

Minutes from 8/09/05 Fort Meadow Commission Meeting

7:03 PM - Meeting called to order in Hudson Town Hall

In attendance:

- Marlborough Commissioners Thomson and DelGenio and agent Gould
- Hudson Commissioner Kaczmarek and Agent Tim Connolly
- Approximately 30 residents of Hudson and Marlborough
- Metro West News reporter
- Members of the Massachusetts Environmental Police
 - Lt. John Pajak, Sgt. Merri Walker, Officer Steve McAndrew

Minutes:

- Mr. Emmerson was not present at the meeting, so his case was continued until the next For Meadow Commission meeting on 9/6/05. His privileges will continue to be suspended until he appears before the commission.
- The ban list will be issued to the launch attendants. This is the list of persons that have had their privileges to us the lake suspended
- Environmental Police members addressed the audience
 - Sgt Merri Walker
 - commented on the errors contained in the abstracts issued to the public. These laws were repealed and the new statute states that jetski drivers must be 18 or older unless they are 16 and older and can produce a Coast Guard safety certificate upon request. Boat requirements are 12-15 years of age with 18 year old adult supervising or 12 and can produce a Coast Guard safety certificate upon request.
 - Chapter 90B applies to snowmobiles
 - Commented that legislation is being passed to mandate that all operators of motorized watercraft successfully complete a watercraft safety class.
 - Lt John Pajak
 - All watercraft drinking violations go against drivers license
 - If minors are allowed to operate a watercraft the owner is held liable and can be charged with endangering a minor.
 - Hudson Police have turned over the investigation of the accident that occurred on July 5, 2005 to the Environmental Police. The investigating officer is Steve McAndrews.
 - Environmental Police could not give time frame for the accident report to be finalized.
 - Two signs have arrived for the weed control, one will go up at the Hixson launch and one to go to the ramp on Cullinane Drive.
- The issue of pets (dogs) on watercraft was questioned by the Commission. Environmental Police Sgt. Merri Walker stated that as long as it does not hamper safe operation or endanger the animal, then there is no law to prevent it.
- Brian Elder of 57 Cullinnane Drive Marlborough to be asked to attend next meeting by Commissioner DelGenio.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

9/13/05 Fort Meadow Commission Agenda

- Suspension for Mr. Emmerson to be addressed
- Environmental Police accident report for the jetski accident that injured Jason Cambell.
- Address several verbal complaints about jet-skis owned by Brian Elder of 57 Cullinane Drive.
- Multiple people on back of boats through channel
- Gary ? to comment on non licensed drivers using water craft
- Reimbursement for travel and narrows sign submitted
- Hixson Boat Launch closing 8 PM September 25