







**Date: July 13, 2020**  
**To: Mayor Kudron and the Board of Trustees**  
**From: John Crone, Town Manager**

**Re: Use of Town Docks**

### **Background**

The current summer season has demonstrated the popularity of our lakefront area and has brought to light the potential for conflicting uses of our facilities. Staff is attempting to draft policies to prevent use conflicts and would like guidance from the Board regarding certain concerns.

The only current requirements are found in Section 7-9-1 of the Town Code:  
*Hours of Use of Public Boat Docks - It shall be unlawful for a boat or other watercraft to occupy or be attached to any portion of a Town owned boat slip or boat dock during hours posted as prohibited. In addition to any other penalty, boats or watercraft found in violation of this Section may be impounded by the Town.*

- 1) Fishing from Town Docks – Fishing from the Town docks is a very popular pastime. However, people fish from everywhere on the boat docks and from the “L” dock. This creates conflict with both boat users and with swimmers. Staff is looking for guidance on how or where to limit fishing activities.
- 2) Businesses using Town Docks to load or launch clients – It has come to staff’s attention that some businesses may be using Town docks to conduct their business. For example, the Town cannot stop an individual from using a Town dock to launch a rental kayak: the Town can stop a kayak rental business from meeting clients at the docks to provide them with rental kayaks. Staff feels that there may be benefits to allowing certain businesses to use Town docks. Staff is looking for guidance on how to control or limit such uses. (e.g. should the businesses be required to enter into a use agreement or lease with the Town, should such agreements be limited to only one vendor of any particular product or service).
- 3) Special events – Staff would like guidance on the extent to which Town Docks and the Lakefront area should be allowed to be reserved for special events.
- 4) Activities in the beach area – There are times when the beach becomes very congested. Staff would like guidance on whether it should pursue policies to limit games and activities that may present hazards to non-participants. Should we prohibit games like catch, frisbee and spikeball from the Beach area?
- 5) Any other considerations that the Board may have.



