

**Lake Boon Commission Meeting
September 11, 2019 7:30 PM
Town Building Stow, Massachusetts**

Agenda

- Chairmen comments
- Welcome new commissioner
- Public Comment
- Discussion & Decision on LBC Organization
- Meeting Minutes Review/Approval (7/22/19 Mtg)
- Bills for Payment
- Recurring LBC Responsibilities/Calendar
- New police radio for LBC boat
- Drawdown get well plan and preparation for 2019 season.
- Status of lake treatment and year end reports from Solitude.
- New Business
- Date of Next Meeting
- Adjourn

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
Sep 11, 2019

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held at the Stow Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA on Sep 11, 2019 at 7:30pm.

Members Attending: Conray Wharff (Commissioner, Interim Chairperson), Kris Krablin (Commissioner, Clerk), Dan Barstow (Commissioner), Andy Polack (Volunteer, Weed Mgmt)

Absent: none

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

Agenda:

Chairmen Comments – Opening comments from Conray

- Lake was not actually closed. Was a recommendation.
- Nutrient loading is a contributing factor for weeds & algae, and education on total lake management is important.
- Previously added 28 catch basins around the lake to help with run-off
- Conray referenced an email exchange with the Nashoba BOH, and it's not clear if LBC could test

Welcome New Commissioner

- Welcome to Dan Barstow, who was appointed by the Stow Selectman to fill the commissioner position vacated by Don Hawkes

Public Comment –

Comment: Cindy Curley - Wanted to know what is growing all along the edges of the lake. Look like big green clumps of grass.

Response: We sent pictures to Solitude to see if they appear invasive, and will address with them in the next lake survey

Comment: Dick Gelpke – Dick read a letter on the topic of right of ways on the lake, and possible infringements. He suggested that a study be done to recommend a course of action.

Response: Request noted

Comment: Laura Diamond – Expressed that she was appalled at the lack of testing, and had a number of email exchanges with various officials. She was told that there had to be 2 clean tests to reopen the beach. 2nd test results expected tomorrow (9/12). Mentioned that there is a BOH meeting tomorrow (9/12). She would like testing done in basin 1 & 2.

Response: Input heard

Comment: Don Hawkes – He attended the BOH meeting 2 wks ago, 5 days after the 1st notice. Closing was based on a visual report. State position is if we close the beach then should close the lake, and he has seen this before.

Response: None

Comment: Cindy Curley– Wondered where Hudson BOH fits in.

Response: She could check with Hudson BOH.

Comment: David Gray – Suggested that there is a water testing company (Rhode Island Analytical) in Hudson that does well testing and might be an option for faster testing results

Response: Input heard

Comment: Joyce – Is there a possibility of more financing for treating the lake?

Response: Conray explained that towns pay for that now

Comment: Michelle Walker – Asked for clarification of what is considered “invasive” and how to identify
Response: Kris indicated that there is a good MA website for identification of invasive weeds, including pictures

Comment: Eddie Hill – Raised the issue of PFAS in water in Hudson. Does that have any impact on lake?
Response: This is likely to be addressed in BOH meeting

Discussion & Decision on LBC Organization

- Kris explained that the LBC has a practice of revisiting the positions of Chairperson and Clerk when a new Commissioner is appointed, and generally on an annual basis regardless. She volunteered to take on the Chair position for the next year, and Dan volunteered for the Clerk. Conray was not immediately prepared for a motion & vote on this, and requested that we defer it to the end of the meeting. This was agreed by Kris & Dan.
- At the end of the meeting we revisited this agenda item. Conray made a motion to have Kris become the Chairperson and Dan to become the Clerk, and to revisit it annually around Sept. Kris seconded, All in Favor. Motion passed.
- Kris agreed to be responsible for this meeting’s minutes and work with Dan on transitioning that responsibility for the next one.

Meeting Minutes Review/Approval (7/22/19 Mtg)

- Conray made a motion to approve the 7/22/19 minutes as written. Kris seconded. Conray & Kris in favor. Dan abstained. Motion passed. Minutes Approved.

Bills for Payment

- Conray submitted the Sept bill from Solitude for payment. Dan made a motion to approve the payment of the 9/1/19 Solitude bill in the amount of \$6,262.50 (\$4,175.00 Stow, \$2,087.50 Hudson). Kris seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Conray submitted a LBC boat gas receipt for reimbursement. Kris made a motion to approve reimbursement of \$51.74 to Conray for the purchase of gas for the LBC boat. Dan seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Kris submitted a LBC boat repair receipt from Cabellas for reimbursement since she paid the bill. Conray made a motion to approve reimbursement of \$299.02 to Kris for the boat repair bill. Dan seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. It was noted that 100% of that is reimbursed by the Town of Stow.

Recurring LBC Responsibilities/Calendar

- Kris had created a draft calendar list of LBC responsibilities/tasks for items requiring attention. The commission reviewed this 7/26/19 draft list for items to be addressed in Sept, Oct & Nov.
- Sept:
 - Pay Sept Solitude Bill (15%) – Payment approved in meeting
 - Solicit Volunteers for Buoy Removal & Boat Winterizing Activities – Conray indicated that he does not want to be responsible this year. Michelle Walker, Dan Barstow & David Gray volunteered to help.
 - Draw Down Arrangement & Related Notices (for Superceding Order of Conditions) – Conray reminded the commission that there are a number of requirements and that some have been missed in the last 2 yrs.
- Oct
 - Boat Removal, Winter Maintenance & Storage: Conray volunteered to continue ownership for this item.
 - Buoy Removal & Storage: Conray conveyed that it’s a messy job, that buoys generally last about 3 years & may need maintenance/replacement, and that they need to be stored somewhere off-season.
 - Action: Kris to work on organizing this effort for Oct, which should include an inventory of buoys & their condition.

- End of Season Police Report – This is done based on a request to Stow Police, and does not need to be done in Oct. Will add to some future agenda.
- Start Drawdown, Request Board Removal (no earlier than Oct 1) – Dan will coordinate this process.
- Added> Conray indicated that town budgets may need to be submitted in Oct.
 - **Action:** Conray to confirm the Hudson dates and Kris to check on Stow.
- Nov
 - Pay Nov Solitude Bill

New police radio for LBC boat

- Conray would like us to consider getting a new digital police radio for the LBC boat, in place of the current analog one. He feels there are many advantages of the LBC boat for police patrol, including better idling and more deck space.
 - **Action:** Conray will get a quote for the LBC to discuss.

Drawdown get well plan and preparation for 2019 season

- Discussed having one Commissioner take the lead on Drawdown activities. Dan Barstow volunteered. Conray made a motion to have Dan Barstow take the lead on drawdown activities. Kris seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Status of lake treatment and year end reports from Solitude

- LBC recognized Andy Polack's contributions in managing our Solitude relationship and related tasks over the past 4 years, and asked if he would be willing to continue in that role. Andy agreed to continue, and suggested that we may need to be more proactive in the future.
- Based on community feedback this year and additional concerns about weeds in basin 1, it was requested to have Solitude perform an on-site survey very soon. This is part of the contract and would not incur a charge.
 - **Action:** Andy will reach out to Solitude to make that request

New Business

- It was agreed that we should review minutes for items which were previously raised as potential new business, but have not yet been addressed in a meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – Tentatively set for 10/23/19

Meeting Adjourned: 9:03pm. [Motion to adjourn made by Kris, Seconded by Dan. All in favor. Motion passed.]

Approved by LBC on: Oct. 23, 2019

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Daniel Barstow, Clerk