

Great Hosmer Pond Task Force
October 25, 2016; 6:45 – 8:15 PM
Sterling College,
Agenda

- I. Background
 - A. Conflicting uses between scullers and motorboats are creating safety issues
 - B. Great Hosmer Pond Task Force has met three times (July 20, August 10, Sept. 21)
 - C. Discussions at the Task Force have focused on:
 1. Process: problem solving versus rulemaking
 2. Schedules: assigning times and areas for various uses
- II. Next Steps: DEC proposes to move forward with rulemaking, but would like to continue to work with the Task Force to understand the circumstances giving rise to this conflict, and craft a rule that addresses the concerns of the parties impacted.
- III. Standards for Rulemaking

“.... The Rules attempt to avoid, where possible, and resolve, when necessary, conflicts in the use of public waters in a comprehensive and integrated manner so that the various uses may be enjoyed in a reasonable manner, considering the best interests of both current and future generations of the citizens of the State and ensuring that natural resource values of the public waters are fully protected. (VUPW 1.1(c))

“In evaluating petitions and associated public comments, the following factors, at a minimum, shall be considered: the size and flow of navigable waters, the predominant use of adjacent lands, the depth of the water, the predominant use of the waters prior to regulation, the uses for which the water is adaptable, the availability of fishing, boating, and bathing facilities, and the scenic beauty and recreational uses of the area. (VUPW 2.2(a))

“The public waters shall be managed so that the various uses may be enjoyed in a reasonable manner, considering safety and the best interests of both current and future generations of citizens of the State and the need to provide an appropriate mix of water-based recreational opportunities on a regional and statewide basis.” (VUPW 2.2(b))
- IV. Great Hosmer Pond
 - D. Historic uses
 - E. Considerations re: local economy and development
- V. Little Hosmer Pond
- VI. Next meetings: November 8th, December 6th