agencies, etc.

The proposed regulations have finally been approved by Albany and have been sent to the NYS Register so the public comment period is now open.

The public hearing will be held at the Fort William Henry Conference Center on November 9, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. and the public comment period will end on November 14, 2022.

Item #5 — Lake George Asian Clam Annual Survey Results: Dave Wick, Executive Director

Dave Wick, LGPC Executive Director, gave a brief overview of this year’s findings. Asian Clams were discovered in Lake George at the Lake Avenue Beach in 2010 by Jeremy Farrell and his family. An annual survey is conducted each year to monitor these clams.

In 2022, an additional site was found at Clay Island and the Adirondack Camp location, however, there are no significant water quality impacts due to Asian clams and there is no tremendously effective method to eradicate the Asian clams.

Item #6 — Project Review, Acceptance of the Project Review Actions Report: Joe Thouin

Resolution 2022-36— Project Review Actions Report

William Mason 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 September 13, 2022.

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.

** There are no applications before the board this month**

Item #7 — Law Enforcement Committee Report: Dave Floyd, Law Enforcement Committee Chairman

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman, Dave Floyd reported that the Law Enforcement Committee did meet this morning. Three LGPC boats are at the NYS Parks and Recreation training program in Lake George. This is the 8th year that the LGPC has been involved in this training.

Mr. Floyd said that all LGPC boats ran very well this season. We have consumed 13,000 – 14,000 gallons of gasoline which is quite an expense.

Out of the 2700 plus dock accounts on Lake George, approximately 150 are past due and these dock fees will include penalties. We are looking into additional measures to get these accounts paid.

Following these discussions, the committee moved to executive session where they discussed open and closed enforcement cases.

Dave Floyd read and moved to approve Resolution 2022-37 which was seconded by Cathy LaBombard; all members present voted unanimously.

WHEREAS the Law Enforcement Committee met on September 20, 2022, 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.

Item #8 — Public Comments

No additional public comments.

Item #9 — Adjournment

William Mason made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Kathryn Muncil; all members voting affirmatively. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: The next Commission meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 22, 2022** at 10:00 a.m. at the Fort William Henry Conference Center.