

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
Aug 4, 2020

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on Aug 4, 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:

Public Comments -

- Laura Diamond asked that LBC avoid scheduling conflicts with other town meetings.
- Dave Gray mentioned a lakeside music concert Aug 16 in the 1st basin.
- Dave Gray also mentioned that the Water Carnival will still take place Sept 4-6, but with a reduced scope. It will include lighting of the lake, the music boat, sailing regatta, boat parade – but no party for judging the boats and no prizes. LBA also discourages large parties to avoid spreading covid.
- Dave Gray commented on a report of a bubbler in Monahan's Cove. He will investigate.

Minutes -

- LBC postponed reviewing minutes from June 30, 2020.

Police and LBC patrol boat update -

- Stow Acting Police Chief Michael Sallese joined the meeting to share his experiences and perspective on Lake Boon and related issues of policing and enforcement.
- Chief Sallese reported that the summer has been mostly calm. He reported that the police patrolled 12 times for a total of 18 hours, and Lee Heron patrolled 30 times for a total of 90 hours.
- They did stop some jet skiers who were speeding, explaining our regulations.
- Police also received some complaints about music performances at homes on the lake for audiences in their boats, but most people enjoy the music.
- Kris asked about ticketing. Chief Sallese reported that they stop people and give warnings, and rarely have repeat offenders
- Dan asked Conray about how often he goes out in the LBC boat, for what purposes? He reported that he goes out a couple of times per week. He checks on the lake activity, the status of the buoys, and other lake-related activities.
- Chief Sallese mentioned an idea, early in its conceptualization, of combining LBC, Fire and Police resources for a boat. Kris, Conray and Dan discussed pluses and minuses of this idea.
- Dan and Kris asked about getting certified to use the LBC boat. This would require training in powerboats, boat safety classes, certification, and orientation by Conray in use of the LBC boat. Dan and Kris both want to do this, but may delay until next year.
- Dan, Kris and Conray thanked Chief Sallese for his service and support for the lake.

Bills to pay -

- Conray presented an invoice from Solitude for 3,906.25, which would be split as 2,578.13 Stow (2/3) and 1,328.12 Hudson (1/3). Kris moved and Dan seconded approval. The motion passed unanimously

FY21 Budget -

- We discussed the budget to cover police patrolling the lake. For Stow, this amount is part of the Stow Police budget. For Hudson, this is a special allocation, requiring an amended budget. Conray will investigate details.

Weed Treatment and Drawdown -

- We need to get new approvals from Stow and Hudson Conservation Commissions for the annual drawdown. Dan prepared a draft proposal, with feedback already incorporated from Jacquie Goring (Stow Conservation) and Dave Gray. Kathy Sferra will review the narrative, and Jacquie will help us prepare the cover forms.
- We need to notify abutters around the lake. Kris will work with Stow and Conray with Hudson to get official abutters lists. She will ask if we can get the lists for no cost, because we are town officials. We will need to pay \$1 per address for the mailing.
- We will review the current draft in the next LBC meeting.

Lake Boon Rules and Regulations -

- Stow has now approved the new rules and regulations. The Boating component will need review by the MA Attorney General's office.

Hallock Point Working Group -

- Dan is the appointed representative to the Hallock Point Working Group, to support a coordinated effort for the town to acquire Hallock Point, for its benefits of protecting the health of lake Boon and supporting recreation. The group is actively exploring collaborative funding of the \$1M cost through CPC funds, sale of 2 of the properties and private fund-raising.

Old Business Follow-ups

- None

New Business for Next Meeting

- Drawdown permit

Date of Next Meeting

- Aug 19, 2020, 7 pm

Meeting Adjourned:

- Conray moved, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm

Approved by LBC on: __Aug 19, 2020__

