

Notes from Lake Davidson Committee Meeting August 5, 2008

Members present: Margo Williams, Miles Atkins, Bill Johnson, Tim Brown, Rick Kline, Dawn Blobaum.

The Lake Davidson working committee, joined by Davidson town manager Leamon Brice, met for the second time on August 5, 2008. The public was invited to attend the meeting and watch the proceedings.

Chair Margo Williams opened the meeting by welcoming the citizens and explaining that the committee is researching the jurisdictional, water quality, and use issues regarding the lake.

Each committee member with action items from the previous meeting reported on their progress.

Rick Kline discussed jurisdictional issues including the authority of the Lake Norman Marine Commission (LNMC) and the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC).

The WRC, established by state statute, develops and enforces boating regulations on all state waters (which includes Lake Davidson), determines no-wake zones, and advances boater safety. Local law enforcement officers with territorial jurisdiction can also enforce the WRC's regulations. Their statutory authority is exclusive of all governmental bodies except the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and certain municipal powers.

The LNMC, established by special legislation in 1969, grants permits for docks and slips, and determines and enforces no-wake zones on Lake Norman (which includes Lake Davidson). It works with ski clubs to install submergible buoys and regulate ski structures in the water. It does not control access to the lake. The LNMC stated in their meeting with Rick Kline and Dawn Blobaum that their vision for Lake Davidson includes maintaining the ski area directly east of the interstate and instituting a no-wake zone on the remainder of the lake.

The LNMC and WRC have concurrent jurisdiction in some cases.

Work on other action items from the July meeting:

- *DB will coordinate mapping of the area surrounding the lake. Ongoing.*
- *FR will investigate water quality responsibility with Duke Energy; DB will check the Duke relicensing document for water quality information. DB reported that the water quality testing required by the relicensing document is near Cowan's Ford.*
- *TB will forward information on future development on the lakeshore to Rusty Rozzelle of Mecklenburg County. TB will meet with Rusty Rozzelle during the week of August 12th.*
- *FR will check on documentation of SUP for ski school. FR sent information to DB. Some ski schools have received SUP's, but they are not required.*
- *DB will get information to the group on the total shoreline miles, number of boats currently docked at the lake, and number of boats with motors greater than 10 hp. Sent.*
- *FR will forward minutes of the October 2007 Mooresville Board of Commissioners' meeting to group. TB will send.*
- *RK, DB, and Victoria Taylor will research jurisdictional issues. Done.*
- *DB will send current draft of interlocal to group. Done.*
- *All committee members will send additional email addresses to DB to add to distribution list. Ongoing.*
- *All committee members will redline "Davidson Fact Sheet" and return to DB for distribution. Fact sheet sent. Revisions are ongoing.*

Margo Williams suggested a format for the September 3rd committee meeting at the Citizens' Center in Mooresville:

- Groups will have 10 minutes to present their viewpoints to the group. Powerpoint presentations can be used and must be sent or delivered to the Mooresville Planning Department by August 29th.
- Individuals affiliated with the groups will not be allowed an additional three minutes.
- Unaffiliated citizens will have a 3-minute time limit.
- There will be a sign-up sheet that evening.
- The committee will open the meeting with a short presentation.
- Both towns will advertise the meeting.

The committee discussed their goals and process going forward. Ultimately, the group wants to reach a consensus position and forward a recommendation to the two Town Boards.

Meeting Schedule:

Meetings will be held on September 16th at 9 a.m. at Davidson Town Hall, October 2nd at 9 a.m. at Mooresville Town Hall, and November 18th at 9 a.m. at Davidson Town Hall.

Action Items:

RK will send NC Statutes and legislation regarding LNMC and WRC to working committee.

TB and LB will determine possible number of slips on north shore

LB will research details about ski area.

MA will research safety issues.

MW will find authority on the ecology of the lake.