

Lake Boon Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Oct 27, 2021

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on Oct 27, 2021 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. The meeting was recorded and is available thru Stow TV.

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

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 pm

**Public Comments**

- No one had public comments.

**Meeting Minutes**

- We reviewed minutes from Sep 22, 2021, revised with edits from Kris. Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved the minutes as amended.

**Herbicide Treatment Year-End Report & Recommendations**

- Kris reported that Solitude submitted an incomplete report. They will submit the full report by mid-November 2021.
- Dan said that we need to do a new RFP, as the current contract with Solitude expires in May 2022, before next year's analysis and treatment.
- Red Aylward will take the lead on drafting the RFP, based on the previous version, and will make sure the process is in line with Stow's current standards.
- Dan notified Stow and will contact Hudson regarding the status and process.
- LBC will review a draft of the RFP in our next meeting.

**Bills for Payment**

- Kris cited the previously submitted bill from Solitude for \$3,906.25 and a new one for \$2,343.75 (total \$6,250). We discussed whether they had complied with the required milestones for these payments. Dan expressed some concerns about the incomplete report and other gaps in the services and communications. Eventually, Conray moved, Kris seconded and we unanimously approved payment.
- Kris paid \$14.99 for zoom meetings at the monthly rate. Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursing Kris.

**End of Season planning**

- **Boat Storage** – Conray reported that we will need to shrink wrap our LBC boat for the winter. Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously pre-approved up to \$250 for this expense.
- **Buoys** – Conray reported that 4 buoys were removed, with 3 to go
- **Drawdown** – Dan reported that drawdown began on Oct 22, 2021, as planned, and will be complete by the Dec 1, 2022 deadline.

**Healthy Lake Boon Initiative - Update**

- Kirk Westphal gave a status report on the Healthy Lake Boon Initiative. The monthly sampling has now been completed. He said they were studying why the lake had algae blooms in Oct – most likely because the cold weather cooled the lake surface and thus reduced the stratification vis-à-vis the cool temps of water at depth. This likely increased the level of mixing, bringing nutrients from the sediment to the surface. They will need to study this further, based on pending results from the sediment analysis.

**Kattelle Property**

- Dan reported on the possible sale of the Kattelle property (16 acres near the 4<sup>th</sup> basin), and initial plans from the developer, as presented at the Aug 19, 2021 meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission. Lake Boon Association prepared a report on the plans, with recommendations to limit the impact on Lake Boon. Subsequently, the developer decided to limit the number of homes along the shore, because they will use rules for standard sub-divisions, rather than request special allowances thru the Open Space Development Plan. LBA will continue to monitor the development planning, and adapt their recommendations based on the sub-division regs.

#### **Motor Replacement**

- Kris mentioned the need to replace the motor on the LBC boat. Conray said the anticipated cost would be about \$8,000 for a 60 HP motor, and that the current motor might have some trade-in value. Dan said we should not hesitate, and instead include this as an additional item in our budget proposal.
- Conray was concerned about the need for a Safety Officer – a position still unfilled. Kris reported that Police Chief Sallese is still working on how to handle patrolling next season.

#### **FY 2023 Budget**

- We reviewed an updated draft budget, presented by Kris.
- Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved submitting to Hudson by their Oct 29, 2021 deadline.
- Stow has a different deadline which Kris committed to checking on.

#### **Old Business**

- No old business

#### **New Business**

- Update on Solitude
- Stow budget status
- Update on RFP for herbicide treatment

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

- Tentatively scheduled for Dec 1, 2021, 7:00 pm

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

- Conray moved, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned 8:56 pm

Approved by LBC on: 11/30/21

