

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN COMMENTS REGARDING REQUEST FOR NO WAKE ZONE ON SIX POUND CREEK ON LAKE GASTON, HELD BY THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE ARMORY CIVIC CENTER MEETING ROOM ON MONDAY – OCTOBER 14, 2015 AT 5:45 PM.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Barry Richardson. Other Commissioners present: Bertadean Baker, Tare Davis, Victor Hunt and Jennifer Jordan. Others in attendance: County Manager Linda T. Worth, Finance Director Gloria Edmonds and County Attorney Karlene Turrentine.

Clerk to the Board read the Public Hearing Notice.

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby served that the Warren County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 5:45 PM in the Warren County Armory Civic Center, 501 US Hwy. 158 Business-East, Warrenton, NC 27589. The purpose of this hearing is to receive citizen comments regarding: **Request for Establishment of No Wake Zone on Six Pound Creek, Lake Gaston.**

All questions or written comments should be directed to:

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All interested citizens are urged to attend this public hearing.

Barry Richardson, Chairman
Warren County Board of Commissioners

Richard Creech, Sergeant, Division of Law Enforcement, NC Wildlife Resources Commission gave an overview of No Wake Zone request and safety concerns. He stated that there are only two officers covering two (2) counties. In his opinion, if there was a “No Wake Zone” it would help with safety issues.

Clerk to the Board read the Public Hearing Procedures. Citizen Comments were as follows: **(E-mails received prior to public hearing: 3 In-Favor; 8 Opposed; on file in Clerks’ office.)**

William C. Nipper (Opposed)

David Williams (Opposed) He is a member of Warren County Planning Board

Becky Robinson (In favor) agrees with petition, the area is dangerous

Beverly Presser (Opposed) it will create a nightmare

Andy Smith (Opposed) residents need to work together to make improvement (his comments were published in the Lake Gaston Gazette)

Debbie Wade (In Favor) there have been 2 incidents in two years, husband was almost hit by a pontoon boat, there's no fishing after dark until dusk

David Camacho (In Favor) spoke on behalf of 60 people that agree that there is a safety issue, too many accidents have happened

Joe Williams (Opposed) no wake zone creates dangerous conditions, need to have extra enforcement officers on duty during the holidays

Lewis Fields (Opposed) has lived 44 years on Lizard Creek at Lake Gaston, people come to enjoy the lake

Donna J. Grommet (In Favor) lives full time in the cove, Saturdays & Sundays during the summer at least 40 to 50 boats party in front of their house

Donald Carson (In Favor)

Dan Havener (Opposed) weekend residents, but will be there full-time within the year, ideal ski route, couple hundred feet of shore frontage has erosion from surfing

Joe Donaghy (did not speak for or against) certified to teach boating and underwater safety courses, gave alternatives, erosion comes from boats

Cindee McCarroll (Opposed) property values will decline if no wake zone is implemented, should concentrate on Holiday safety

Johnnie Ricker (Opposed) tubers are the problem

Michael Donaghy (Opposed) lake wake dissipates on shore, whereas a river wake continues

Cathy Sanderson (Opposed) has been on the creek 11 years, bought to teach children to ski and knee board

Lee Carroll (Opposed) he is a safe and considerate boater, those concerned need to develop a committee to resolve the issue

James Montague (Opposed) everyone knew exactly where the lake was; lives in the back of the cove where the boats turn around

Christopher Pierce (Opposed) veteran of the Coast Guard, no wake zone would have a negative impact, should restrict tubing

Chris Harris (Opposed)

Walter Beasley (Opposed) did not speak

Janet Harris (Opposed) came all the way from Daytona Beach, FL, eliminate tubing, come-up with a plan

Gary Murray (Opposed) full time resident on creek for almost 20 years

Chairman Richardson opened the floor for questions and comments by Richard Creech, Sergeant, Division of Law Enforcement, NC Wildlife Resources Commission and public.

On motion of Commissioner Jordan, which was seconded by Commissioner Hunt and duly carried, the October 14 2015 No Wake Zone public hearing was adjourned at 6:10 pm.



Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk