

**Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
Dec 5, 2018**

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held at the Stow Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA on Dec 5, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

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

Absent: none

Meeting Called to Order: 7:30 pm. Meeting was recorded by Stow TV.

Agenda:

Public Comment –

Comment: Based on public meeting discussion, might need to adjust the mission of the commission for addressing winter conditions

Response: Comment noted

Meeting Minutes –

- Motion by Conray to accept the Oct 17, 2018 meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Don. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Motion by Conray to approve the minutes of the Nov 14, 2018 Public Hearing notes as submitted. Seconded by Don. All in favor. Motion passed.

Pay Bills -

- Motion by Conray to pay two bills for the posting of the Nov 14, 2018 Public Hearing in Hudson and Stow newspapers, in the amounts of \$13.86 from GateHouse Media and \$65.00 from The Independent Press, LLC. Seconded by Kris. All in favor. Motion passed.
- A Solitude invoice in amount of \$1,461, dated for 11/1/18, was not received by Conray but is legitimately due and payable based on our contract.
- Motion by Don to approve the payment of \$1,461 (\$974 Stow & \$487 Hudson) to Solitude for the Nov 1, 2018 contracted amount. Seconded by Kris. All in agreement. Motion passed. A Solitude statement containing reference to that "Due upon receipt" invoice was signed.
 - **Action:** Conray will secure a copy of the invoice to be submitted for payment.

Discuss LBC By-Law/Rules revision – Review comments received at Public Hearing – 11/14/18; prepare/vote on final version; next steps to submit Warrant Articles (Hudson and Stow) –

- V0.8 of the Draft Bylaw Revisions document was discussed with consideration for the additional feedback received at the Public Hearing, and changes to a few rules were agreed:
 - General Regulations:
 - Rule No 5 – Sentence 2 revised to reflect: "No person shall utilize any device that prevents ice from forming without the permission of the Lake Boon Commission." [Unanimous agreement]
 - Boating Regulations:
 - Rule 1 (B) – Added a second sentence to clarify 'the narrows': "The Narrows are defined as the areas between the first and second, and second and third, and third and fourth basins." [Unanimous agreement]
 - Rule 1 (D) – Much discussion regarding the holidays, and Don suggested a change to specify 4 holidays.
 - Motion by Kris to accept the rule as written in V0.8. Don seconded for discussion. All in Favor- Aye: Kris; Nay: Conray & Don. Motion did not carry.

- Motion by Conray to change the rule to limit the State holidays to just Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day & Columbus Day. Seconded by Don. All in Favor?- Aye: Don & Conray; Nay: Kris. Motion passed 2 to 1.
- **Action:** Kris to provide a cleaned-up copy of the rules with the above modifications by 12/13, which will serve as V1.0 and our 5-Dec-2018 recommendation for adoption. This version will be submitted by the LBC for appropriate inclusion in the town warrants in Stow and Hudson.
- **Action:** Conray will work with Hudson to get that warrant article prepared, and Don will work with Stow for their warrant article.

Discuss/vote on FY 19 operating budget and weed treatment warrant article(s) & Solitude Input

- Operating budget – Hudson already put in the same as last yr.
 - **Action:** Conray needs to check on how patrol hrs/budget are handled.
- Conray made a motion to submit a FY19 operating budget of \$1,500. Kris seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Weed treatment budget– We will need \$21k on May 1. Hudson balance is currently around \$17k, and Conray will put in warrant to beef that up for next year. Need this unspent operating budget to handle the May & June portions of the costs.
- Per Andy, the new Solitude contract is expected to be for about \$42k. 50% will be due May 1, 25% June 1, 15% July 1, and 10% Nov 1.
- **Action** – Conray to request a ledger from Julie for Stow.
- Conray made a motion to approve appropriation of \$42k to be used for lake weed management on Lake Boon, to be contracted out to Solitude Lake Management. \$14k Hudson & \$28k Stow. [Never actually seconded & voted.]
- Need to figure out what we have left in Stow & what is needed. Need to have the funds to pay the 2020 bill and factor that into the warrant request.
- Should get a new contract from Solitude in Jan. Contract needs to be signed by Bill (contracting officer).

Discuss Monahan's Cove aeration system; "ice eater" problem?

- Conray attended the Hudson Conservation Committee meeting where they were addressing the request for the Order of Conditions, and they had same concern about open ice. When the OoC is issued it will exclude usage during the winter.

New Business for next meeting

- Review a draft of our annual report.
- **Action** - Don to draft for the next meeting. Probably due in Jan.

Date of Next Meeting – Proposed 1/16/2019

Meeting Adjourned: 8:52pm. (Motion to adjourn made by Conray. Seconded by Kris. All in favor. Motion passed.)

Approved by LBC on: 11/17/19
As submitted