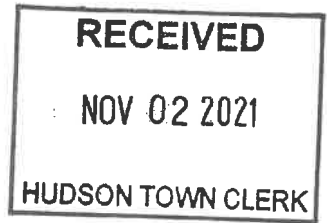


Lake Boon Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Aug 17, 2021



A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on Aug 17, 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**

- 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 Demboski. 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 Dembkoski, 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: \_\_\_\_\_