

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2018

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held at the Stow Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA on May 23, 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: 7:30pm. Meeting was not recorded by Stow TV.

Agenda:

Announcement – Stow TV is still looking for volunteers to record the meetings

Public Comment – none

Approval of minutes – 4/25/18 meeting

- Fix spelling of “Pollack” in Members section
- Conray made a motion to approve the 4/25/18 meeting minutes, as amended. Don seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.
- **Action** – Kris needs to send the approved meeting minutes to Hudson also

Stow Recreation – request for annual boat rental authorization – Laura Greenough

- A supporting letter from Dan Nicholson was read by Don
- Laura conveyed additional information regarding the rental program:
 - Special area for boating entry
 - Renters complete Waiver forms, safety aspects are reviewed, including whistle recall.
 - Are fit for life jackets & staff is trained on sizing. Life guard explains that they should stay to the outside of lake. They require life jackets at all time.
 - Willing to consider a handout about the lake rules
 - Rented only about 30 times in the 2017 season.
 - No limitation on which basins they can paddle in
 - No chase boat, but always have one boat left on shore
 - If we get complaints, let her know.
 - No incidents with the rental program
 - Are sticking to current number of boats, not adding any
 - They do limit rentals when choppy & haven’t seen issue of crowding
- Commission Recommendations
 - Emphasize staying within 100ft of shore
 - Explain that prevailing practice of tubing is counter clockwise & to face the bow into a wave to avoid tipping
 - Would be good to have whistles on all life jackets
 - Reminded her that Sundays & Holidays 2-6pm are Quiet Hours so that’s a good time for paddling
- Conray made a motion to recommend to the Stow BoS to approve the Recreation Commission’s request to rent boats for 2018, with special consideration for safety concerns. Kris seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.
 - **Action** – Don will send a letter to the BoS

Payment of bills

- 5/1/18 Solitude bill submitted for approval, for a total of \$7,313. Stow: \$4,875 Hudson: \$2,438
- Conray made a motion to pay the Solitude bill dated 5/1/18 in the amount of \$7,313, with 2/3 to Stow and 1/3 to Hudson. Kris seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Other Commission Updates:

- Conray confirmed that the LBC boat is in the water. He bought and installed a new battery & a new bilge pump.
- Don made a motion to authorize reimbursement of Conray in the amount of \$178.25 for expenses in connection with the battery & bilge pump. Kris seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Next Steps for By Law Revision Work – Conray Draft

- Conray provided a simplified draft of just the boating regulations (we'll refer to it as V0.4 draft)
- Kris & Don suggested that the commission needs to discuss the ones that were part of the previous draft (V0.3) but eliminated from his draft. Some discussion ensued for clarification, not decision-making.
- In response to a question from Kris, Conray explained that the bylaw which defines the Narrows as no wake zones is what allows us to put the buoys there, so it should not be eliminated.
- There was some discussion regarding towing rules, water skiing in basin 3, and quiet hours.
- **Action:** Kris agreed to generate the next draft (V.05) prior to the next meeting, or by around June 6.
- To expedite discussion at the next meeting, it was agreed that commission members would provide individual input regarding the V0.5 draft via email prior to the next meeting, without any deliberation.

Weed control – survey

- The survey by Solitude was completed
- Weed treatment is scheduled for May 29

Inventory and plans for buoys – Conray

- 4 buoys in the water are owned by LBC
- There is one red marker buoy at Indian point. Should be 75 ft from shore. Not sure who placed it.
- If buoys are more than 20ft from shore, may get picked up on patrol.
- Lights on buoys – need to check on how long they stay lit

DEP letter re: MGL Chapter 91 (Licensing docks, etc.)

- Acknowledged a Mass DEP letter & process regarding licensing of docks, and will have that info in our records
- Confirmed that it falls under the jurisdiction of the Planning Boards, not the LBC.

New business – next agenda

- Some flooring on the front platform of the LBC boat is rotting and will need to be fixed at some point.
- **Action** – Conray to check with Lee H or Mike S about which boat (LBC or Police) will be used to patrol for Memorial Day weekend

Date of Next Meeting – Proposed Wed, June 20

Meeting Adjourned: 9:04pm. Motion to adjourn made by Conray. Seconded by Kris. All in favor. Motion passed.]

Approved by LBC on: 6/28/2018
As written