

# Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



**Mount Holly City Hall  
400 East Central Ave  
Mount Holly, NC**

**September 3, 2008**

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioner Pam Beck (Gaston County), Vice Chairman Alice Battle (Mecklenburg County), Secretary/Treasurer Ann Danzi (Gaston County) Commissioner Chris Watson (Lincoln County), Chairman Dan DuVall (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Tim Bishop (Mecklenburg County),  
**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County)  
**MILMC Staff Present:** Annette Lawing, Interim Executive Director, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Chairman Dan DuVall called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.	
<b>Approval of the September 3, 2008 Agenda</b>	The September 3, 2008 meeting agenda will stand as submitted.	
<b>Approval of the August 6, 2008 Meeting Minutes</b>	The August 6, 2008 meeting minutes were approved with the following revisions; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Page 2, Public Comments – should read; <i>Gaston County Police commented that if Mr. Brantley witnessed this type of activity and had taken pictures of the boat and the driver, the police could issue a citation if they were with the 100’ buffer zone.</i></li> <li>❑ Page 5, Base Operating Plan – correction; <i>Big Sweep has been scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>.</i></li> <li>❑ Page 5, Base Operating Plan – spelling of <i>Chick-fil-A</i></li> </ul>	

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<b>Statement of Purpose</b>	Legal Counsel, Chris Clark read the Statement of Purpose into the record.	
<b>Public Comments</b>	<p><b>Public Comments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ James and Pam Lee and their family have been residents of Mountain Island Lake for 62 years. They currently reside the Pointe across from the water treatment plant pump station. Recently, a boater ran up on a dock and left the scene. This is a high traffic area with a lot of boaters speeding through. Approximately four or five years ago, Mr. Lee recalls the commission approving placement of a danger buoy near these docks but would like to request that a No Wake Buoy be placed there. Vice Chairman Battle asked Mr. Lee where the existing buoy is placed now where would he request the No Wake buoy be located. The existing buoy is presently located approximately 40 – 50 feet from his dock, stated Mr. Lee. He would like the No Wake buoy be placed in that same area. Commissioner Battle added that there will be wakes in that area no matter if it is marked with a danger buoy or a no wake buoy. Chairman DuVall suggested that this item be tabled until the October meeting in order to contact Law Enforcement on positioning of buoy.</li> <li>□ Dan Brantley, Nivens Cove resident, followed up from his report at the August 6, 2008 MILMC business meeting by submitting a No Wake Zone application to the commission. Mr. Brantley discussed his concerns regarding this cove with the Gaston County Police. GCPD Officer Hord agreed that there's a safety issue in this area and would support this no wake zone request. A public hearing will be held at the October 1, 2008 MILMC business meeting to discuss this request.</li> </ul>	A motion was made by Secretary Treasurer Danzi to hold a public hearing at the October 1, 2008 MILMC business to review the No Wake Zone request in Nivens Cove (501 Nivens Cove). Seconded by Vice Chairman Battle. The motion was approved.
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Consent Agenda</b> – None	
<b>Public Safety Reports</b>	<p><b>Charlotte – Mecklenburg Police Department</b> – Officer Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ (1) Special event – Garr Creek Wakeboarding event</li> <li>□ (41) Calls for Service</li> <li>□ (33) Inspections</li> <li>□ (12) Warnings</li> <li>□ (18) Citations</li> <li>□ (5) Navigational Hazards Removed</li> </ul>	

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<b>Public Safety Reports (continued)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (3) Boaters Assisted</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (1) Accident – Jet Ski hit the side of a boat north of the sandbar. NC Wildlife responded.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gaston County Police Department</b> – Officer Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (15) Calls for Service</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (88) Special Checks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (24) Assists</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (82) Safety Inspections</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (24) Trespassing Violations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (10) Citations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (12) Navigational Hazards Removed</li> </ul> <p><b>Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No one was present to give report</li> </ul> <p><b>N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No one was present to give report</li> </ul> <p><b>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation</b> – No one was present to give report</p> <p><b>Duke Energy of the Carolinas</b> – Kermitt Taylor reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> (1) Pier Applications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lake level is 97.3</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to be in Stage 3 of the LIP</li> </ul>	
<b>Environmental Reports</b>	<p><b>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services</b> – Heather Davis reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality Conditions (July 2008) – Results were all in the Good-Excellent range. Water temperature is slightly cooler than last year which will help keep algae growth down.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality Conditions (August 2008) – Results were all in the Good-Excellent range except in McDowell Creek. Chlorophyll A and Tot P had lower readings.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Garr Creek is dropping in water quality therefore; field research is being implemented in this area. Ms. Davis will provide the results of this research</li> </ul>	

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<b>Environmental Reports (continued)</b>	<p>once the information is compiled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Bacteriological Results (August 2008) – All testing sites had good results.</li> <li>□ Sediment running into lake was reported at Overlook. Mecklenburg County has been out to the site and reported that silt fence has been installed to help with the problem. This site will continue to be monitored.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lakekeepers Report</b> – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ The Catawba River is nearing its capacity for IBT’s.</li> <li>□ Cynthia Jones’ term as a Lake Norman Lakekeeper has expired. She warned that Catawba County (Lake Hickory) is about to explode with development because water and sewage have become available.</li> <li>□ David Merriman, Lakekeeper, and Rick Gaskins, Executive Director, reported that between 90-95% of the gross water use from the Catawba is used for energy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Quality of Natural Resources (QNRC)</b> – Pam Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Rated Stream Project – Cost of project: \$12,600 plus \$500 for equipment. Johnson’s Creek is included in the 17 streams that will be rated. Figures will be sent to NCDNR.</li> </ul> <p><b>MI Wildlife Stewards</b> – Tim Eldridge reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No one was present to give report</li> </ul>	
<b>Lake Development and Conservation</b>	<p><b>Lake Development and Conservation</b> – Kay Killian reported</p> <p>Ms. Killian distributed both a conservation map and a watershed and flood zone map of the Johnson Creek area. Johnson’s Creek is the largest tributary in Mountain Island Lake and originates at The Gates at Waterside Crossing in Lincoln County, reported Ms. Killian. This creek used to be navigable until about 6-7 years ago. Now, sediment buildup limits boats to pass through these waters. Currently, the water in this area is full of sediment from the new Hwy 16 and Waterside Crossing projects. Another project that could ultimately affect Johnson’s Creek is the proposed Woodcock Farms (Crescent Development) however; this project has been put on hold due to the current failing economy. Ms. Killian reported on several easements and conservation areas that will hopefully help control additional development in this area. Ms. Killian concluded her reported by stating that conservation is key to protecting the drinking water that flows in and out of this creek.</p>	

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<b>Request for Approval</b>	<p><b>Request for Approval</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Existing Buoy in Nivens Cove – Pam Beck submitted the request</li> </ul> <p>This buoy was placed in the water at the mouth of Nivens Cove in 2003. It was needed to prevent boaters from speeding close to docks. This buoy has improved safety and protected docks from extreme wave action. This request is to make this existing buoy an “official” buoy that is approved by the commission. A public hearing will be held at the October 1, 2008 MILMC business meeting to discuss this request.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Secretary Treasurer Danzi to hold a public hearing at the October 1, 2008 MILMC business meeting to review the No Wake Zone request in Nivens Cove (405 Nivens Cove). Seconded by Vice Chairman Battle. The motion was approved.</p>
<b>Base Operating Plan</b>	<p><b>Update on the Base Operating Plan (BOP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Project 08-08, Big Sweep – Big Sweep has been scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Chairman’s Report</b>	<p><b>Chairman’s Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No report</li> </ul>	
<b>Executive Director’s Report</b>	<p><b>Executive Director’s Report</b> – Interim Executive Director Annette Lawing reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>Finance report</b> – Lawing distributed a current finance report to the commissioners for their review.</li> <li>□ <b>Election of Officers</b> – Reminder – The commission will be holding Election of Officers at its October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Commission Counsel Report</b>	<p><b>Commission Counsel Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No report</li> </ul>	
<b>Commissioner’s Comments</b>	<p><b>Commissioner’s Comments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ None</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.</p>	
<b>Next Business Meeting Date and Location</b>	<p>The next MILMC business meeting will be held on October 1, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Cowan’s Ford Country Club, 761 Club Drive, Stanley, NC.</p>	

Annette Lawing, Interim Executive Director