

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
Feb 2, 2023

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on Feb 2, 2023 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, extended thru July 2023. The meeting was recorded and is available thru Stow TV.

Members attending: Conray Wharff (Chairperson), Dan Barstow (Clerk), Dan Tereau

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 pm

Public Comments

- Dick Gelpke asked about the Science Committee for the Healthy Lake Boon project. Dan B explained that Kirk Westphal and Dave Gray are in charge, and have meetings every few months, or as needs arise. Most of the members of the Steering Committee for the grant project (now over) stayed on, to create the Science Committee.

Minutes

- We reviewed the minutes from three meetings (Dec 7, Dec 14 and Dec 21, 2023)
- Dan T moved, Dan B seconded and we unanimously approved the minutes.

Update on the Lake Boon Dam work

- Dan B briefly summarized plans for the Lake Boon Dam. He noted that the plans are not yet final, pending public comments and formal approval, but currently include a two-phase process, first to repair the dam and then to replace the road surface. LBC does not have primary responsibility for this work, though it will impact on residents, so we're involved in the discussions with the town. LBC is also involved in assuring that the new sluice enables a deeper drawdown.

Bills for Payment

- Dan B moved, Dan T seconded and we unanimously approved two bills for reimbursement to LBA for monitoring health of Lake Boon: 45.15 + 43.00 = 88.15

Update on Healthy Lake Boon

- Dave Gray reported data from recent measurements, noting that we had an especially dry summer, and very little winter snow. Phosphorus levels were below our target (that's good!), but Aug 1, 2022 was a bit higher.

RFP for weed treatment and warrant articles

- Red Aylward give a status report on the RFP for weed treatment, with solid drafts of the RFP documents now in review by Stow officials.
- Dan B reviewed the budget for the warrants. Hudson (previously approved for the warrant) = 7,017 + Stow = 14,033, for a total of 21,050.
- Conray moved, DanB seconded and we unanimously approved the warrant requests.

Winter Rules Discussion

- Dan T noted that this winter has been mild, with limited freezing and hence recommended that we defer until spring or summer, our public review for possible by-law changes.

Old business

- Conray said the police radio was still on order.
- Conray asked about the annual raising of the lake. DanB said we were on track for re-installing the boards after ice-out, in time for completion by Apr 1, 2023.

New Business

- Dan T raised the topic of safety relating to docks that need repair or are submerged. He suggested we should methodically review them. We will discuss this in a future meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

- Tentative – Mar 7, 2023

Meeting Adjourned:

- Dan B moved, Dan T seconded and we unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Approved by LBC on _____: