



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026, 4:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL AT THE LANDINGS

PRESENT: Mayor Carol C. Pritchett
Commissioner Patrick Bryant
Commissioner Jim Proctor
Commissioner Scott Doster
Mayor Pro Tem David DiOrio

William Morgan, Jr., Town Attorney
Olivia Stewman, Town Manager

ABSENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carol C. Pritchett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Patrick Bryant seconded and the motion and all were in favor.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Jim Proctor made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion all were in favor.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business.

VII. APPEAL HEARINGS

There were no appeal hearings.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lake Advisory Board Annual Report

Jim Lemmons, Chair of the Town Lake Advisory Board, presented the 2025 year-end report. The report highlighted 2025 as a year of repair and recovery, focusing on debris removal, sediment management, water quality improvement, and fish habitat rebuilding. Key accomplishments included regulatory revisions and marina permit approval. Goals for 2026 include fish habitat rebuilding with 300 Christmas trees, fish stocking, fish population study, navigation safety evaluation, and boating impact assessment.

B. Updated Buoy Map

The updated buoy map was presented by Dana Bradley, recommending removal of buoy 19 and repositioning buoy 18 for improved navigation safety at Tryon Bay. Discussion included anchoring methods using cinder blocks or 500-pound blocks.

Commissioner Scott Doster made a motion to approve updated buoy map. Commissioner Dave DiOrio seconded the motion and all were in favor.

C. Consider Approval of the 2026 Commercial Model

The 2026 commercial boat model and permits were presented, noting slight changes from previous years and expected increase in applicants. Compliance highlights included adherence to lake use regulations for livery and tour boat operators, including mooring and concession agreements. Enforcement emphasis was placed on prohibiting unauthorized docking and ensuring operator licensing and safety protocols.

Commissioner Dave DiOrio motion to approve the 2026 Commercial Model. Commissioner Scott Doster seconded the motion and all were in favor.

D. Lake Lure Opening Plan

The lake opening plan was reviewed, covering staged opening procedures. Discussion included enforcement proposals for visible police presence at ramps during opening stages and coordination of boat launches through authorized contractors.

Commissioner Dave DiOrio made a motion to approve the Lake Lure Opening Plan. Commissioner Jim Proctor seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Public questions were addressed regarding authorized contractors' role in boat launches and contractor responsibility and insurance. David volunteered to assist in crafting a public statement explaining the contractor authorization process.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Patrick Bryant made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Scott Doster seconded and the motion and all were in favor. Meeting ended at 4:36pm.

ATTEST:


Kimberly Martin, Town Clerk


Mayor Carol C. Pritchett

