

August 24, 2022

A special meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at 7:15 PM for the purpose of discussing Lazy River. This meeting was held as a hybrid, in person and on Zoom. Present were Supervisor Majestic and Councilmembers Carucci, Richman, Walls and Wiegand. Also present was attorney Allyson Phillips. There were approximately 38+ audience members in attendance.

STATE OF EMERGENCY – BURN BAN

The Town of Gardiner has issued a State of Emergency effective today for 30 days. The lack of rain and very dry conditions has resulted in this action.

LAZY RIVER DISCUSSION

Tonight's meeting will be for the Town Board to review and deliberate the Lazy River application and the requested waivers. There will be no questions or comments from the audience. The meeting will be limited to 2 hours.

Supervisor Majestic gave a brief history of the campground and the Campground Floating District Law. Each Board member received a waiver request chart to review this evening. There are 24 waiver requests on this chart. Of the 24, 11 of them have been marked as needing waivers. Board members expressed concerns that included quality of life impacts for the community, noise, lighting, smoke from campfires, screening/buffers, park model RV's, evacuation, enforcement, safety of the campers, expansion and population density during the season.

The Board undertook an in-depth discussion of the various waiver requests. It was determined that more time was needed to discuss park model RV's, permanent structures, unauthorized expansion, screening/buffer plan, interior roads, emergency access, connection to public roads and expansion of the season. Conditions of the permit also needs further discussion.

The Board asked the Town Attorney to add a summary of the Town Board's deliberations to the chart that is being used to guide its review. This summary will be made available to the public prior to the next meeting. Attorney Allyson Phillips suggested keeping the momentum going and schedule another special meeting, dividing the meeting into specific topics.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Audience members made remarks regarding Lazy River.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Carucci, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk