

Waterfront Committee Meeting

Saturday, 0900, November 20, 2021

MINUTES

1. Nine members were in attendance: Zambraski, Salvini, Ann Arthurs, Dave Arthurs, Patriquin, DeSanctis, Smith, Nick Sampson, Dodge. This represented a quorum.
2. The approach was to discuss various topics and the Harbormaster would rewrite the Waterfront Policy and Regulations. The revised regulations would be sent to the Committee members for their input or approval. The final document would be sent to the HOLA Board for their approval at the January meeting.
3. There were two major policy votes.
 - a. The first was to exclude “paying guests” or renters from using the waterfront. The rationale for this motion was as follows: a) we have limited capacity, b) with AirB&B the owners are not present to be involved and responsible for their renters, c) renters are not aware and may not care for our rules, d) allowing renters to use the waterfront is a “commercialization” of what has been intended to be a private asset, e) Bed and Breakfast guests are prohibited from using the waterfront: we need to be consistent. The vote was unanimous. 10 in favor.
 - b. The second was to exclude “paying guests” or renters from using the waterfront to launch, tie up or enter the HOLA harbor. The rationale for this motion included the points listed above and the concern about milfoil being brought into Rangeley Lake. The vote was unanimous. 10 in favor.
4. The issue of ATVs at the waterfront was discussed. The consensus was to not to make a decision on this and to leave the “no ATVs” signs at the waterfront for the time being. The committee would like this matter to be taken up by the new ad hoc Committee on ATV usage within HOLA.
5. Concerning the current Waterfront Policy document the following suggestions were made: add a section on the kayak racks, add No pontoon boats within the HOLA harbor, rewrite the section about boat lengths,

delete the section about the Harbormaster having the capacity to remove unauthorized boats, correct the instructions for parking of cars and trailers, and add IV as a general section of "General Requirements". The Harbormaster will make these changes, have the committee members review them for input and then the final document will be presented to the Board for approval in January.

6. Requests for kayak racks and boat slips. Fifty (50) requests for kayak rack slots have been received. Only 4 remaining slots are open. The assignments of spaces is being made on a "first come-first served" basis. The assignment of specific slots will be made and communicated to the applicants in December. This process was approved by the Committee. The requests for boat slips is currently 17 and there are only 10 slips. The committee discussed breaking up the season with three time segments (ice out-June15, June 16-July 31, August 1-September.) The Harbormaster will work with those requesting slips to see how we can accommodate this increased demand, possibly using these three time periods.
7. The issue of Waterfront Committee members acting as "HOLA Harbor Stewards" was discussed. This would involve Committee members going to the harbor with some regularity, introducing themselves, and making sure that the rules are being followed and that all is in order. Members were agreeable to doing this as long as it was "informal" and that HOLA members be made aware in advance that this was going to occur (i.e. put this in the Spring Email BLAST).
8. If the Board votes to exclude renters from the waterfront, the Committee would institute automobile HOLA Harbor stickers for members with waterfront access.
9. At the January HOLA Board meeting the Board needs to approve of the Waterfront Committee roster in order to be consistent with the HOLA By Laws
10. The Committee will discuss some physical improvements (e.g. parking areas, fencing, landscaping, etc.) before the 2022 season.

Respectively submitted: Edward J. Zambraski, Harbormaster, 11/21/21

