

## Minutes

Meeting occurred on 3-10-26 started at 7:02pm

Attendees D. Ciarfella, JD Wilcox, C Rockoff

Donna provided a word document summary of the meetings with the Dock Guys LLC (Review of Boat Dock 3-1-26 Meeting with Trevor).

The Word document has some detail not listed in the PowerPoint, namely rough estimates of Fall and Spring maintenance activities for both docks

JD provided a PowerPoint presentation (Amston Lake Dock Options 3a) that laid out the current dock systems, summarized available slips sizes by location, and 4 options each with slightly different configurations

The first three options are similar layouts but have some additional pieces to widen/or extend widths/heights of the sections to allow for more slips. The fourth is a stand-alone system that would add 2 additional 20 ft slips

The group decided to pursue option 2. The actions are to firm up the cost and verify the actual number of boats this option would yield.

The committee felt it would be prudent to have Benthic barriers set up on each side of the Lollipop dock and given the length of the dock, an additional 4 benthic mats should be priced to create the coverage of those areas

## Actions

Finalize cost and layout for option 2

Adjourned 7:47pm

Next meeting (set up after this meeting was adjourned) April 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm

PowerPoint and Word document summary to be published to committee website

## Review of Boat Dock Meeting with Trevor Tuck from The Dock Guys - 3/1/2026

### CURRENT DOCK SYSTEM AT MAIN BEACH AND LOLLIPOP:

- 17 slips available overall
- Two dock systems = 9 slips at Lollipop and 8 slips at Main Beach
- Total slip inventory of 4 large boat capacity, 13 small boat slips (2 of the small boat slips currently being utilized to accommodate 1 large boat)
- Large boats defined as btw 5'9" and 8' wide X 14'6"+ to max 20' length
- Small boats defined as 5'8" and under wide X up to 14'6" length

**Lollipop** = 9 slips / 4 Large Boats & 5 Smaller Boats

Current structure is 45' from shoreline, with 5' ramp and 39'-40' wide.

**Main** = 8 slips / 1 Large Boat taking up 2 smaller slips & 6 Smaller Boats

Current structure is 30' from shoreline, with 5' ramp and 20'-21' wide

Ongoing concern with owners not being able to get a slip during the boat lottery.

In summer 2025, 3 large boats owners unable to get a slip. Pontoons 1@15', 1@18', 1@20'

**Current usage/needs** based on Summer 2025 interest, broken down by boat size:

- **At least 8** large boat slips; Current larger boats = Pontoons 1@15', 1@16', 4@18', 2@20' (includes those unable to get a slip)
- **At least 11** smaller boat slips; Current smaller boats = 2@8', 5@10'-12', 4@13'-14'

### NEW DOCK DESIGN PROPOSALS:

Each proposed dock design option from The Dock Guys out of Marlborough, CT (see Dock Systems #1-3 below) involves reusing current ramps as well as combining existing Main Beach docks with existing Lollipop docks and purchasing new dock system for Main Beach. For each option, could reallocate large boat slip(s) for small boat slip(s) usage depending on lottery entries. Straight-line quote from other vendor (See Dock System #4 below) requires new ramp in addition to dock.

#### **Dock System #1 –**

- A. 16-18 slips overall (10 large, 6-8 small)
- B. Cost \$22k for delivery and installation
- C. **Lollipop** -
  - 50' wide X 45' from shoreline (25' dock length of "fingers" making two "U" shapes with 20' entrance walkway from shoreline)
  - 8-10 slips (6 large, 2-4 small boats)

- Gain 2 large slips
- Reduces number of smaller boat slip options possibly to as few as 2 (closest to shoreline), possibly could accommodate up to 4 boats if boats smaller in size
- Some concern with 19' (12 "pockets") "U" shapes, as it was initially recommended that 20' (13 "pockets") would be best for side-by-side large boats.

**D. Main Beach –**

- 45' wide X 30' out from shoreline. (T-shape)
- 8 slips (4 large, 4 small)
- Gain 4 large slips by extending current front "T" from 20' to 45'
- Reduces smaller boat slips options to 4 slips.
- Slightly extends "U" shape furthest from shoreline to accommodate large boats.
- Noted that slips closest to shoreline seem tight with ramp and shoreline.

**Dock System #2:**

A. 18-20 slips overall (10 large, 8-10 small)

B. Cost \$??K for delivery and installation

C. **Lollipop** – Adjust Dock System #1 design.

- 60' wide X 55' out from shoreline (2 U shapes)
- 10-12 slips (6 large, 4-6 small)
- Push out "fingers" to side to increase "U" shapes to 20' (13 "pockets") across to better accommodate large boats. More easily accommodates 6 large boats.
- Need to add "extenders" to moved "fingers" because large boats exceeding length of dock could damage docks due to movement (e.g., loosen augers, damage mounts). Recommends adding one 10' section to walkway vs two 4' sections (cost savings).
- The added extender(s) also increases cross walkway from approx. 25' to 30' on one side of walkway and from approx. 20' to 26' on other side of walkway. If we use current location of ramp (overall change of walkway is 50' to 60', but for boat slip purposes must take into account 4' width of walkway), gives potential, with 26' section, to possibly accommodate two 12" boats and with 30' section to possibly accommodate two 14' boats.
- By adding 10' extender to walkway leading from shoreline to cross dock structure, can provide room for two additional smaller boat options near shoreline. (change from 20' to 30').
- Can move ramp/walkway to cross dock structure left or right to create space as needed to accommodate varying boat lengths, if desired.

D. **Main Beach** - Adjust Dock System #1 design

- 45' wide X 40' out from shoreline (T-shape)
- 8 slips (4 large, 4 small)
- Add extender to walkway 10' to increase spacing for boats near shoreline and would also allow ability to increase space in interior cross section so can have

more room between T's to improve larger boat storage options (currently is 11 pockets wide)

**Dock System #3:**

- A. 18-20 slips overall (10 large, 8-10 small)
- B. Cost \$33k for delivery and installation
- C. **Lollipop -**
- D. **Main Beach -**
  - 50' wide X 55' out from shoreline
  - 10 slips (8@20ft, 2@15ft or less)

**Dock System #4:**

- A. Straight-line 25' floating dock from shoreline
- B. Adds two 20' boat slips to inventory
- C. Brings overall inventory to 19 slips  
(6 large, 13 small with 2 of these small slips used to create 1 large)
- D. Cost: \$10.5K
- E. Trevor from The Dock Guys did not recommend adding a straight-line dock system from shoreline because only one boat on either side could be accommodated and felt be it would costly if trying to add a number of boat slips to inventory.

**DOCK COLOR**

Because approval for new dock system would come in May, beige coloring would be hard to get quickly. Most vendors have moved to gray coloring in stock.

**SECURING DOCKS WITH MUSHROOM ANCHORS AND CHAINS INSTEAD OF POLES**

- Would need 200 lb mushroom anchors which cost about \$460 each with no chains, no ropes. Cost with chains and mounting, about \$1,000.
- Would need 6 anchors just for securing dock system at Lollipop.
- Requires constant tensioning of chains with rising and lowering of water, docks lose stability consistently.
- Trevor felt this was better suited for docks on rivers or tidal water and not on a lake.

**DOCK WINTERIZATION** - Discussed three typical options

**Option 1:**

- Completely remove docks from water and stack onshore at beach.
- \$1,000 per dock per season (\$4,000 per year)

**Option 2:**

- Push docks to shoreline and put poles back in ground.
- Trevor cautions against use of this option due to risk of damage to docks. Freezing and then thawing of lake can create ice pressure that puts hundreds of pounds of pressure on the docks leading to the possibility of poles bending, augers loosening and mounts breaking.

**Options 3:**

- Rotate “fingers” to inside of docks and move dock out from shoreline and anchor with mushroom-type anchor. Allows docks to move with ice to reduce damage to docks.
- Lease anchors.
- Without mushroom anchor lease, \$500-\$600 per dock, per season. (\$2,000-\$2,400 per year, labor, plus lease of anchors)

There are motorized machines that can be rented to help remove dock poles, but not recommended for this lake because we do not allow motors. The Dock Guys use pipe wrenches.