

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Spider Lake
Health, Safety and Environment Committee
January 13, 2026, at 1:00 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Chair Johnson. In attendance were members Conroy, Johnson, Lawton, Mickelson, Thearin and Amery.
2. Agenda approval. Motion by Conroy for approval, seconded by Lawton. Motion carried.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Approve minutes from December 8, 2026, meeting. Motion by Thearin for approval, seconded by Conroy. Motion carried.
5. Slow No Wake Buoy Ordinance

Chairman Johnson reported that the DNR has informed us that it designates the body of water connecting Teal and Lost Land Lake as a river; as such, a DNR Advisory Review is not required.

Motion made by Amery to remove the relevant language (section 9) and forward the revised ordinance to the Board for approval, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

6. Fire Department 2025 Review

Chairman Johnson commented on the composition of a typical fire department annual review. Coordination with Sawyer County and others on gathering data was discussed and Chief Schmidt has been asked to supply a summary report. This will be taken up again at a future meeting.

7. Signage

Mickelson reviewed proposed signage and associated costs.

Motion by Johnson to approve, seconded by Conroy. Motion carried.

8. New Business

- a. Teal River rock hazard

Chairman Johnson discussed a community inquiry he has received suggesting placement of a hazard buoy for a rock located in the Teal River. Johnson has discussed this issue with members of the QLIA. He will follow up in the future to determine whether a formal Town action is indicated.

- b. Pavillion vision-AARP grant

Members of the Town of Spider Lake Grounds and Garden Auxiliary joined the meeting to discuss options for improving the pavilion area adjacent to the Town Hall. Improvements envisioned are intended to make this area more community-friendly and functional. AARP (American Association of Retired People) grant monies are available to support this type of effort.

Thank you for your consideration.
Dave

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Quentin Johnson
David Thearin, Bill Amery
, Boulder Lodge
, 'Mike Lawton'
Dave MICKELSON, Sarah Delaney
, Mark Johns

Sat, Apr 18, 2026, 14:04

All. I asked Dave Mickelson to frame our discussion on this topic in one page. I would like to schedule a HS &E Committee meeting on April 28 pm, April 30 , or May 5 pm. Please let me know your availability. I think this will be the only agenda item.

Thanks. Q

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2 Emails

Fw: Boating Ordinances Enforcement

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Quentin Johnson

Thu, Apr 9, 2026, 11:11

Hello Quentin,

The Health, Safety and Environment Committee (HSE) has been charged with reviewing and recommending action to the Town of Spider Lake Board of Supervisors relative to our boating ordinances. This committee has accomplished a great deal with the enactment of the Enhanced Wake Ordinance and the Connector Slow No Wake Ordinance. Along with the existing Water Traffic (10mph / Hours of operation) Ordinance we have three ordinances in place. Part of the ordinance process is to have a protocol for enforcement. Enforcement has been studied for years without a great deal of change, including the Boating Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee (BOAHC). Now that we have two new ordinances over the past year, it is even more important that we have a defined protocol for this. The public has a right to know how these ordinances will be enforced and if there will be a change to enforcement from the existing protocol. I realize we already various components for enforcing boating ordinances in place. As a member of the former BOAHC and as a member of the HSE Committee, it is important that, when asked, I can properly communicate the Board's protocol on enforcement.

Bill Amery gave the committee a guideline document for the HSE to discuss and we began that process the end of last year. I encourage the committee to finish its review and make a recommendation to the TSL Board of Supervisors. There are a variety of components to discuss including but not limited to:

1. Education (working with STRs, Landing Monitors, and Lake Associations)
2. Limited Duty Safety Officer (Who /Contracted Services? / Hours per month/ Fines / Job Description / Annual Cost)
3. Warning and Citation protocol
4. Community Reporting Hotline (Previously discussed .Gov site)
5. Town Officials role
6. Updating TSL Documents
7. Website Update

Please add boating ordinance enforcement to the agenda for our upcoming HSE Committee meeting. I would recommend holding a meeting in April and May to put together a recommendation to the TSL Board of Directors.