

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2020

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on June 30, 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), Conray Wharff (Commissioner), Dan Barstow (Clerk)

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 pm.

Agenda:

Public Comments

- Laura Diamond commented about the problem of the town beach, that is officially closed but still has people on the beach and in the water, and that trash removal and no bathrooms is a persistent problem. She also asked whether the town will continue testing for algae. She suggested that testing expand beyond the beach to the other basins.
- Tracy Ingle also asked about Stow testing for water quality.
- Carolyn McDonald commented about the music on the lake, by musicians publicly performing at various locations around the lake. She thought it was wonderful and hoped the practice could continue.
- Dave Gray commented that the BOH will continue with weekly coliform testing.

LBC Response to comments -

- Conray agreed that people still going to the closed town beach was a problem. He commented that town police have increased their patrolling.
- Kris commented that the Selectman recognize the issue and will discuss in their next meeting
- Kris moved and Dan seconded that LBC send a request to the BOH to include testing in their agenda for July and send a recommendation to Selectmen for the bathrooms to stay open and the gate be locked at dusk. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes -

- LBC reviewed minutes from June 3, June 9 and June 16, 2020. Conray moved and Kris seconded approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Bills to Pay and Budget Status -

- Conray discussed an outstanding repayment due him of \$521.95, previously approved by LBC. Conray confirmed that Hudson will pay this amount.
- Kris requested reimbursement for a Zoom bill for 14.99. Conray moved and Dan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Conray requested reimbursement of 22.13 for gas for the LBC boat. Conray moved and Dan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- We approved a \$91.90 bill for 2 other buoy lights.
- Conray noted that we needed a new light for one of the buoys, at a cost of 45.95. Conray moved we approve this expense. Dan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Conray moved and Kris seconded a motion to approve the practice of the LBC Chairperson being the only signature required on bills approved by the LBC for payment or reimbursement. This motion passed unanimously
- Dan asked about the split of the budget between Stow and Hudson. It is currently 2/3 Stow, 1/3 Hudson. Dan wanted to know if this was a fixed policy or just a guideline. This is relevant because Hudson had approved more than their 1/3 share, and this amount could cover the shortfall in the

amount due to Conray. Conray commented that this was not a formal policy, giving Hudson the authority to cover the full amount.

Weed Treatment and Order of Conditions Renewal -

- Dan confirmed that weed treatment permits were approved by both Stow and Hudson.
- In the review by the Hudson Conservation Commission, they noted that LBC had not provided an annual report as required in the permit. The permit also requires Stow and Hudson approve the proposed treatment
- Dan said we should resume the annual report, and that it should be done by end of December, after Solitude (or other weed treatment company) had completed its annual summary. LBC would incorporate this into an annual Report on the Healthy Lake Boon initiative. It would also include required reports on the Drawdown, and any data from the MVP project if funded. Thus, a single report would meet multiple requirements.

Buoys -

- Conray commented that we need to maintain the lights on the buoys in reliable quality, and that we should upgraded to red flashing lights. Conray moved and Dan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- David Gray gave a short presentation recommending that the LBC consider 2 buoys (1 red, 1 green) at what he called the "pinch point" near Indian Point, referencing the 2015 map prepared by the Town Stow Planning Dept. No action taken.

Old Business Follow-ups

- None

New Business for Next Meeting

- Solitude Bills
- Drawdown permit
- BOH follow-up

Date of Next Meeting

- Aug 4, 2020, 7 pm

Meeting Adjourned:

- Dan moved, Conray seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned 8:09 pm

Approved by LBC on: Aug 19, 2020

