

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
Apr 12, 2022

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on Apr 12, 2022 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

- Lucy asked whether daily quiet hours could begin before 8am, to keep down the early morning noise. Kris said any rule would have to be changed in the recently approved bylaws, but this could be a future agenda item to discuss.
- Dick Gelpke commented that the Healthy Lake Boon Initiative was doing good and important work and complemented the people working on it. Red Aylward and Dan echoed the comment.
- David Gray mentioned that the Lake Boon Gazette has a deadline of May 7 and that the Lake Boon Association would have its annual meeting June 5 at 7pm. Kris commented that she provided the LBC annual report and Conray commented that the Lake Boon Gazette used to have a Commissioner's Corner.

Meeting Minutes

- Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved the minutes from Jan 27, Feb 3 and Mar 1, 2022.

Bills for Payment

- Kris requested reimbursement for 3 months of Zoom for Feb, Mar and Apr 2022, for 3x14.99 = 44.97. Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursement.

Stow Rec Commission 2022 Boat Rentals

- Stow Recreation Department Director Laura Greenough sent a letter requesting this year's annual approval of boat rentals for 5 canoes, 6 kayaks and 2 stand-up paddle boards.
- Her letter mentioned the Rec Dept would have access to the Police safety boat. Conray responded the Police safety boat could only be used by police. However, Laura said the police boat was being rebranded as a Safety Boat. We wanted to discuss this with Stow Police Chief Mike Sallese.
- Kris said that as the boat rental program grows, safety is an increasing concern. Conray concurred, noting the issues of safety as the renters go out into the lake beyond the town beach.
- Dan proposed deferring a decision on the request until the next LBC meeting, when we could meet with Chief Sallese. We agreed to do that.

Lake Refill, Weed Treatment & HLBI Updates

- Re Lake Refill – Dave Gray reported that the refill was completed by Mar 23, 2022. He said he took samples for Phosphorus testing, which showed non-detectable levels and measured for turbidity.
- Re Weed Treatment – Red Aylward noted that we presented the Solitude plan for 1 year of treatment and process, to the Stow and Hudson Conservation Commissions. Both approved the plans. Red took Solitude around the lake to identify locations of invasive weeds. Sonar treatment will take place Apr 27, 2022, with notices to be posted around the lake. Dave Gray said they will notify residents through the LBA email group.
- Re Healthy Lake Boon Initiative – Dan reported that HLBI team had completed its findings report from the 2021 data collection and was now preparing recommendations. Dave Gray said that the study found high salinity in Monahan's cove, tracked down to Blank Industries storage of large

amounts of road salt, and that Hudson Conservation Director was working with them to have better storage and protection of the lake. He also reported that the Charter Oak Golf Course was clearly reporting the amount of phosphorus in its fertilizers, and they were not excessively high. Dan said the next step is a consolidated meeting with the Stow and Hudson Conservation Commissions to review the draft plans.

Boat, Buoys & Other Prep for 2022 Season

- Conray reported that he will soon have the LBC boat unwrapped, and that the buoys will be installed, including repairing or replacing any lights that don't work. Conray will order 2 new lights for future use.
- Conray reported that Hudson approved the new motor, which is now pending approval in Stow.

Old Business

- Dan prepared the archive of our 2021 meeting agenda, minutes and attachments. Kris reviewed it and said it looked complete and ready to submit.

New Business

- Review quiet time regulations, per public comment.
- Meet with Police Chief Sallese re the Safety Officer and the police boat
- Recommendations from HLBI

Date of Next Meeting

- Tentatively scheduled for May 17, 2022

Meeting Adjourned:

- Conray moved, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned at about 8:30 pm

Approved by LBC on May 17, 2022:

