

**Lake Boon Commission  
Public Hearing Minutes  
Nov 14, 2018**

A Public Hearing of the Lake Boon Commission was held at the Stow Community Center, 509 Great Road, Stow, MA on Nov 14, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

**Members Attending:** Don Hawkes (Chair), Conray Wharff (Commissioner), Kris Krablin (Commissioner),  
**Absent:** none

**Hearing Called to Order:** 7:30 pm. Meeting was recorded by Stow TV.

**Documents:** Copies of the following documents were available at the hearing

- o 2018 LBC Rules Revisions-v0.8-22Oct18 (Proposed revised bi-laws/rules)
- o Memo of Explanation: Proposed Lake Boon By-Laws/Rule Changes (Oct 23, 2018)
- o Lake Boon Commission -Current By-Laws/Rules (adopted June 26, 1968)

**Don read the Legal Notice and explained the process that the LBC has been engaged in to develop the proposed revised ByLaws.**

**Public Notice content:** "The Lake Boon Commission (Hudson and Stow, MA) will hold a Public Hearing on November 14, 2018, at 7:30 PM at the Stow Community Center, 509 Great Road, Stow, MA to consider proposed changes to the adopted Lake Boon By-laws and Rules, pursuant to Ch. 712 of the Acts of 1941. Copies of the proposed changes are available at the Offices of the Town Clerks of Hudson and Stow, Ma., and online at Lakeboon.org"

**Kris provided a brief overview of the key changes before opening the hearing to public input**

**Public Comments/Input:**

- o Has legal counsel reviewed the changes?

**General Regulations**

- o Rule 5: (openings in the ice)
  - o There should be a defined process and consistent criteria for granting permission from the LBC
- o Rule 7: Why isn't there any reference to "competency" for motorized boat operation?

**Boating Regulations**

- o Rule 1 (speed)
  - o Concern that by removing reference to the actual locations of the narrows that folks might not know where they are
  - o Continues to be issues with speeding in the narrows, despite no-wake buoys
  - o When buoys are not in place, there is no designation of the narrows
  - o Would like more emphasis on responsibility for property damage and erosion caused by boat operation
  - o Would prefer that we call out the exact holidays when quiet hours apply
- o Rule 2 (water skiing & towing)
  - o Would prefer that we allow 3 persons to be towed (instead of just 2)
  - o Would like to see no water skiing before 7am
  - o Even 7am is too early
- o Does the LBC have any jurisdiction regarding snow mobile use?
- o If LBC can regulate holes in the ice, why can't it address other winter lake scenarios?
- o Would like some of the key 90B regulations to be included in our bylaws/regulations (including distance from shore, water skiing after sunset, damage & erosion caused by wakes, use of life jackets). If not in bylaws, then need better education.
- o Felt that we should not try to include state regulations

**Don reviewed next steps -**

- LBC will meet on Dec 5, 2018 to finalize the proposed revised by-laws/rules

**Public Hearing Adjourned: 8:25pm.**

Approved by LBC on: 12/5/18  
As submitted