

Lake Boon Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Aug 19, 2020

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on Aug 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The meeting took place by telecommunications using Zoom, because of coronavirus-related state limits on public meetings per the Mar 21, 2020 order of Governor Baker.

**Members Attending:** Kris Krablin (Chairperson), Dan Barstow (Clerk), Conray Wharff (Commissioner)

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 pm

**Agenda:**

**Public Comment**

- Kirk Westphal and Dave Gray commented that they were collecting measurements of lake level, oxygen and phosphorus, and incorporating data into a hydrologic model, with a special focus on inflow and outflow rates, and flux of oxygen and phosphorus.

**Stow Selectman Liaison to LBC – Introductions/Discussions**

- Kris introduced Megan Birch-McMichael as the new liaison from the Board of Selectmen to the Lake Boon Commission. Kris and Megan noted that this will enhance communications and sharing of information between the Selectmen and LBC.

**Meeting Minutes**

- June 30, 2020 meeting. Kris provided edits. Kris moved, Conray seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- Aug 4, 2020 meeting. Kris provided edits. Kris moved, Conray seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Bills to Pay**

- Kris requested reimbursement for a bill she paid for \$14.99 for a Zoom meeting license. Dan moved, Conray seconded and the reimbursement was approved unanimously.

**Amended Hudson FY21 LBC Budget**

- Members discussed payment for the police patrol. The total amount is \$5,000. Stow's portion (2/3 or \$3,333) is in Stow's police budget. However, Hudson needs to work out allocation of their portion (1/3 or \$1,667). Hudson needs a warrant article for town meeting, to approve this amount and the warrant wording as proposed by the Hudson Town Administrator (Tom Moses). Conray moved, Dan seconded and approval to submit the warrant as proposed passed unanimously.
- **Approved Warrant Wording:** *To see if the Town will vote to increase the Fiscal Year 2021 Lake Boon Commission budget, as voted at the Hudson Annual Town Meeting on June 22, 2020, by one thousand six hundred and sixty-seven dollars (\$1,667) to pay for lake patrol by the Stow Police Department, or take any action thereto.*

**Weed Treatment and Drawdown**

- Dan gave an update on the permit request for Weed Treatment (extension) and Drawdown (new permit). For the Drawdown, LBC will need to notify abutters of the 2 Conservation Commission Public Hearings (Stow: 9/29/20; Hudson 10/1/20), roughly 100 in Hudson and 250 in Stow. This will be discussed further at the Aug 27, 2020 LBC meeting.
- This will be a new permit, not a renewal, and the current ones expire Nov 3 & 8, 2020

**Old Business / Follow-ups**

- Boat trailer registration – Kris commented that Stow is working on this. Stow town budget will cover the \$200 cost of insurance.
- Aerator – Conray commented that someone in Monahan's Cove installed an aerator. Conray will investigate further.

**New Business**

- Drawdown – update on permit application


**Date of Next Meeting**

- Proposed Aug 25, 2020

**Meeting Adjourned:**

- Dan moved, Conray seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm

Approved by LBC on: Oct 28, 2020

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Lake Boon Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Aug 27, 2020

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on Aug 27, 2020 at 8:00 am. The meeting took place by telecommunications using Zoom, because of coronavirus-related state limits on public meetings per the Mar 21, 2020 order of Governor Baker.

**Members Attending:** Kris Krablin (Chairperson), Dan Barstow (Clerk)

**Members Not Attending:** Conray Wharff (Commissioner)  
(two members constitutes a quorum)

**Meeting Called to Order:** 8:00 am.

**Agenda:**

**Drawdown Permit – Finalize Submissions/Next Steps/Vote**

- The sole topic of the meeting was the application for a permit to do the annual drawdown, for submission as a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Stow and Hudson Conservation Commissions. The current permits expire Nov 3, 2020 in Hudson and Nov 8, 2020 in Stow.
- Dan has led the work on preparing the application, with support from municipal employees Kathy Sferra and Jacquie Goring from Stow and Pam Halinek from Hudson
- Dan provided the following documents prior to the meeting, for review, edits and feedback from LBC members:
  - WPA3 NOI form for Stow
  - WPA3 NOI form for Hudson
  - Narrative description of drawdown
  - Recommended new orders of conditions
  - OLIVER map of Lake Boon
  - Timeline and budget for application process
  - NOI Checklist
- We reviewed the narrative, with edits from Kris. Dan moved approval of the narrative, Kris seconded and it passed unanimously.
- We reviewed the recommended new orders of conditions, with edits from Kris. Dan moved approval of recommended new orders of conditions, Kris seconded and it passed unanimously.
- We reviewed the WPA3 NOI forms, with edits from Kris. Dan moved approval of the forms, Kris seconded and it passed unanimously.
- We reviewed the OLIVER map, with edits from Kris. Dan moved approval of the map, Kris seconded and it passed unanimously.
- We reviewed the NOI Checklist and the application timeline and budget. We discussed and edited the timeline for submission. No approval required.
- Dan moved approval to submit the full package, Kris seconded and it passed unanimously. Kris will sign the full packages for submission to Stow and Hudson.
- We discussed the possibility of needing to make minor changes during the submission and review process by Stow and Hudson. Dan moved to authorize Dan to make minor non-substantive edits if required by either town and authorize Kris to sign the revised package. Kris seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- We discussed the Annual Report on the Health of Lake Boon, called for in the permit application, as an integrated, comprehensive report that will include information on the drawdown, weed treatment, newly expanded metrics of the Lake's health, and any potential reporting required by the MVP proposal if approved by the state. This Annual Report will simplify by having one report for multiple purposes. We will discuss the scope and outline of the report in a future LBC meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting**

- TBC

**Meeting Adjourned:**

- Dan moved, Kris seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned 8:56 am

Approved by LBC on: Oct 28, 2020

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Lake Boon Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Oct 7, 2020

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on Oct 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The meeting took place by telecommunications using Zoom, because of coronavirus-related state limits on public meetings per the Mar 21, 2020 order of Governor Baker.

**Members Attending:** Kris Krablin (Chairperson), Dan Barstow (Clerk), Conray Wharff (Commissioner)

**Recorded by Stow TV**

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 pm

- Note: a power outage occurred in parts of Stow and Hudson about 6:30pm. However, the three LBC members were able to participate, as well as several members of the public.

**Public Comment**

- No public comments.

**Announcement re MVP Grant**

- Dan announced the official award of the MVP Grant, which is a 2-year grant for \$154k

**Meeting Minutes**

- LBC deferred review of minutes from Aug 19 and Aug 27, 2020, until the next meeting.

**Bills for Payment**

- Dan presented three bills for reimbursement, relating to the Drawdown Permit Application. Conray moved, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved reimbursement
  - Hudson Sun – public announcement = \$56.45
  - Stow Independent - public announcement = \$65.00
  - USPS – send NOI to MA DEP = \$ 7.50
  - Total \$128.95
- Kris presented one bill for reimbursement, relating to the Drawdown Permit Application. Conray moved, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved reimbursement
  - Mailings to abutters in Stow and Hudson = \$701.10
- Conray presented one bill for payment to Solitude for weed treatment. Dan moved, Conray seconded and LBC unanimously approved payment
  - Stow portion \$1,562.50
  - Hudson portion \$ 781.25
  - Total \$2,343.75

**2020 Drawdown Activities – Discussion / Decision**

- This part of the meeting solicited input from the public on the optimal dates for the annual drawdown.
- This year's drawdown will begin Oct 19, 2020 for completion by Dec 1, 2020, in compliance with the drawdown permit. Residents were notified by email on Oct 5, 2020, along with public announcement in the Stow Independent. These dates were also discussed with Stow Conservation Commission on Sept 29, 2020 and with Hudson Conservation Commission on Oct 1, 2020
- Dan explained that the permit currently specifies drawdown start after Oct 1 and finish by Dec 1, with two weeks advance notice for residents. There is no perfect date, as it is a compromise between early drawdown to enable residents to do work on their docks or shorelines vs a later drawdown to enable residents to enjoy their boats on the lake during the fine weather and fall colors of October. LBC requested input from residents to determine the overall preferred target.
- Dave Siewirski acknowledged the challenge and said we need flexibility.

- Conray commented that the most important thing is at least 2 weeks advance notice.
- Lori Hawkes asked for doing this after Columbus Day
- Dave Gray said 20 years ago, this was generally done between Columbus Day and Halloween
- Laura Diamond asked if LBC needed to send formal notification to abutters. Dan responded that email suffices, and that this year's certified mail was only needed because of the NOI for a permit.
- Kris asked about how much advance notice is required. Dan said the current permit requires 2 weeks, but other residents have requested more notification, such as 3 weeks.
- After additional discussion, a consensus emerged for drawdown to begin sometime between Oct 15 and Oct 31, with three weeks advance notice. For example, Oct 1 notification for Oct 21 beginning of drawdown. Dan will communicate this to Stow ConCom and Hudson ConCom during subsequent meetings on the Drawdown permit.

#### **New Drawdown NOI status**

- Dan gave an update on the new permit request for Drawdown, currently in review by Stow ConCom and Hudson ConCom. Discussion is going back and forth between the two towns over a series of meetings, in order to end up with a single set of Orders of Conditions for both towns.
- The new OOC will not include the obligation for an escrow in case wells go dry from the drawdown, since the normal drawdown of 14" hasn't caused any problems. For the Drawdown, LBC will need to notify abutters, roughly 100 in Hudson and 250 in Stow. This will be discussed further at the Aug 27, 2020 LBC meeting.

#### **Buoys and Boat Removal/Storage**

- Kris will work with volunteers to remove the buoys. Kris and Conray offered to split storing the buoys at their homes.
- Conray commented that the boat needs repairs, to discuss in more detail in the next meeting.

#### **Amended Hudson FY21 LBC Budget**

- Kris reported that the Hudson portion ( $1/3 = \$1,667$ ) of the cost for police patrol of the lake is a warrant article for the Nov 16 Hudson Town Meeting

#### **Old Business / Follow-ups**

- Boat trailer registration – Kris commented that this is still in process.

#### **New Business**

- Drawdown – update on permit application
- MVP grant – steps to begin this state-funded project

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

- TBC, 10/28/20 was suggested

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

- Dan moved, Conray seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned 8:16 pm

Approved by LBC on: Oct 28, 2020



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Meeting Minutes  
Oct 28, 2020

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**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 pm

**Public Comment**

- Dick Gelpke announced release of two books on Hudson, and the pending release of one on Hudson, co-authored by him and Lew Helprin
- Dave Gray announced that LBA will produce a Lake Boon calendar, highlighting photos of the lake. LBA will sell copies to raise funds for the Healthy Lake Boon initiative.

**2020 Drawdown Activities – Update**

- We discussed this topic out of sequence, to accommodate Dave Gray, who had a pending conflict.
- The drawdown began Oct 19, as announced. The Highway Department removed one 7" board, and replaced it with a new 3 ½" board, to allow for steady drawdown. They should lower 3 ½" every week, over a four-week time frame.
- Dave measured phosphorus and turbidity, the day before drawdown, per the permit.

**Meeting Minutes**

- We reviewed three sets of minutes, from Aug 19, Aug 27 and Oct 9, 2020. Kris previously gave edits, that Dan incorporated for Aug 19 and Oct 9. Conray move, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved the three sets of minutes.

**Bills for Payment**

- Kris presented two bills for reimbursement. Conray moved, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved reimbursement.
  - Zoom conference system (2x14.99) \$29.98
- Dan presented one bill for payment. Conray moved, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved payment.
  - RI Analytical for water analysis = \$ \$52.00

**New Drawdown NOI Status**

- Dan reported that both Stow and Hudson concluded their public hearings for the permit, and were now preparing comparable Order of Conditions from both towns, for final review at upcoming ConCom mtgs in Stow Nov 4 and Hudson Nov 5, 2020.
- Per the discussion and recommendations from the Oct 9, 2020 LBC meeting, the OOC will have drawdown begin annually Oct 15-31, with three weeks advance notice.

**Boat Maintenance and Winterizing – Discussion and Decision**

- Conray explained that the LBC boat has intermittent problems with the engine, possibly fuel injection or fuel pump. He estimates it might cost \$500-800.
- Conray noted the engine is 17 years old, and will likely need to be replaced in the next year or so.
- Dan moved, Conray seconded and LBC unanimously approved Conray taking to Cabella's or other repair shop, with an authorized cap of \$800. This will include repair of the current problem, and a general analysis of the anticipated longevity of the engine.

**Budget – Discussions / Decisions**

- Kris estimated that we have about \$2,140 balance in the budget. She will check with Stow to confirm that we can use dollars unused in the water quality measurement (now covered under the MVP grant) for other purposes, such as the NOI mailings.
- Kris noted that in our Nov LBC meeting, we will need to begin discussing next year's budget.
- This review will need to include analysis of changes in this year's budget actuals from the original plan, as well as anticipated new expenses such as the possible engine replacement.
- Kris noted the Hudson Town Administrator wants to be included in the budget discussions.
- Kris will contact the Stow Town Administrator to see if she also wants to be included.

#### **MVP Update**

- Dan confirmed that Stow and MA MVP program had concluded and signed the contract for the MVP grant.
- Dan summarized tasks for the launch phase (Oct-Dec 2020), including forming the Steering Committee, putting into place the agreement with LBA to run the citizen science program, and posting the RFP and selecting the sub-awardee hydrology analysis company.
- Kris confirmed that LBC had already approved the original proposal, and authorized Dan to be the LBC rep and lead for implementation, per details in the grant. This will include working with the Steering Committee and an Operations Team. Dan will report back to LBC as warranted.
- Dan explained the nature of this Healthy Lake Boon MVP grant, in response to a question from Dick Gelpke.

#### **Old Business / Follow-ups**

- Boat trailer registration – Kris commented that this is now complete. She will give one of the plates and the official registration to Conray to use on trailer.

#### **New Business**

- Budget – planning for next year's budget
- MVP grant – public meeting to discuss grant and its activities

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

- Tentatively scheduled for Nov 18, 2020, 7:00 pm

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

- Conray moved, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned 7:57 pm

Approved by LBC on: \_\_\_Nov 18, 2020\_\_\_

*Daniel V. Sarstow*



Lake Boon Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 24, 2021

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on May 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The meeting took place by telecommunications using Zoom, because of coronavirus-related state limits on public meetings per the Mar 21, 2020 order of Governor Baker.

**Members Attending:** Kris Krablin (Chairperson), Dan Barstow (Clerk), Conray Wharff (Commissioner)

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 pm

**Public Comments**

- Dave Gray noted that the Lake Boon Association annual meeting will take place June 6, 2021

**Meeting Minutes**

- Conray moved, Kris seconded and we unanimously approved the minutes from Apr 26, 2021

**Bills for Payment**

- Kris paid \$29.98 for zoom meetings. Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursing Kris.
- Conray paid \$89.99 for buoy lights. Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursing Conray.
- Solitude has not yet submitted the anticipated invoice for weed treatment at \$7,812.50 (half of annual contract). Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously pre-approved payment after we receive the invoice. Stow will pay  $2/3 = \$5,308.33$  and Hudson will pay  $1/3 = \$2,604.17$ .

**Solitude Weed Treatment**

- Dan reported that Solitude weed treatment will take place June 2, 2021
- Red Aylward, our liaison with Solitude, presented an overview, showing where weeds were detected, and where treatment will take place.
- Red also shared the schedule of safety precautions, especially on treatment day to make sure recreational boats don't interfere with the treatment boats.
- Formal announcement will be posted in the Stow Independent, and in several public locations around the lake.

**Annual Summary Report on Healthy Lake Boon**

- Dan explained that we now do an Annual Summary Report on Healthy Lake Boon, integrating across all related projects: weed treatment, drawdown and MVP grant.
- Dan noted that we will use a visual report, in PowerPoint format. Stow and Hudson ConComs and the MVP Steering Committee have all approved this approach
- Dan presented two portions of the report, dealing with Weed Treatment and Drawdown.
- Dan noted that we have an interim report for the MVP grant, until the first year of the grant ends June 30, 2021. We will complete that portion of the annual report due July 31, 2021 (per the MVP grant schedule).
- Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved the Weed Treatment and Drawdown portions of the report (pending filling some minor remaining gaps).

**Stow Town meeting warrant articles on LBC and Hallock Point**

- Kris reported that Stow Town Meeting approved funds allocation for the LBC budget, and approved acquiring the Hallock Point property.

**Capital Planning Discussion**

- Kris suggested we postpone this discussion until the next meeting. Meanwhile, Kris will follow-up with Stow Town Manager and Chief of Police..

#### **Old Business**

- **2020 Archives** – Dan reported that he submitted to Stow and Hudson clerks the full 2020 archives.
- **Buoys** – Conray reported that all buoys are installed and have functioning lights

#### **New Business**

- Capital Planning
- Buoy Placement
- Patrol Report
- **LBA meeting June 6, 2021** – Kris will present the LBC annual report. Dan will present an update on the Healthy Lake Boon Initiative

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

- Tentatively scheduled for June 21, 2021, 7:00 pm

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

- Dan moved, Conray seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm

Approved by LBC on: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Boon Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2021

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on June 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The meeting took place by telecommunications using Zoom, because of coronavirus-related state limits on public meetings per the Mar 21, 2020 order of Governor Baker. The meeting was recorded and is available thru Stow TV.

**Members Attending:** Kris Krablin (Chairperson), Dan Barstow (Clerk), Conray Wharff (Commissioner)

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 pm

**Public Comments**

- Kris Krablin asked members and participants if they wanted to continue with zoom meetings, or switch to in-person. Dan likes zoom, especially with the safety of all given the Covid epidemic, the ease for many people to participate, and the equity of all members and participants appearing equitably on screen. Kris, Conray, Dave Gray, Karen Gray, and Dick Gelpke all concurred.
- Dave Gray commented about the problem of wake boards and from jet skis, both with the potential impact on the lake and shores, but also for the danger and potential. Kris offered to connect with Fort Meadow to see how they handle this problem.

**Meeting Minutes**

- Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved the minutes from May 24, 2021

**Bills for Payment**

- In the May 24, 2021 meeting, LBC pre-approved payment for Solitude. We received the invoice and Kris submitted the invoice to Stow, and Conray will submit to Hudson for payment. Stow will pay 2/3 = \$5,308.33 and Hudson will pay 1/3 = \$2,604.17.
- Dan paid \$70.00 for public announcement in Stow Independent Press, about weed treatment. Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursing Dan.
- Kris paid \$14.99, as the monthly rate for zoom meetings. Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursing Kris.
- Conray paid \$31.45 for gas for the boat. Dan moved, Kris seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursing Conray.

**Solitude Weed Treatment**

- Red Aylward, our liaison with Solitude, reported that weed treatment took place June 2, 2021
- Red and Dan reported on-going frustrations with Solitude. They were late with the map and treatment details, requiring a delay from the previous scheduled treatment date, and they have either been very slow or not responded to numerous emails and phone messages.
- Red and Dan will follow-up with Solitude as we urgently need the Quantity & Concentration/Dissipation measurements from them
- Kris said she will visit Fort Meadow Reservoir and talk with Hudson officials about how they handle weed treatment and other related issues.

**Buoy locations - Discussion**

- Kris opened a discussion about the location of the buoys. Since she has been involved in seasonal installation and removal, she wondered why they're sited in specific locations, and what are the guidelines for placing them.
- Conray provided some background and history, on the transition from buoys installed by individuals to LBC handling this. Most importantly, buoys are for the safety of boatowners, shoreline residents, swimmers, and anyone else who uses the lake. They keep boats from getting too close to the shore, warn of regions with shallow water, and limit wakes with the narrows. LBC

previously identified the seven locations, with the precise placement a bit of a judgement call. Conray provided the following details for each buoy:

- #1: Purpose is to push people off shoreline, for safety. Located about 75ft from shore.
  - #2: Purpose is to designate the No Wake/headway speed zone in the narrows. Located roughly 300ft from Kathy Myles' property to the opposite point.
  - #3: Purpose is to designate the No Wake/headway speed zone in the narrows. Located roughly midway on a line from Ron's property to Teresa's dock.
  - #4: Purpose is for safety at Indian Point. Should be about 75 ft from shoreline.
  - #5: Purpose is to designate the No Wake/headway speed zone in the narrows. Located roughly midpoint on a line from Conray's dock to Red's.
  - #6: Purpose is to designate the No Wake/headway speed zone in the narrows. Located roughly midpoint.
  - #7: Purpose is safety/no wake. Located between David Mitrou's shore and the sunken island.
- Conray offered to take Dan and Kris on a boat tour of the locations to give on-the-spot explanations. Dan and Kris appreciated and agreed to do this on Friday June 25, 2021.

#### **Police Patrol Update**

- Conray noted that Lee Heron will retire June 30, 2021, after many years helping to patrol the lake. The Chief of Police is working on a plan to cover that time.
- Conray said it was sad to lose Lee, but by law he has to retire because of his age. We agreed to send Lee a thank you card. Conray will do this on behalf of the LBC.

#### **Year-end Budget**

- Kris noted that we have expended virtually all of our fiscal 2021 budget, with a projected balance of \$267 (with the possibility of additional \$170 balance). Dan praised Kris for her careful managing of the budget.
- Conray suggested buying some needed chains for the buoys with whatever balance remained. Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously pre-approved this expense for FY21.

#### **Capital Planning Discussion**

- Kris reported that she had spoken with the Chief of Police about capital planning that might be required for both the LBC & Police boats. . He agreed to talk with Denise about this and to have a follow-up discussion.

#### **Healthy Lake Boon Initiative - Update**

- Dan gave a progress report on the Healthy Lake Boon Initiative. He reported that monthly measurements continue on track, with the most recent on June 13, 2021.
- Dave Gray reported very high conductivity measurements in Monahan's Cove. Dave and the HLBI volunteers will collect more data, and discuss with Pam Helinek, Hudson Conservation Agent.
- Dick Gelpke added a historical perspective, on high levels of silt from the nearby golf course, in the 1960's.

#### **Old Business**

- No old business

#### **New Business**

- Budget update

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

- Tentatively scheduled for Aug 17, 2021, 7:00 pm

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

- Conray moved, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Approved by LBC on: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 pm

**Public Comments**

- Dave Gray mentioned the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Lake Boon Association, scheduled for Sep 4, and deferred to the Carnival agenda it for the details.
- Dick Gelpke mentioned that his new book on the History of Lake Boon will be released during those celebrations. He gave special credit to Lew Helprin, his editor and collaborator.

**Meeting Minutes**

- We reviewed minutes from June 21, 2021. Kris made one edit, adding that the meeting was recorded and available on Stow TV. Dan moved, Kris seconded and we unanimously approved the minutes as amended.

**Bills for Payment**

- Dan presented two bills from RI Analytical for water lab tests, for 39.00 + 52.00 = 91.00. Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously approved payment.
- Kris paid \$29.98 for zoom meetings (2 x \$14.99 monthly rate). Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursing Kris.
- Kris cited the previously submitted bill from Solitude for \$3,906.25. We deferred further discussion to later in the meeting, during the Solitude topic.
- Conray confirmed he paid \$177.00 to purchase chain. We had previously approved this and reimbursement to Conray.

**LBA Carnival**

- We discussed the schedule of events for the LBA carnival weekend, Sep 3-5, 2021, with events at the town beach, boat races, lighting of the lake, and boat parade. The event will include music from a historic fairground organ. Boats from both LBC and Stow Police will patrol.
- Dave Gray proposed setting up the race course with two buoys. Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved Dave setting up these buoys.

**Solitude Weed Treatment**

- Dan reported on-going frustrations with Solitude. They were late with the map and treatment details, requiring a delay from the previous scheduled treatment date, have not done follow-up testing, and they have either been very slow or not responded to numerous emails and phone messages.
- Kris presented a draft letter to Solitude, withholding payment until they met specific conditions. This letter would be co-signed by Kris Krablin for LBC and Stow Town Administrator Denise Dembkoski. Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously approved sending this letter.

**Herbicide Order of Conditions**

- Dan explained that the Weed Treatment Order of Conditions from Hudson Conservation Commission was approved for one year, to be renewed annually. Although the one-year approval date has passed, Hudson ConCom will review and consider renewal by exception, because of the problems and delays in getting information from Solitude, who implements the weed treatment.

Dan agreed to represent LBC at the Aug 19, 2021 meeting of the Hudson ConCom. No motion required.

#### **Healthy Lake Boon Initiative - Update**

- Dan, Kirk Westphal and Dave Gray gave a status report on the Healthy Lake Boon Initiative. The monthly sampling continues, with the most recent on Aug 15, 2021. They commented on: large amounts of rain have impacted water levels and flow rate; chlorophyll levels are a bit above norm; inflow from Monahan's Cove has high mineral content, possibly from rock salt stored at landscape company upstream.
- Dave commented on the positive test for cyano-toxins, based on the unofficial test kit. This led to a temporary closing of the town beach Aug 7-9, 2021. Dan conferred with Stow Town Administrator Denise Demboski, who will coordinate further work in the town regarding official testing, beach closure and communications.

#### **Old Business**

- Conray noted that more music events are taking place around the lake.
- Conray also noted seeing some boats not registered. Kris will follow-up with Police Chief Mike Sallesse re the Safety Officer.
- Kris reported on her visit to Fort Meadow Reservoir in Hudson. They have no police patrol.
- Conray noted the number of jet skis including some from non-residents, and the importance of monitoring them and enforcing speed limits, noting that we don't want to become the jet-ski destination of choice.

#### **New Business**

- Status of Lake Safety Patrol Officer
- Herbicide OOC renewal
- PFAs – Kris will coordinate with Denise to see what we know and can present.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

- Tentatively scheduled for Sept 15, 2021, 7:00 pm, with Sept 22, 2021 as an alternate.

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

- Conray moved, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm

Approved by LBC on: \_\_\_\_\_