

Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
Apr 7, 2021

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held on Apr 7, 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.

Members Attending: Kris Krablin (Chairperson), Dan Barstow (Clerk), Conray Wharff (Commissioner)

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 pm

Healthy Lake Boon Initiative (MVP grant)

- LBC dealt with this topic first, because Dave Gray (one of the presenters on this topic) could only stay until 7:30.
- Dan Barstow presented a summary of activity, including confirmation of Brown & Caldwell as contractor for project hydrology expertise and analysis, Alphas Analytical to do the sample analysis and Rebecca Longwall as coordinator of citizen science. Barstow also reported that the Steering Committee was meeting monthly and that the data collection plan was ready to go.
- Dave Gray, liaison with the Lake Boon Association, summarized further details, including the upcoming training of volunteers, the culvert study and potential phosphorus from the culvert near Charter Oak golf course.
- Kirk Westphal (Brown & Caldwell) summarized their work, including the measurement guidelines, fine-tuning the hydrologic model, engagement with NRHS students, accessing data on septic systems and storm drains, plans for the sediment survey and developing the web site.
- Kris Krablin asked if this work included Solitude, who manage the herbicide treatment. Dan responded that the analysis includes data from Solitude, and that the project would invite a representative from Solitude to join the Steering Committee.
- Regarding the Charter Oak Golf Course, Conray said he would request status update from Pam Helinek of Hudson Conservation Commission.
- Conray asked about the storm drains and catch basins. Dave Gray responded that we're getting an updated map of them, and that we need to determine their effectiveness.

Public Comment

- Dave Gray gave updates on the LBA – this is the centennial year for the LBA; annual meeting June 6, 2021; and deadline of last week in April for LBA Gazette articles to Barbara Clancy.
- Conray suggested LBC do a "Commissioner's Corner" report in the LBA Gazette. Kris offered to resume this tradition. Conray will provide examples from the past.
- Karin Pastuck commented about limited access to the boat ramp on Sudbury Road. Kris commented that LBC had no plans to add any new access points, and that the ramp was actually under the jurisdiction of the Stow Conservation Commission.
- Beth W asked about the buoys. Conray responded that he would soon be installing them.
- Karin Pastuck asked about floating docks installed too far into the lake. Conray commented that LBC can enforce constraints on anything beyond 20 feet.
- Red Aylward reported on progress in fund-raising for Hallock Point and for the cost-sharing match for the MVP grant, with over 75 people contributing. The fund-raising will very likely reach the desired goal.

Meeting Minutes

- Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously re-approved the amended minutes from Dec 16, 2020
- Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved the minutes from Feb 10, 2021

Bills for Payment

- RI Analytical submitted an invoice for sample analysis, for \$77. Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously approved payment of the bill.
- Kris pay \$14.99 for one month of Zoom. Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursing Kris.
- Conray paid \$139.99 for a battery for the LBC boat. Conray moved, Dan seconded and we unanimously approved reimbursing Conray.

FY22 Budget Approval & Spring Town Meetings/Warrants - Status/Update

- Kris commented that we had everything in place for the upcoming town meetings.

Spring refill of Lake Boon

- Dan reported that the refill began Mar 26, 2021, and was refilling. It has not yet been fully refilled, with the slower than normal pace because of limited rainfall.

Boat and Buoys

- Conray reported that he will soon put the LBC boat in the water to test. Then he will install the buoys.
- Kris reported on the status of the lights, as the buoys are stored in her back yard.

Solitude Activity Status

- Kris reported that Andy Pollack will no longer be able to coordinate our work with Solitude.
- Kris reported that Red Aylward would be willing to take over this role. Dan moved, Conray seconded and we unanimously approved Red for this role. Conray will help orient Red to the work involved.
- Dan reported that Solitude will do their pre-season survey about mid-May.

Stow Recreation Commission request for boat rentals

- Kris reported that Stow Rec Comm requested our annual approval for boat rentals, this year adding paddle boards.
- Conray cited concern about growth of us, with 5 canoes, 6 kayaks and 2 paddle boards, as well as the need for improved oversight of their use.
- Dan acknowledged this concern, but also mentioned that we need to keep the lake open to non-residents, and this is one way to do so.
- Kris will invite Laura Greenough, Stow Recreation Director, to our next meeting

Annual Report

- Dan commented that we were initiating a new annual report on the status and health of Lake Boon, integrating across all projects, including the MVP grant, herbicide treatment, drawdown + refill and the integrated analysis across all sources of data. The report is due May 30 of each year. Dan will take the lead on producing the report, in collaboration with our partners. Dan will present a draft outline at the next LBC meeting.

Old Business

- LBC needs to complete its 2020 archives, for submission to both Stow and Hudson, including agenda, minutes and attachments. Dan, as LBC clerk, has this responsibility. Dan will take care of this, with Kris' help as warranted.

New Business

- Annual Report – review and discuss project outline
- Boat rentals – discuss with Laura Greenough, Stow Rec Director
- Kiosk – update from Kris

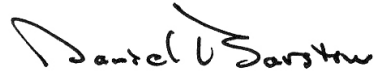
Date of Next Meeting

- Tentatively scheduled for Apr 26, 2021, 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned:

- Conray moved, Dan seconded and LBC unanimously approved adjourning.
- Meeting adjourned 8:36 pm

Approved by LBC on: 4/26/21

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