

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2022

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on May 17, 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

Lake Boon Safety – Update from Stow Police

- Police Chief Mike Sallese attended the meeting, to give updates.
- Chief Sallese introduced Jeff Beckwith, also in attendance, as the new Safety Officer to patrol the lake, replacing Lee Heron. Jeff described his background with boating, police and fire service, and confirmed he would patrol the lake on weekends, holidays and some weekdays as needed.
- Chief Sallese explained about rebranding the Stow Police boat as a Public Safety Boat, for use by the Rec Commission, as well as by the police and fire departments. Lights will indicate yellow = Rec, red = Fire, blue = Police.
- LBC welcomed Jeff, and discussed some of the issues that the patrol will need to deal with, most notably to assure safety of boaters and others using the lake.
- Laura Diamond noted that power boaters especially need to keep their distance from swimmers.
- Conray noted that the LBC boat is always available for police, and that LBC and the Police Patrol coordinate their work on the lake.

Public Comments

- Red Aylward mentioned concerns about wake boats and the impact of their large waves on the safety of nearby boats and swimmers, and on the shoreline. He also commented on potential impact on the health of the lake, as the wakes can reach 16 feet below the surface.
- Kris asked about state rules, in addition to LBC's own by-laws, that might control excessive wakes.
- Dave Siewierski commented about the risks from reckless use of jet skis, noting that he saw someone fall off the jet ski, and that speeding thru the narrows is a problem.
- Kalisa Barratt, Dan Nicholson, Brandon Parker and Laura Diamon echoed concerns about wake boats and jet skis.

Stow Rec Commission 2022 Boat Rentals

- Stow Recreation Department Director Laura Greenough attended the meeting to discuss plans for the boat rentals. She said they want to continue the program, but may not add the two paddle boats this year.
- Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously recommended that the Select Board approve the rental program.

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- Dan incorporated edits previously provided by Kris and a minor change in language from Conray.
- Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved the minutes from Apr 12, 2022.

Bills for Payment

- Kris requested reimbursement for 1 months of Zoom for May 2022, for 14.99. Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursement.

- Red presented three bills from Solitude. Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved payment:
 21,645
 2,250
 300
 24,195
- Kris asked about a bill from RI Analytics from Mar-Apr 2020. Dan will investigate.

Annual budget

- Kris reported that Hudson and Stow both approved the 2023 annual budget.
- Kris will provide a detailed budget review in our next meeting.

Spring Weed Treatment Update

- Red reported that Solitude completed their pre-review, their initial treatment and a follow-up treatment.
- Dan and Red will meet with Solitude and the Healthy Lake Boon Initiative to work on plans for next year.

Healthy Lake Boon Update

- Dan, Dave Grey and Kirk Westphal presented an overview of the recommendations from the Healthy Lake Boon Initiative.
- Recommendations include using a whole lake approach, continuing with the monitoring program, limiting nutrient run-off into the lake, planting shoreline buffers, maintaining septic systems, and limiting impervious surfaces in new developments.
- We mentioned other possible solutions such as alum treatments and filtering stormwater before it enters the lake.

LBC boat and motor replacement

- Conray reported that the LBC boat is nearly ready to put in to the lake, and that the buoys are all in except in third basin, and all lights work
- Conray reported that we still need a new motor, for which we now have an approved \$8,000 budget. He has a few possible sources in mind, and will investigate.

Old Business

- Dan sent the 2022 archive to the town clerks

New Business

- Kris announced her retirement at the end of June. Our next meeting will include discussion of leadership transition.
- Dan and Conray said she has done a stellar job, and she will be sorely missed.
- Kris confirmed that the state needs to formally approve our lake by-laws, and will investigate next steps.
- The next meeting agenda will include a review of current state and local regulations that relate to the concerns about wake boats and jet skis.

Date of Next Meeting

- Tentatively scheduled for June 14, 2022, and a subsequent meeting on June 29, 2022

Meeting Adjourned:

- Conray moved, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned at about 9:23 pm

Approved by LBC on June 29, 2022

Daniel V. Sarstrom