

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
Apr 25, 2018

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held at the Stow Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA on Apr 25, 2018 at 7:30pm.

Members Attending: Don Hawkes (Chair), Conray Wharff (Commissioner), Kris Krablin (Commissioner), Andy Pollack (Volunteer, Weed Mgmt)

Absent: none

Meeting Called to Order: 7:31pm. Meeting was recorded by Stow TV.

Agenda:

Public Comment -

Comment: Todd Billings (Hudson). Advised that the Hudson Town Mtg (May 7) would include Article 27 which changes rules with respect to waterfront property protection, including a modification to the 'set-back' requirement.

Response: Don will ask David Gray to send out an email.

Comment: Dick Cummings (Stow). Requested that the LBC agendas be posted further in advance.

Response: Request noted. And Kris explained that she is adding the meeting date/time and agendas to the Stow website.

Comment: Chuck Conowitz. Requested clarification of LBC vs LBA.

Response: Don clarified. LBC is the social organization & LBA is the governing commission.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from 2/5/18 - Conray made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written. Don seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Stow Recreation - Request for annual boat rental authorization

- The Stow Recreation dept has requested LBC approval for their boat rental program in 2018.
- Kris reminded the Commission that it has gotten public comment in the past regarding safety concerns of renters who may not know boating rules & etiquette.
- Dave Siewierski asked if there was any possibility of restricting the time of rentals.
- Andy Pollack recommended that the staff be asked to use best judgement with respect to the timing of rentals.
- This request will be held over until the next meeting, where Laura Greenough can come to the meeting to explain their procedures and boater instructions.
 - **Action:** Don will invite Laura

Payment of Bills - None

Next Steps for By Law Revision Work

- Don followed up with the Environmental Police with respect to getting some input from them, and Captain Walker clarified that this would not be possible.
- LBC members discussed. There is a desire to simplify, and use a preamble like Fort Meadow. If something is covered by 90B, then we don't need a by law for it.
 - **Action:** Conray will provide a first draft of simplified boating rules for the next meeting.

Weed Control & Future Contracts

- Andy Pollack provided an update. He has spoken with Kara (from Solitude).

- They plan to do the 1st survey on Tues, May 1
- 1st treatment is probably late-May. Likely basins 3 & 4.
- 1st payment is expected around May 3, for \$7,312.50.
- This is now the 3rd year of the contract. Is \$15,625 this year.
- A new contract will be required for next year, and estimate is slightly higher. This is a sole source vendor.
- David Gray is measuring & reporting the lake level regularly.

Dam Repair Status

- Don reported that things are on-track, and should wrap up engineering study in the next 2 weeks.
- Article 57 of the Stow Warrant is requesting \$29k for engineering. Stow BoS will support the article at the 5/17 Town Meeting.
- Don explained that the Town of Stow has responsibility for the dam, vs the state having responsibility for bridges. And it is unknown if there will be any need for a drawdown for any related work.

Inventory & Plans for Buoys

- Conray will get the boat out of storage, have the engine de-winterized at Cabellas, and he'll put in a new battery.
- Conray believes we have 4 'good' buoys. May need to purchase one for Pine Point area.
 - **Action:** Conray to assess buoy needs & pricing prior to the next meeting.

New Business

- Ernie Dodd had forwarded to the LBC a letter from the DEP which includes some changes to dock regulations & permitting. Don & Conray explained that this resurfaces every couple of years.
- Don made an announcement on behalf of Stow TV, which is looking for volunteers to record the LBC meetings. Interested parties can contact Ann Van Tyne, Stow Cable TV, or the Stow BoS.

Date of Next Meeting – 5/16/18 was proposed but not finalized

Meeting Adjourned: 8:33pm. (Motion to adjourn made by Conray, Seconded by Kris. All in favor. Motion passed.)

Approved by LBC on: <u>5/23/18</u> As Amended (to correct spelling)
