

Lake Management Advisory Committee

April 3, 2024

Minutes of the Meeting

Yeoman's Hall

- Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Michael Gnazzo Wednesday April 3, 2024 7:02 P.M.
- Present:** Mike Gnazzo, Phyllis Dunn, Mike Scalise, Mary Roickle, Greg Stryker, James Santos, Henry Beck
- Absent:** Robert Powell, Noreen Farrington, David Vanderbilt, Robert Millerd
- Excused:**
- Minutes:** Michael Gnazzo called for a motion to accept the March Minutes. Motion to accept Mary Roickle, 2nd Michael Scalise All Approved.
Motion Carried
- Guest Speakers:** None
- Audience of Citizens:** Frank Gifford, 16 Erdoni, Columbia, Frank Tomlinas, 111 Pine St, Columbia, Hal Ross, 31 Rt 87, Columbia, George Lewandowski, 83 Hennequin Rd, Columbia, Mike Armstrong, 95 Lake Rd., Columbia, Jow Marsh, Seven Gavin Dr., Columbia, Jay Smith, 92 Pine St, Columbia, Jason Narotsky, 38 Pine ST, Columbia, Jeff Morrison, 14 Columbia Landing, Columbia
- Chairman, Michael Gnazzo called a motion to suspend the regular meeting to address Gate key access, invasive species, and boat inspections. Motion to suspend Mary Roickle, 2nd by James Santos. The objective of this meeting is to listen to the Concerns of our citizens and advise the Board of Selectmen of their in-put and possible solutions.**
- Audience of citizens concerns and suggestions:**
- Key holder'**- access was partially working. However, they noted some residents were not locking the gate, after launching, as well as keys were being shared with other boaters.
- Suggestions:
- Increase surveillance, add more cameras. Suspend violators and lose lake access privileges.
- Further suggestions:
- Create a key card to be swiped upon launching. Identifying the individual, date and time of access and the time they leave the lake. One key card to be issued per boater.
 - Boaters must complete the affidavit before acquiring their key.
- Invasive Species:** Suggestions:
- Decrease the waterfowl issue. Particularly, The Canada geese. Since they move from lake to lake.

-Possibility of introducing a Japanese Carp to curtail the current non-invasive weed population.

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Boat Inspections:

- Increase educational pamphlets by the Town
- Increase inspection hours
- Fishermen particularly feel they adhere to washing their boats prior to launch. Their concern is the educational process for Kayaks, paddleboards, and jet skis.

LMAC advised the Board of Selectman of the immediate concern “The Gate Key Program.”

Town Launch Gate Key Program ~ LMAC Motions

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Motion 1:

In the short term, on a temporary basis, LMAC advises the BOS to reinstate the Gate Key Program with the following changes to better enforce the Gate Key Inspection Regulations when a violation occurs:

- Eliminate the three-strike enforcement portion of the regulations, replacing it with the immediate forfeiture of one's gate key for a rolling 12-month period of time as ordered by the BOS.
- For a second offense, immediate forfeiture of the gate key with a potential for not having access to the lake for an indefinite period as determined by the BOS, with no less than a rolling 12-month period of time.

Recreational or other town employees as designated by the BOS, will be required to record, monitor, and document camera footage of all launches on a daily basis.

Motion 2:

As the Town enforces the above revised policy changes, LMAC advises the BOS to authorize and install a system, such as a key card or scan license system, similar to Porter School's, that authorizes and records the opening and closing of the gate for one watercraft only in conjunction with an improved camera system that identifies the operator, vehicle, and watercraft.

Motion by Henry Beck – 2nd by Greg Stryker – All Approved.

Mike Gnazzo called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn Mary Roickle 2nd James Santos

Motion carried, all approved. Meeting Adjourned 9:32 p.m.

Submitted by

Phyllis Dunn/ Secretary