

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2022

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on June 14, 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

- Laura Diamond thanked Kris for her leadership of LBC, saying she will be missed. Dave Gray seconded those comments.

Minutes

- We deferred reviewing minutes until the next meeting.

Budget

- Kris discussed the challenges of managing the budget, with the different timings between town budget years vs Solitude service and billing years.
- Kris will review and refine the budget, for further discussion at our next meeting.

Bills for Payment

- We postponed approval of the Solitude bill. In the interim, Kris will discuss timing with Solitude and the Town Administrator.
- Red presented bills for public announcements about the weed treatment placed in the newspapers, totaling \$155. Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursing him.
- Kris presented the monthly bill for Zoom for \$14.99. Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursing her.
- Conray presented a bill for work done on the Commission's boat, totaling \$574.44. Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursing him.
- Dan will investigate an outstanding bill from Alpha Analytical, dated from a previous fiscal year.

Spring Weed Treatment update

- Red reported that Solitude did their post-treatment survey and did a Sonar boost in the 3rd and 4th basins and on the shore of the 2nd basin. Red will investigate whether they also did a Diquat treatment.
- Solitude will do one more pass this summer to assess status and do possible additional boost.
- Solitude will meet with the Healthy Lake Boon Initiative on June 16, 2022, to discuss connecting future treatments with insights from the HLBI project.

LBC boat update

- Conray reported that he found a motor, and is working out logistics of the controller and installation. We deferred a decision until the next meeting when he has those details.

Boating Regulations

- During the public comments part of our May 17, 2022 meeting, several people expressed concerns about unsafe boating, especially with wake boats and personal water craft. At that time, we decided to review existing local and state regulations for power boating on the lake.
- Kris referenced Chapter 90B, 323 CRM, and our Lake Boon Bylaws/Rules.
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- Kris summarized key points, most notably that power boats must be 150 ft from the shore, swimmers or other boats. Near shores they can't exceed headway speed. They must always operate safely, and boat operators are responsible for their wakes.
- Conray commented that for the most part, lake residents follow those rules, and that the primary problem is with off-lake people coming in through the Stow boat launch.
- Conray commented that we have the requisite rules in place – the issue is communication and enforcement. Dan concurred.
- Conray also noted that LBC works closely with Jeff Beckwith, the Stow lake patrol officer.
- Steve O'Riorden spoke against further regulations
- David Gray noted that wakeboards, by design, make powerful wakes. He noted this can worsen shore erosion.
- Dave Siewerski noted that sometimes when boats approach the no wake zone, they stop just at the buoy, causing the wakes to reach the no-wake zone.
- Red Aylward noted that wake boats have wake generation systems that can reach 16 feet in depth, affecting the sub-surface water circulation and possibly affecting the health of the lake.

Leadership transition

- Kris restated that she will leave LBC at the end of June.
- The Town Administrator will review applicants and recommend a replacement for the Select Board to confirm.
- We will make a decision in the next meeting about who will be the new Chair. Conray expressed an interest in taking that role. Dan supported that, noting that he did not have time to take on those responsibilities.

Old business

- Regarding State approval of the 2019 changes to the Boating Regulations section of our Lake Boon Bylaws, Kris reported that the Attorney General approved them, and that we now await approval from the state environmental police.

New Business

- In the next meeting, we will discuss election of new officers.
- We will also review the status of the new motor for the LBC boat.

Date of Next Meeting

- Tentatively scheduled for June 29, 2022

Meeting Adjourned:

- Dan moved, Conray seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned at about 9:00 pm

Approved by LBC on __June 29, 2022____:

