

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
Sept 13, 2017

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held at the Stow Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA on Sept 13, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Members Attending: Don Hawkes (Chair), Conray Wharff (Commissioner), Kris Krablin (Commissioner), Andy Pollack (Volunteer, Weed Mgmt)

Absent: none

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02pm. Meeting was recorded by Stow TV.

Agenda:

Public Comment

Comment: Laura Diamond – Suggested that the LBA send out a reminder that life jackets must be worn for all non-motorized boaters from Sept 15 to May 15, and that sunset is earlier (for water skiing). Elsie Rodney also reminded of the year-round rule for paddle boarders.

Response – Don acknowledged & reminded that the Environmental Police have been doing safety checks.

Meeting Minutes

- **Minutes from 5/25/17 Meeting (submitted by Teresa O’Riorden)** – Conray motioned to approve as written. Don seconded. Conray & Don in favor. Kris abstained. Motion passed.
- **Minutes from 6/26 (submitted by Teresa O’Riorden)** - Conray motioned to approve as amended to include the letter submitted to the BoS as an attachment. Don seconded. Conray & Don in favor. Kris abstained. Motion passed.
- **Minutes from 7/17/17** - Conray motioned to approve as written. Kris seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- **Minutes from 7/26/17** - Conray motioned to approve as written. Kris seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Authorize Payment of Bills

- The commission confirmed that the 7/1/17 Solitude bill was calculated and approved correctly, and that Hudson has paid their portion correctly. Kris will contact Julie Costello (Stow Town Accountant) to either confirm Stow payment or resubmit the previously approved bill for payment.
- Andy confirmed that there will be one more bill around Nov 1, and there will be no further treatments this year.
- Kris submitted 2 receipts related to the Kiosk signage. Conray advised that the towns will not pay for sales tax and in the future a Sales Tax Exemption Certificate should be presented when making purchases. He also indicated that Kris might need to complete a W9. Conray motioned to approve the payment of \$54.38. Don seconded. All in favor.
 - Action – Kris to submit the signed receipts to Julie Costello (Stow)
 - Action – Don to get a copy of the exemption certificate, for future use.

Rules Revision Procedures Discussion

- Don requested that LBC members come to the next LBC meeting prepared to discuss their suggestions related to revising the content of the By Laws - both substantive and housekeeping changes.
- Kris provided a copy of the “Proposed Process for By-Law Review & Recommendations” flow chart she submitted last year.
- A draft of revised By Laws will need to be completed by early-Jan in order to provide time for a public review of recommendations.
- Warrant articles probably need to be submitted sometime in Jan

- Conray indicated that it might not be possible to finish the edits and approvals this year, and has an archive of previous rules proposed.

Downed Trees in Lake

- This issue was previously raised to the LBC by Dick Gelpke. Don reported that he had talked with the Stow Town Administrator, who suggested that the Highway Dept might be able to help remove downed trees from the water.
 - Action – Don will take some photos of current downed trees and revisit the topic with the Town Administrator
 - There was some public comment regarding personal experiences with paying for removal and Home Owner insurance limitations

Report From Det. Sgt. Sallèse

- Don read from a report (dated 9/11/17) submitted by Det. Sgt Sallèse, covering Stow Police lake-related calls & actions for the period of July 1 – Sept 11. There were 9 boat stops, 2 citations issued, and 72.5 hrs of patrol.
- Patrolling will continue until Oct 9.

Drawdown Prep & Next Steps for Order of Conditions

- Drawdown cannot start until at least Oct 1, and should be completed by end of Oct. The maximum drawdown is 18 inches, done in steps.
- David Gray is on vacation and has notified the LBC that he's not available to do lake level measurements.
 - Action – Kris to check with him if he keeps historical records of his readings, and sending to Comm Con.
- Re the Order of Conditions – Conray believes that he has a copy, and Theresa certainly does.
 - Action – Conray to request that Theresa turn over her historical records.
 - Don will be the Point Person this year for the drawdown. He will contact Mike Clayton (Stow Highway Dept), post the required notices, and seek Kathy Sferra's approval.
 - Superseding Order of Conditions expire in Nov sometime.

Prep for Other End of Season Tasks

- LBC will keep the LBC boat in the water as long as possible, and will need to send to Cabellas to winterize it before storage.
- Action – Conray will check on options for storage in Hudson again this year. That worked well last year.
- Buoys will be pulled out around the 1st or 2nd week in Oct, pending weather. LBC currently owns 4-5 good buoys that don't need replacement, and may need to replace some chains.

Old Business/Follow-up Actions

None raised

New Business

- Per Andy, the Solitude contract is good for another calendar year at the same price. That contract crosses (by ½ yr) two fiscal year periods, and we'll need to have a price for the next FY by the Spring 2018 Town Meetings.

Date of Next Meeting – Either 10/18 or 10/25. Don will send out an email.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20pm. (Motion to adjourn by Conray, Seconded by Kris. All in favor.)

Approved by LBC: 10/18/17
As Amended