

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
Sep 22, 2021

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on Sep 22, 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

- Dick Gelpke mentioned that he will discuss his new book on the History of Lake Boon at the First Federated Church, 200 Central St. Hudson, on Sept 28, 2021 at 7 pm.
- Dave Gray mentioned that the Pine Point buoy light wasn't working.
- Dave Gray mentioned that lightning hit a tree on Barton Rd. That tree has now been cut down.

Meeting Minutes

- We reviewed minutes from Aug 17, 2021, revised with edits from Kris. Conray moved, Kris seconded and we unanimously approved the minutes as amended.

Herbicide Order of Conditions

- Dan reported that the Hudson Conservation Commission approved a two-year extension (to July 5, 2023) of the permit for herbicide treatment. This aligns approvals for both Hudson and Stow. Dan will send the OOC to Kris and Conray.

Solitude Weed Treatment

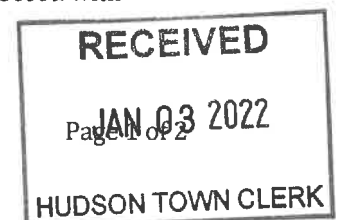
- Kris reported on her discussion with Solitude. They said they did the survey the previous week and would soon provide the results.
- Dan and Red restated their on-going frustrations with Solitude, in terms of late or missing reports and lack of responsiveness to our emails and calls.
- Kris will continue her discussions with Solitude.
- Dan said we should do the RFP for the next three year cycle, so that the whoever is selected is ready to begin the work in Spring 2022, when Solitude's current contract ends. Dan will confirm with Stow to make sure we can proceed with the RFP.

Bills for Payment

- Kris paid \$14.99 for zoom meetings at the monthly rate. Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursing Kris.
- Kris cited the previously submitted bill from Solitude for \$3,906.25. However, they have not yet met the required milestones. Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously approved deferring payment until they complete the milestones.

End of Season planning

- **Boat Storage** – Conray reported we probably can't store the boat in the old fire station, where we've stored it before, so we'll need to work on a Plan B, such as shrink wrapping. Conray will investigate further.
- **Buoys** – Conray will coordinate logistics, timing and volunteers to remove the buoys.
- **Drawdown** – Dan reported that the lake was already down about 5" from the normal height, because of the work on the dam repair. We discussed dates to drawdown further, and agreed to ask the Stow Highway Dept to remove another half-board on Oct 22, 2021, and proceed with additional boards as the level goes down.



Dam Repair Update

- Dan summarized work done on the Barton Road dam, repairing leaks in the outflow pipe, filling in the sink hole on the side of the weir, and leveling the road. That work is now complete.

Healthy Lake Boon Initiative - Update

- Dan, Dave Gray and Kirk Westphal gave a status report on the Healthy Lake Boon Initiative. The monthly sampling continues, with the most recent on Sept 12, 2021. They commented on recent reports of algae blooms, some localized positive tests for cyanobacteria and continued high mineral levels in Monahan's Cove.

Kattelle Property

- Dan reported on the possible sale of the Kattelle property (16 acres near the 4th basin), and initial plans from the developer, as presented at the Aug 19, 2021 meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission. Lake Boon Association is preparing a report on the plans, with recommendations to limit the impact on Lake Boon. Dan will serve as liaison between LBC and LBA as this work proceeds.

Old Business

- Kris talked about PFAS with Denise Demboski, Stow Town Administrator. Kris said the company contracted to study this issue is still investigating. In any case, this is a Board of Health issue, not LBC.
- Kris reported that getting a new motor for the LBC boat is not a capital expense, because it is under \$10,000

New Business

- Update on Solitude
- New RFP for herbicide treatment
- Status of police patrol boat

Date of Next Meeting

- Tentatively scheduled for Oct. 20, 2021, 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned:

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

Approved by LBC on: _____