

MEMORANDUM

TO: Conservation Commission
FROM: Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner
DATE: January 8, 2015
SUBJECT: Great Pond Boat Racks 2014 Season Report

Introduction

2014 is the fifth year of boat rack storage at Great Pond managed by the Town of Cape Elizabeth. The Boat Rack Program is operated on land owned by the Sprague Corporation in accordance with the terms of the easement granted to the Town of Cape Elizabeth. Below is a summary of this season's highlights.

Boat Permit Issuance

Permits were again issued on a lottery system where 82 permit applications were submitted. Two applicants declined to pick up their permit and a second drawing was held to assign the remaining permits. This year experienced the largest number of first time permit holders since the program began.

Demand for boat rack permits is still high (81 applications last year). Requests from non-residents continue.

This year there was a higher than usual amount of slots that were not used by permit holders. This resulted in more complaints received over the summer from folks who renewed requests for permits during the summer. The Conservation Commission may want to consider requiring permit holders to occupy their boat slot by July 4th, or the town will reissue the permit to an applicant from the original lottery.

Periodic inspections

This season, a permit holder reported that a canoe was already occupying his slot. Sea Spray Kayaking owned the canoe, as well as another canoe left at the pond's edge (in violation of the easement terms with the Sprague Corporation.) The owner was contacted and removed the canoes.

Five permit holders did not store a boat on the racks and 2 permit holders left their boats on the racks past the season, but promptly removed them after contacted.

Sprague Corporation

The Sprague Corporation is satisfied with boat storage. They are also willing to discuss a possible increase in the amount of boat storage and would also like to designate a boat storage slot for corporation use.

Conclusion

The Town may want to consider: (1) increasing boat storage capacity, and (2) reissuing boat storage permits that are not used after July 4th of the season.

2014 Season Permit holders

NUMBER	NAME			10-Jun	31-Jul	12-Sep	10-Dec
2014-1-K	DENISE MENARD	I		X		X	
2014-2	MICHAEL HUNTER	I					
2014-3	MAURA SULLIVAN	I		X		X	
2014-4	MEREDITH HALL	I			X	X	
2014-5	GEORGE EDGAR	I		X	X	X	
2014-6	CAREY RASCO	I			X	X	
2014-7	KEVIN GILDART	I			X	X	
2014-8	ERIC HOU	I		X	X	X	
2014-9	BETSY ST.GERMAIN	I			X	X	
2014-10	MARK TYLER	I		X	X		
2014-11	CHRISTOPHER LEIGHTON	I			X	X	
2014-12	JOHN W. COLE	I					
2014-13	MATTHEW WARNICH	I		X	X	X	X
2014-14-K	CARL BEST	I		X		X	
2014-15	TOM McATEER	I		X	X	X	
2014-16	RON LETOURNEAU	I			X	X	
2014-17	ROBERT HUGHES	I					
2014-18	JOHN HIGGINS JR	I			X	X	
2014-19	ROB McCARLEY	I			X	X	
2014-20	DOUGLAS STROUT	I				X	
2014-21	DIANA LEE BROWN	I				X	
2014-22	DAVE TURGELSKY	I				X	
2014-23	JACK QUINLAN	I				X	
2014-24	BOB TROWBRIDGE	I		X	X	X	
2014-25	MIKE DUDDY	I					
2014-26	DOUG SCHARF	I		X	X		
2014-27	KEVIN KELLY	I			X	X	X
2014-28	TRACY NORTHUMP	I		X	X	X	
2014-29	RICHARD KEPLER	I			X	X	
2014-30	JANE ELLEN JOHNSON	I		X	X	X	
2014-31-K	DIANE SMITH	I					
2014-32-K	SIMONNE JORDAN	I				X	