

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
Nov 30, 2021

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on Nov 30, 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

- No one had public comments.

Meeting Minutes

- We reviewed minutes from Oct 27, 2021, revised with edits from Kris. Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved the minutes as amended.

Herbicide Treatment Year-End Report & Recommendations

- Kris reported that we received Solitude's near-final draft implementation report.
- Red Aylward, LBC's designated liaison with Solitude, reported some issues in the report: Solitude reported success constraining Fanwort, but it actually increased in the final site survey; Solitude did not present results of the interim survey; Solitude did not do a mid-year reboost, though it might have been warranted.
- Red suggested in the future, we might want to specify the goal, such as trace or moderate levels after treatment
- Kris suggested we meet with Solitude during our next LBC meeting, to discuss the report.
- Dan confirmed that we will do a new RFP, as the current contract will soon end (it covered through 2021 treatment). Red and Dan are coordinating with Stow on the details. It will include the analysis and treatment, as well as increased communication and a "whole lake" review, in coordination with the Healthy Lake Boon Initiative. The resulting contract will have terms and conditions for lack of compliance with specific elements of the contract.
- LBC will review the RFP in the next meeting

Bills for Payment

- Conray requested reimbursement for shrink-wrapping the LBC boat, for a total cost of \$255.00 Dan moved, Kris seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursement.
- Kris paid \$14.99 for zoom meetings at the monthly rate. Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursing Kris.
- Kris mentioned the balance due to Solitude, of \$1,562.50. We did not approve, pending our discussion with Solitude at the next LBC meeting.

FY 2023 budget

- Kris reviewed the status of FY 2023 budget. Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously approved submitting the Stow portion (\$7,733.00) of the approved budget to Stow.

Safety boat

- Kris mentioned that Stow Chief of Police Michael Sallese requested a meeting with Stow and Hudson to review the status of the Police boat and possible ways to share resources for patrolling of the lake.
- Conray noted that only police can use a police boat, and that Police and Fire can use the LBC boat whenever needed.
- Conray will represent LBC at the meeting with Chief Sallese.

Drawdown and Healthy Lake Boon Initiative - Update

- Dave Gray reported that the lake level has steadily lowered, and is now within an inch of bottom.
- Dan reported that no new developments in the Healthy Lake Boon Initiative, as the measurements have been completed, and the science team is now reviewing the data.
- Dick Gelpke commented that we should develop a plan for distributing the report to residents, town officials and the public. Dan commented that we have some elements in place, but will look at additional outlets, especially including social media.

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Next LBC meeting will have a single topic – discussion with solitude
- A future meeting might include discussion of Stow's new excise tax on boats.
- Update on RFP for herbicide treatment

Date of Next Meeting

- Kris will poll members to set the date for next LBC meeting.

Meeting Adjourned:

- Conray moved, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm

Approved by LBC on: 1/22/22

