

Lake Management Advisory Committee

Agenda

Meeting Minutes/ Yeoman's Hall November 6, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Michael Gnazzo
Wednesday November 6, 2019 at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Karl Then, David Vanderbilt, Phyllis Dunn, Mary Roickle,
Dan O'Neil, Henry Beck, Carl Foster, Robert Powell

Absent: Steve Harrington, James Santos

Excused: John Burrell

Minutes of last meeting were read. Motion to accept by Karl Then with correction; Dan O'Neil
absent, Robert Powell present, 2nd Robert Powell. 9 Approved 1 Abstention.

Guest Speaker: None

Audience of Citizens: Discussion on Audience of Citizens attending meetings—Contact
Michael Gnazzo

Communications: None

Committee Reports:

Dam: Gate open 14 ½ inches 11/1/19 3 inch overflow
Weep Holes: No readings
Temperature 50 degrees
Lake 1 foot 8 inches down

Water Quality: Nothing to report

Fishing: Nothing to report

Access, Safety & Regulations: See attached Marine Patrol Report

Watershed Management Plan Request a review of the overlay plan

Storm Water Culverts: Nothing to report

Dam Emergency Plan: Nothing to report

Budget Review: Still under review – Dr. Kortman - Ecosystems

Permit review: See Attached list

Old Business: Review and discuss the 1998 Watershed Management Plan
Evaluate new membership and finalize Mission Statement for LMAC

New Business: Request a "2 Phase Contract for Services" from Dr. Kortman the
Limnologist.

Establish a Committee for the purpose of taking water samples throughout
the year. Request a copy of those steps from Dr. Kortman

Established a "Development Sub-committee" 3 members – Henry Beck
Carl Foster, Michael Gnazzo responsibilities to be outlined.

Other: Review Ice fishing procedures

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting Mary Roickle, 2nd Carl Foster All voted in favor. The
meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by
Phyllis Dunn/ Secretary

November 1, 2019

COLUMBIA MARINE PATROL 2019 YEAR-END REPORT

The Columbia Marine Patrol performed services to Columbia residents in 2019 that included safety and registration inspections of vessels, educational & safety instruction to boaters for their protection while boating, inspections for aquatic invasive species at the boat launch gate and providing educational information regarding the dangers of aquatic invasive species and how to prevent the transfer of invasive species.

The Columbia Marine Patrol successfully completed the 2019 year providing the following services:

Boats Inspected

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Bowriders</u>	<u>Pontoon</u>	<u>Jetskis</u>	<u>Others</u>
2019	210	81	47	42	42
2018	204	86	35	40	43
2017	211	99	36	31	45
2016	155	69	31	28	27
2015	119	in others	16	22	81
2014	132	in others	27	17	88

Disabled Boats Towed

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019	9
2018	12
2017	8
2016	6
2015	8
2014	10

Boats Refused Lake Access at Boat Ramp

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019	8
2018	7
2017	11
2016	8
2015	6
2014	5

Refusal reasons - no current CT registration, no operator's license, not current Columbia residents, horsepower exceeding Town limit.

Gate at Boat Ramp Left Open

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019	9
2018	7

The gate at the boat ramp was left open by key holders either before or after regular monitored gate hours.

This year there were 11 Marine Patrol Officers (6 women and 5 men) plus the Head of the Marine Patrol. Each Boat officer covered the lake on weekday shifts (5:00PM – 9:00PM) and weekend shifts (either 11:00 AM –

4:00PM or 4:00PM – 9:00PM). Each Gate Monitor averaged 25 hours per week of duty. The Gate Monitors worked from 9:00AM - 3:30PM and 3:30PM – 9:00PM each day. The Boat on-lake “coverage” started on May 24, 2019 (weekend before Memorial Day) and ended on September 8, 2019 (weekend after Labor Day). The Gate Monitoring “season” started on May 18, 2019 and ended on October 27, 2019. There were weekend only gate hours before Memorial Day and after Labor Day. The end of the Gate Monitoring season corresponded with the opening of the dam and lowering of the lake water level on November 1, 2019. Next year the opening of the dam is scheduled for October 15, 2020.

All marine patrol officers worked in a professional manner, were diligent with their responsibilities and all assigned shifts were “covered”. In July, August and September a few marine patrol officers took some time off and the alternate Marine Patrol officers covered the shifts in their absence. To accommodate occasional vacation schedules, next year the officer count should be about the same (11 or 12). Five or six full time officers should be utilized with the additional officers acting as alternates or substitutes. This will provide the full-time officers with sufficient hours per week so they will not need an additional job which can create scheduling issues. Any more officers may present a problem as it results in fewer hours per officer per week which may not be as attractive to the officers and could effect recruiting.

The boating activity this year seemed slightly lower than in previous years, although about the same numbers of boats were inspected compared to last year. As in the past, the busiest day of the season was over the Fourth of July. The 4th was on a Thursday. There were no fireworks this year due to the presence of an eagle. This resulted in minimal after sunset boating activity.

There were no boating related instances that required the involvement of the Resident State Trooper. There were no boating accidents reported. The Marine Patrol boat provided towing services for 9 inoperable boats. There were 8 instances of boats being refused access at the boat ramp. There were 9 instances where the gate at the boat ramp was left open by key holders either before or after the regular monitored gate hours.

Typical boating issues that were repetitive and required attention from the Marine Patrol were:

1. Jet skis – operating at high speed within 200 feet of shore and/or within 200 feet of another vessel, operating after sunset.
2. Paddle boarders – operating beyond 100 feet from shore without PFDs.
3. Vessels operating at high speed after sunset.
4. Vessels operating without navigation lights after sunset.
5. Kayaks – operating after dark without flashlight, operating without PFDs.

Recommendations for Next Year:

1. Review current Marine Patrol Officers for possibility of working the 2020 season.
2. Review Gate Monitoring schedule and hours for 2020.
3. Hand out Town Ordinances for Lake Use to all inspected boats.
4. Review gate operation by key holders with Town officials.

Items Requiring Attention Before The Start of 2019 Season:

Boat repairs/maintenance:

1. Have boat professionally cleaned at end of season
2. Deliver boat to Marine Boat Center for winterization
3. Monitor small cuts in bimini which may require mending or replacement of bimini.

Submitted by: Robert Powell Head of Columbia Marine Patrol

LWAC 11/6/19

Permits

LAKE APPLICATIONS - OCTOBER 2019

1. MIKE MATTHEWS, 1 WOODLAND TERRACE
DOCK SEALER
6' X 40' DOCK
2. WOODLAND TERRACE ASSOCIATION
8 WOODLAND TERRACE
DOCK SEALER
6' X 49' DOCK
3. CONNAUGHTY, 36 ERDONI ROAD
RE-BUILD 145' OF WALL
4. COOKE, 112 ROUTE 87
RE-BUILD 60' OF WALL
5. HALLARIN, 132A ROUTE 87
REPAIR OF BASE
OF CONCRETE STAIRS.
REPLACE WOODEN SUPPORT
POSTS AT DOCK
6. CAMBER/POLOCK, 34 ERDONI RD.
REPLACE + RE CARPET
4 BUNKS AT BOATHOUSE
7. MASSIFF, 11 WEBSTER LANE
REPAIR WOODEN DOCK
(REPLACE WOOD POSTS +
CONCRETE BASES).



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