

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2018

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held at the Stow Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA on June 28, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Members Attending: Don Hawkes (Chair), Conray Wharff (Commissioner), Kris Krablin (Commissioner)

Absent: none

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

Agenda:

Public Comment -

Comment: Carolyn McDonald. Mentioned that other lakes have had recent closings because of ecoli, and wondered if ours had been tested.

Response: This is a Board of Health question. Regular testing starts when the camp opens.

Comment: Erica Bigelow. Lilly Pads are starting to grow in their cove and wanted to know if that not part of the weed control contract

Response: Lilly Pads are non-invasive/native plants and are not currently targeted by our treatment. The order of conditions control what we can be done. We have a 3 yr contract, and the LBC will continue to take the advice of Solitude regarding how to treat. For more information she can talk offline with Andy Pollack.

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- Conray made a motion to approve the 5/23/18 minutes as written. Don seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Pay Bills

- 6/1/18 Solitude bill was submitted for payment. Conray moved to approve payment of the bill for the total amount of \$3,657, with Stow paying \$2,418 and Hudson \$1,219. Kris seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Meet with Erica Bigelow re: Aeration of Lake Boon (Monahan's) Cove

- Erica Bigelow of 13 Temple Ave, Hudson (on behalf of herself and a group of neighbors) provided background and addressed questions related to a request for an Aeration proposal/project in Monahan's Cove. This work needs the support of the LBC and approval by the Hudson Conservation Commission.
- The proposal was developed by Solitude Lake Management, who hydro-raked the cove last year and recommended the installation of an aeration system to inhibit growth of the weeds. The system & installation will be funded by a group of homeowners. Hudson also needs to continue working on controlling road run-off into the cove. Vertex did analysis based on
- LBC agreed that the aeration is good for the health of the lake, and that the system should not pose any obstruction to boaters.
- LBC specified that if the system needs to run year-round, then any areas of unnatural thinning and openings in the ice need to marked and protected.
- Conray made a motion to support the aeration project as proposed, with a recommendation to the Hudson Conservation Committee that there is concern about how to protect the public if it becomes an 'ice eater', and that the LBC authorizes the LBC chairperson to sign on behalf of the LBC. Kris seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

- **Action:** Don will write and send the letter of support

Discuss LBC By-Law/Rules review (V05)

- It was clarified that the closing of warrant for the Oct Stow Town Mtg is Aug 15., 2018, and that it is not realistic to be prepared for adding this to that warrant.
- Discussed that the Boating Regulations will require Town approval prior to Environmental Police approval, and that we should get Town Counsel review.
- V0.5 of the draft revised for the Bylaws & Rules was discussed. Key commissioner input included:
 - General Regulations:
 - Rule No. 1 – Don suggested adding Marijuana
 - Rule No. 3 – Conray suggested removal
 - Rule No. 6 – Action> Don to check with Stow Town Administrator regarding Town Council input
 - Rule No. 7 – Conray prefers to remove
 - Rule No. 9 – We need police help to enforce.
 - Boating Regulations:
 - Intro paragraph – Use Conray’s draft
 - Rule 1. Speed (A) – Consider something regarding property damage. **Action>** Conray to look for a reference in state rules. (B) – Kris & Don support the reference to MA State holidays, and Conray doesn’t.
 - Rule 2. Water Skiing & Towing (A) – Keep this rule and add “and in basins 3 & 4”.
 - Rule 3. Boats (B) – Remove the portion referring to propellers & horsepower.
- **Additional Public Comment:**
 - Laura Diamond – Would like to have the bylaws specify the ‘150 ft from shore’ rule. Supported referencing responsibility for wake damage. Had a question regarding water skiing after sunset. Suggested specifying the need for life jacket wear during off-season.
 - Carolyn McDonald – Supports including the document references.
 - Dick Cummings – Feels that things that are state law (like the 150 ft rule) need to be handled as education not a bylaw. Feels that 94% of the time the lake is ‘quiet time’ and we should not have all MA holidays as quiet time.

New Business

- Comment by Conray- Stow Police Boat is not in the water. No idea what the plan is.
 - **Action** – Don to check with Stow Police Chief.

Date of Next Meeting – 8/1/18 was proposed

Meeting Adjourned: 9:13pm. (Motion to adjourn made by Conray, Seconded by Kris. All in favor. Motion passed.)

Approved by LBC on: 8/1/18