

**Town of Lake Holcombe
Special Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2022 @ Lake Holcombe Town Hall**

Chairman Guthman called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Chairman Brian Guthman, Supervisor Doug Olson, Supervisor David Staudacher, Clerk Tracey Larson were in attendance and a quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED LHIA ORDINANCES: Brian contacted a lawyer at the Town Association for questions regarding the ordinances. They wouldn't review them for us and stated that they would advise us to hire a lawyer to review them if we wanted to adopt them.

Brian doesn't see any proof that the current campgrounds and the possibility of any potential new campgrounds actually pose any concerns as far as public health and welfare. He stated that we already have a Nuisance Ordinance in place which we have used to "clean up" some properties.

Brian and Dave have spoken to some of the campground owners, and they have openly stated that they would not follow the ordinance if it was put in place. The question then is how would the town police it?

Dave stated that he agrees that the town doesn't need any more campgrounds but doesn't feel the see the answer to the overcrowding in the ordinance. He believes that education and enforcement is what is needed to help keep the lake traffic safe. He thinks we should look into the cost of having extra police presence in town and on the lake.

Brian stated that from his research he found 59 VBRO/Airbnb's in the town. Having all of these brings more people into town and on the lake just like the campgrounds.

Doug stated that he believes that there are a lot of illegal boating activities occurring on the lake, but he doesn't feel it is really dangerous yet. He's not convinced any of it is a campground issue. He sees no sense in creating another ordinance that we can't enforce.

The board stated that they could possibly make their own campground ordinance just to have some rules and regulations but not to the extent of the proposed ordinance.

The board then reviewed the mobile home ordinance and they all agreed that there is no reason at all for this ordinance. They wondered why we would assess more fees to mobile home or manufactured homeowners? They agreed that they don't like the idea of "I can have my piece of paradise, but you shouldn't have yours" just because there's too many people.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON PURCHASES FOR VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

Dave stated that they hadn't heard any more from the DNR regarding the use of the land. He stated that they wanted to purchase the emblem now because the offer runs out in June. If the DNR doesn't approve the land, the emblem will be placed somewhere else. Doug doesn't want to accept the grant yet because it is specific to that property. If they have to move locations, they will have to reapply for the grant.

Dave made a motion to approve the purchase of the emblem and Doug seconded. All ayes

ADJOURN: Dave motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and Doug seconded. Motion passed.

Submitted by:

Tracey Larson, Clerk