Lake Boon Commission

Meeting Minutes

Dec 7, 2022

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on Dec 7, 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, extended thru July 2023. The meeting was recorded and is available thru Stow TV.

**Members attending:** Conray Wharff (Chairperson), Dan Barstow (Clerk), Dan Tereau

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

**Public Comments**

* David Gray confirmed that he did the official measurements of water quality, post drawdown.

**Minutes**

* We reviewed minutes from Oct 10, 2022. Dan T moved, Dan B seconded and we unanimously approved the minutes.

**Budget discussion**

* Dan B presented the current budget, including both the core expenses and the weed treatment. Both are on track with the allocation.
* We started to discuss the budget for next year, but deferred until next meeting to approve our budget request, after we’ve considered potential expenses for buoy(s) and winter safety.

**Bills for Payment**

* We reviewed outstanding bills:
  + Art Larsen – shrink wrap for boat 315.00
  + Solitude – weed treatment 1,000.00
  + Solitude – consulting future treatments 2,250.00
  + Solitude – annual report 1,000.00
  + Conray reimb for Cabela’s winterizing 113.97
  + Total 4,678.97
* Dan B moved, Dan T seconded and we unanimously approved payments
* We discussed the status of getting a new police radio. Conray will proceed, as previously approved.

**Police radio for LBC boat**

* We discussed the need for a new radio for the boat to improve communications with the police. Dan B moved and Dan T seconded approval of up to $1,000 for the radio.

**Review buoy locations**

* At the previous meeting, a resident said she has seen boats approach Monahan’s Cove at an unsafe speed, and asked about adding a no-wake buoy.
* Dan B commented about adding a buoy at the entrance to the 4th basin where the sub-water stumps and shallow depth present safety issues.
* We discussed both of these requests for buoys. Dan T noted two different issues: safety and wake controls, saying the safety issues should get our highest priority.
* Dan T will investigate the options and costs for a buoy with a message of “Hidden Hazards”, for us to consider for the 4th basin
* We will review this topic in the next meeting.

**Review seasonal tasks**

* Dan B confirmed that the drawdown was complete by the Dec 1, 2022 deadline.
* Conray reported that he retrieved the buoys and has stored them on his property.

**Winter on the lake, snowmobiles, dirt bikes and policing**

* Dan T shared information about winter safety issues on the lake, especially with motorized vehicles operating at high speeds on the lake, and the risk to people skating, ice-fishing, walking and other winter activities. He noted that the LBC by-laws do not have explicit winter regulations. He said that we could consider changing the by-laws in a public meeting after two-weeks notice. They would take effect while we submit any changes to the State for review. He also shared examples from other lakes that have dealt with this issue. He recommended that we consider one initial change – to extend the Sunday quiet hours into the winter. He felt this would be a reasonable change, consistent with LBC’s approach to quiet hours, and likely to have broad support among residents.
* We will contact Police Chief Sallese to discuss this further with him.
* We decided to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

**Old business**

* No old business

**New Business**

* Continue discussion of Winter safety
* Continue discussion of additional buoys

**Date of Next Meeting**

* Dec 14, 2022

**Meeting Adjourned:**

* Dan B moved, Dan T seconded and we unanimously approved adjourning.
* Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Approved by LBC on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: