

Great Hosmer Pond Task Force  
August 10, 2016  
Minutes

Present: Bob Griffiths, Judy Geer, Heidi Krantz, Perry Thomas, Russ Sutherland, Sarah George, Ted Beery

Ted introduced himself to the group as a long-time, year-round shoreland resident who had been thinking hard about the challenges facing the lake since the last public meeting.

Heidi reviewed the agenda for the meeting, explaining that we would take some time to talk about process before returning to discussion of lake use issues.

We began by discussing pros and cons of continuing problem solving or entering rulemaking.

	Pros	Cons
Continued Problem Solving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greater flexibility</li><li>• Useful to identify problems and focus on alternatives</li><li>• Engenders community support</li><li>• Opportunity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• User groups are far apart—could be a long drawn out process</li></ul>
Entering Rulemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accountability</li><li>• Enforceability</li><li>• Takes into account data from outside sources</li><li>• Clarity of communication</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Loss of control of outcome</li><li>• May be difficult to enforce</li><li>• Loss of adaptability</li></ul>

Next we reviewed schedules proposed by shoreland property owners and sculling community. While we agreed we were still far apart, those present expressed interest in continuing to problem solve. This makes good sense when we consider areas of agreement—we agree that as a public resource, Great Hosmer Pond should be available to all users, and that we need to work together to protect the qualities that make it attractive to many citizens for recreation: healthy water quality and unique wildlife habitat.

Ted presented his proposal to go back to the drawing board in dividing space and time—his suggestions were similar to those generated during the task force's previous meeting. Possibilities were to make better use of Little Hosmer, divide days in half with morning sculling on one lake and afternoon on the other, and to expand the sculling camp curriculum to reduce pressure on Great Hosmer Pond.

We considered the question of whether Green Racing Project rowers could use Little Hosmer rather than Great Hosmer for their evening training session. Judy will continue to discuss this possibility with other directors of the Craftsbury Outdoor Center and develop a timeline of steps required to make it happen.

Concern was expressed about the sculling camp session scheduled on Sundays 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., as mid-day Sunday is a peak time for other users. We agreed to continue examining options for weekend scheduling.

Judy noted that there were no sculling camps scheduled for three of the four upcoming weekends. The weekends of August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, and September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our next meeting will be September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Perry Thomas

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