

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2020

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on June 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The meeting took place by telecommunications using Zoom, because of coronavirus-related state limits on public meetings per the Mar 21, 2020 order of Governor Baker.

Members Attending: Kris Krablin (Chairperson), Conray Wharff (Commissioner), Dan Barstow (Clerk)

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 pm.

Agenda:

LBC Response to Chapter 61 Quick Response Information Sheet, Hallocks Point Rd -

- The Hallocks Point property, encompassing 10.68 acres, has been under reduced taxes by designation through MGL chapter 61, with the obligation to offer the parcel to the town before selling it for development. The owner has decided to sell the property and developed plans for 7 residential lots, for a total selling price of \$1,000,000.
- Stow Town Administrator has asked for LBC, among several town bodies, to respond to a questionnaire and provide a statement regarding potential for Stow to acquire this property.
- Kris prepared a draft response which LBC reviewed. It contained two key points: 1) LBC recognizes the importance of acquiring this property as conservation land for the health of Lake Boon; 2) LBC has no authority to approve or allocate funding for this acquisition.
- Kris, Conray and Dan discussed and supported these points, and suggested edits to the letter to make the points clearly, compellingly and succinctly.
- Dick Gelpke suggested Community Preservation Act funds
- Dave Siewerski suggested MA Land Grant funds
- Dan moved and Conray seconded approval of the edited letter. The motion passed unanimously

Stow Town Meeting – Review/Approve LBC Participation -

- The town meeting has been postponed due to health concerns from the Covid pandemic.
- Kris shared her powerpoint slides and the approach she will use in the meeting.
- Dan and Conroy concurred with the message, but encouraged keeping it brief
- Actual details of the method of presentation will depend on to-be-released updated plans for the town meeting

New Business for Next Meeting

- Bills
- Drawdown permit
- Review minutes from June 3, 9 and 16, 2020 meetings

Date of Next Meeting

- June 30, 2020, 7 pm

Meeting Adjourned:

- Dan moved, Conray seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm

Approved by LBC on: June 30, 2020

