

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
Nov 29, 2017

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held at the Stow Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA on Nov 29, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Members Attending: Don Hawkes (Chair), Conray Wharff (Commissioner), Kris Krablin (Commissioner), Andy Pollack (Volunteer, Weed Management)
Absent: none

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04pm. Meeting was not recorded by Stow TV.

Announcement: Don announced the 1st Annual Holiday Tree Lighting event, and provided additional details of date, time & location.

Agenda:

Public Input -

Comment: Dave Siewierski asked if there was any update on the dam

Response: Don reported that the preliminary report had been sent to the State, and indications from the Stow Board of Selectman meeting were that findings showed nothing drastic, and the study is on time, on target, and the next benchmark was scheduled for 12/29/17.

Comment: David Gray asked if the LBC knew anything about a lake map that some Pine Point residents found in their mailboxes recently. That map showed a rendering of the lake with a 150 ft no wake zone.

Response: The LBC was not aware of any distribution of such a map, which sounded like one which was drafted by the Stow Planning Dept in 2015 at the request of the Stow Police Dept. The LBC felt it was likely distributed by a resident.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from 10/18/17 - Conray motioned to approve minutes as submitted. Don seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.
- Minutes from 10/25/17 - Conray motioned to approve minutes as submitted. Don seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Pay Bills

- Kris motioned to approve a bill of \$100 from the Independent Press, for postings of the drawdown notices. Conray seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Conray provided the 11/1/17 Solitude bill. This was pre-approved for payment by the LBC in the 10/25/17 meeting, for the amount of \$1,462.50 (\$487.50 Hudson, \$950.00 Stow). The bill received was for a total of \$1,461.00 and was signed by the LBC at this meeting (\$487 Hudson, \$974 Stow).

LBC Rules Revision

- The LBC reviewed elements of the V0.2 of the draft LBC Rules Revision document, but deferred any approval of recommendations. In response to a public question, Don explained the LBC has not taken any final position yet on recommended rule changes, and the working document only reflects discussions at this point.
- **Action-** Kris to update the draft LBC Rules Revisions document to remove all working notes from previous meetings and just reflect the current recommendations, including wording.
- A copy of the Fort Meadow Reservoir rules was provided as a point of reference. There was some question about the enforceability of these rules.
- Per the action from the 10/25/17 meeting, Kris provided a first draft of a work plan (11/29/17 draft) for completing the LBC Rules Revision process. The LBC reviewed the tasks and target timelines, and provided some feedback/modification. After full review, it was agreed that we had the right set of

steps, but that the timing required to meet a Hudson Town Warrant Article submission deadline of 1/29/18 for the Spring Town Meeting was too aggressive to incorporate appropriate time for public input and other consultation.

- A vote to approve the work plan was deferred to a future session
- Decisions regarding the schedule for Public Information Meetings was deferred to a future session
- Additional public comment was received:
 - Concern that the LBC might selectively represent input from other boards, police, etc if a single LBC member met with them without the public present.
 - There was a desire to make LBC working documents available to the public prior to meetings.
- **Action:** Conray will check with Hudson Town management to see if it would be possible to submit a placeholder for the article on 1/29 rather than the final article wording, and will advise Don & Kris of that outcome.
- **Action:** Kris will update the draft work plan to reflect the LBC review & input

Old Business

- Conray reported that the LBC boat was stored with minimal winterizing. It will require servicing next Spring.
- Don could not find a 2016 drawdown report.
 - **Action:** Conray will look for the 2015 one.

Date of Next Meeting – No date proposed. Next meeting agenda should include the 2017 Annual Reports to Hudson and Stow, due by end-of-January.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:57pm. (Motion to adjourn made by Conray, Seconded by Kris. All in favor. Motion passed.)

Approved by LBC on: <u>2/5/18</u> 1-5 Submitted
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