

AGENDA (Revised 4/12/20)

Lake Boon Commission

7:00 PM, Apr 16, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's Orders imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the LAKE BOON COMMISSION will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found below. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Towns of Hudson & Stow websites an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Meeting will be held via a Zoom Meeting (Internet)

Public Participation via calling in or using your computer is encouraged

Zoom Online Meeting Only (details below)

1. Public Comment
2. Meeting Minutes - Review/Approve
3. Pay Bills
4. 2020 Stow Warrant Article(s) – Status
5. Lake Refill - Update
6. New Notice of Intent/Order of Conditions Applications - Update
7. Healthy Lake Boon Initiative - Update
8. LBC Boat, Buoys/Lights, Trailer & Boat Registrations
9. New Business
10. Date of Next Meeting
11. Adjourn

This meeting will be held online via the Zoom Web Conferencing service. To join the meeting, go to:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/493762821> and enter password 885219

From your phone (audio only) you can also call 1-929-205-6099 and enter the Meeting ID (493 762 821) followed by the # sign and password (885219).

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2020

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on April 16, 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 Comment -

- 15 people attended the Zoom teleconference. There were no public comments

Meeting Minutes -

- 2/19/2020 LBC meeting - With no edits, Conray moved and Dan seconded approval of the minutes. That motion was unanimously approved.

Bills for Payment -

- No bills due.

2020 Stow warrant articles -

- The town meeting was rescheduled to June 22, 2020. This will include a vote on the proposed changes in the Lake Boon rules (the rules developed in 2018, that didn't get on to the 2019 town meeting for procedural reasons).
- Although we had a public hearing a year and a half ago about these rules, we need to do this again because more than a year has gone by. Hence, there will be a town hearing in late May to discuss these proposed changes in town by-laws.

New Notice of Intent / Order of Conditions Applications

1. Weed permit extension

- LBC submitted the previously approved request for a three-year extension of Permit 299-317, with no changes.
- On April 7, 2020, Stow Conservation Commission approved these changes.
- As the next step, LBC will submit a comparable request to Hudson for permit 190-0362.
- Dan presented a letter to Hudson Conservation Commission requesting this extension
- Dan moved, Conray second the motion to approve and submit that letter. LBC unanimously approved that motion.

2. Drawdown new permit

- Drawdown permit #299-490A will expire Nov 18, 2020.
- LBC needs to submit to Stow Conservation Commission a new Notice of Intent and request a new permit
- The previous permit involved some controversy because of differing opinions about the preferred depth of drawdown. However, those issues have been resolved, and we anticipate no such controversy this time.
- Dan spoke with Kathy Sferra, Stow employee liaison for the Stow Conservation Commission, and has the materials needed to prepare the Notice of Intent. Dan will prepare the draft for LBC to review and approve.
- We have 7 months to do these steps, that typically take 2 months or so. Hence we have ample time to proceed.

- No motion required on this item.

LBC Boat, Buoys/Lights, Trailer & Boat Registrations -

- Kris provided an update on the buoys, which will soon be re-installed in the lake. Kris and Conray will examine the buoys, order any required lights or replacements.
- The boat will eventually need a new motor, but that will require approval of a capital expenditure.
- Kris and Conroy will take care of the trailer and boat registrations.

Healthy Lake Boon Initiative -

- This effort is led by the Lake Boon Association, who shared their recent discussion and activities
- Several participants shared work they have done to collect, review and gain insights from reports and studies done over the past 30+ years, looking especially at water quality, algae blooms, possible cyano-bacteria and other aspects of the health of Lake Boon.
- Kirk Westphal, Lake Boon resident and an expert in water quality assessment said the reports point to several possible sources of nutrients, but are not conclusive in their relative impact of each possible source. Hence we really need more data collection and analysis before determining best course(s) of action.
- Conray commented on prior studies, especially looking at nutrients influxes in the area of Monahan's Cove.
- Dave Gray and Kirk Westphal are doing more detailed studies of the outflow rate at the dam, as essential information in the corresponding inflow from underwater aquifers, shore run-off and direct precipitation.
- MA will soon release the RFP for the Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) Action Grants. Kirk reported on a MA webinar about the program and recommended LBC consider applying for this grant.

New Business for Next Meeting

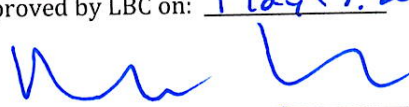
- Permit status update
- Massachusetts Vulnerability Program
- Status of Buoys, boat and trailer registration

Date of Next Meeting – TBD, such as May 12

Meeting Adjourned:

- Conray moved, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm

Approved by LBC on: May 13, 2020



Daniel Barstow