

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
Feb 5, 2018

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held at the Stow Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA on Feb 5, 2018 at 7:00pm.

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02pm. Meeting was recorded by Stow TV.

Agenda:

Public Comment - None

Payment of Bills - None

Discussion of Lake Patrol Plans for 2018 Boating Season -

- Detective Sergeant Sallese presented plans for 2018
- Police still have 100 hrs remaining in current budget - for now until June 2018
- Plan to put the police patrol boat in around end-of-May, and start patrolling weekends
- They will have a schedule, primarily Sat, Sun & Holidays, but are open to feedback on hours. Officers patrolling are only paid for hours worked, with no minimum shift.
- Lee Heron is the Safety Officer, but other officers may also be patrolling.
- Calls should always be made directly to the Stow Police, not Lee or the LBC members.
- Police observation from the shores is not currently a strategy, but may occur.
- Conray raised issue with pine pitch impacting the police boat last year, and asked if it was possible to moor on the other side of the boathouse.
- 4 new officers will be receiving training this year, which will involve 2 officers in the boat. This training does not come out of the lake patrolling budget.
- The Stow Police added another \$5k to the patrol budget this year.
- They would like to be advised of special events being held on the lake, so they can plan for appropriate coverage.

Next Steps for By Law Revision Work -

- Don confirmed that the timing was not right for getting the revisions through the full process for this boating season
- Conray reiterated his desire to simplify the rules as much as possible, and focus on the ones that are unique to our by laws (eg. quiet time, speed after dark)
- Don reiterated that we need to consult with the Environmental Police and Stow Police for any boating rules. Suggested that we have an open meeting with the EP included. Kris suggested that we need to have something drafted first to give them prior to a meeting.
 - **Action:** Don will work on scheduling an EP representative for a future meeting.
- Kris asked the other commissioners whether we now want to work on a draft of simplified rules, vs modification of existing. This is being taken under consideration.
 - **Action:** Conray to draft a simplified version for a future meeting
- Kris provided the updated Work Plan with modifications from the last meeting, but explained that it will need to be reworked with new dates.

Weed Control & Future Contracts -

- This is contracted for on the calendar year (not fiscal).
- We will need to go through the contract process for 2019.
 - **Action:** Conray will ask Andy Pollack to attend the next meeting

Ice Out Schedules for Replacing Board in Dam -

- Target to replace boards is generally Mar 1, or sooner if we have an earlier 'ice out'
- Once basins 1, 2 & 3 are 'ice out', Don will give the direction to replace the boards
 - **Action:** Kris & Conray should notify Don via email when basin 1 & 2 are 'ice out'

Inventory & Plans for Buoys-

- Conray reported that we currently have 4 No Wake buoys maintained by the LBC, and 1 marker buoy (not a lighted tube) for use at Indian Point
- Some buoys may need replacement
 - **Action:** Conray to assess and bring a quote for any required replacements to a future meeting

Discussion of FY19 Operating & Weed Control Budgets

- Weed Control covered in previous agenda item
- Don & Conray confirmed that Warrant Articles had been submitted to both Hudson & Stow
- Conray explained that Hudson requires him to include the police patrol money, even though it's no longer part of the LBC budget

Review/Approve LBC 2017 Annual Report

- Don provided his draft of the Annual Report to Conray & Kris in advance of the meeting
- Don clarified that the purpose of the report is to provide a message of what the LBC has been up to in the past year.
- Conray made a motion to submit the 2017 Annual Report as written. Kris seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from 11/29/17 - Conray motioned to approve minutes as submitted. Don seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

New Business - None

Additional Public Input - (Don opened the floor a 2nd time for public input)

Comment: Laura Diamond expressed support for patrolling from the shore periodically because behavior changes when the police boat is in a basin

Response: Comment noted

Comment: Dick Cummings reported that he observed issues with compliance to the 'no wake' zones in the narrows between basins 1 & 2, and that's its worse when the buoys aren't out there. He asked if there was any consideration of putting up cameras in that area.

Response: Comments noted. Conray reported that it was tried with a single camera once before but difficult to get solid identification of a boat. He suggested that at least 2 cameras would be needed, and they cost about \$250/camera.

Comment: Carolyn McDonald suggested possible rotation of camera sites

Response: Comment noted

Comment: Laura Diamond suggested some night patrols once in a while

Response: Comment noted

Date of Next Meeting - No date proposed.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02pm. (Motion to adjourn made by Conray, Seconded by Don. All in favor. Motion passed.)

Approved by LBC on: 4/25/18
As written

