

2012, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to transfer their Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) for the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program in Stow to the Hudson Housing Authority.

The Stow Housing Authority continues as the monitoring agent for the affordable housing units built at the Villages at Stow as well as the LIP (local initiative program) located at Elm Ridge.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Robert Dilling, State appointee
John Kendra
Michael Kopczynski
Robert Larkin, Chair

Cynthia Perkins
Julie M. Torres, Administrator

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Information Technology Department serves other Town departments through a series of services, including integrating computer systems, coordinating and providing training, negotiating and managing information technology-related contracts, and technology assistance and support. This includes but is not limited to, all IT-related upgrades, migrations or integrations, as well as responsibility for planning the future IT infrastructure.

The department creates the technological environment that enables Town employees to quickly access vital information using the most efficient and cost-effective system hardware and software. The department provides leadership as an active partner in the Departmental telecommunications and data-sharing network.

Mission

The Information Technology Department assists Town departments in responding to the needs of the citizens by enabling Town employees to quickly access vital information. We are dedicated to providing quality service through teamwork, partnerships, and developing team and individual strengths.

Outcomes

- Provide quality, cost-effective telecommunication services to all Town departments.
- Provide and maintain effective business applications, which help us maintain our information to meet residents' needs.
- Provide and maintain a secure, reliable, and effective Information Technology Infrastructure.
- Increase public access to information and Town services through the Internet.
- Provide project management of Information Technology solutions that are being deployed at any time within the municipal departments.
- Responsible for the strategic planning and implementation of all computer, data-networking and telecommunications systems.

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Volunteers

The Information Technology Department extends a special thanks to our volunteers, Paul Yannoni and Robert Mong for their numerous donated hours and their ongoing efforts in helping to maintain our infrastructure.

A special thanks for keeping the IT repair and service costs at a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Tobey, Information Technology
Director

Paul Yannoni, IT Volunteer
Robert Mong, IT Volunteer

LAKE BOON COMMISSION

The Lake Boon Commission (LBC) is made up of three people appointed by the Selectmen of Hudson and Stow. There are two members from Stow and one from Hudson, reflecting the area of the lake in each town. Current serving members are Lee Heron from Stow, Cindy Curley from Stow and Conray Wharff from Hudson (Chair). The LBC holds meetings at the Stow Town Building about once a month. The meetings are public; everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Meeting notices are posted at both Town Halls at least 48 hours before the meetings.

Lake Boon is under attack from non-native invasive weeds and increased nutrient loading. The primary way to combat these attacks is a comprehensive lake management program that includes nutrient management and aquatic vegetation management. Aquatic vegetation management is done with state-approved herbicides applied under state permits and Orders of Conditions from the Conservation Commissions of Stow and Hudson. Nutrient management is accomplished by intercepting nutrients before they get to the lake in catch basins and Lake Drawdown, which removes the nutrients.

Lake Drawdown is one of the ways we limit nutrient loading, and is best thought of as emptying a bath tub. Drain some of the water away and the nutrients leave the lake. It is free but may affect shallow wells around the lake. Working with the Stow boards, and many interested parties including the Lake Boon Association, we accomplished a Lake Drawdown of approximately one foot during the 2012-2013 winter season.

We have an ongoing aquatic vegetation management program in place that includes treatment of the weeds in accordance with the Orders of Conditions, DEP File #190-362. The lake was treated this past summer according to state regulations and the Orders of Conditions in place. The treatments are successful in limiting but not eliminating the invasive weeds. Weed treatment is now an annual program, treating the lake as required after a spring survey of the invasive weeds in the lake.

Lee Heron is one of Lake Boon's patrol officers. As a member of the LBC he manages patrolling of Lake Boon for both the LBC patrol boat and the Stow Police patrol boat. The Stow Police boat is also manned by Stow police officers. The goal is to ensure safety and enforce regulations