

Lake Boon Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
April 29, 2015



A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission (LBA) was held at the Stow Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA on April 29, 2015 at 7:36 pm.

Members Attending: Conray Wharff, Chair  
Lee Heron, Patrol  
Theresa O'Riorden, Secretary  
Absent: none

Audience Attendance: Bill Byron, David & Alex Andrews, Linda Telfer, Don Hawkes, Doug Hodge, Lou Thomas, Dave Gray, and Ellen Krag.

**Open Conversation**

Lou Thomas was concerned about swimmers crossing the lake, especially during sunset. Theresa told him about Safety Swimmer swim belt/flotation device made to improve visibility of swimmers.

**Aircraft landing on Lake Boon**

Tom French sent an email out to the Lake Boon email list on April 19th about Lake Boon Rule #6, which states that no airplanes may land on Lake Boon. Kent emailed it again on April 21? We are going to ~~legally~~ submit something to Mass DOT to legally prevent airplanes from landing on Lake Boon.

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Bill Wrigley handled it.

**Boating Safety Course**

The Mass Fisheries and Wildlife will be holding a boating safety course at the Assabet Wildlife Refuge on May 12, 14, 19, and 21 from 6-9 pm. The course registration is full.

Lifejackets must be worn till May 15<sup>th</sup> (paddleboards included).

**New Business**

Kent is not here to discuss the weeds.

Patrol plans for 2015 have not changed.

There was some discussion about the weed/runoff problem in Moynihan's Cove. Mark Petty is a scientist and he lives at 66 Pine Point Road. We're wondering if we can get him involved in testing the water to make sure Charter Oak is not using too many fertilizers and creating more weeds in Moynihan's cove.

**Recreation Commission**

Rule #11 of the Lake Boon Commission Regulations states that no person shall engage in the business of renting boats... This rule has been in effect since 1987, or longer, possibly 1947. TO

We are going to allow the Recreation Commission to continue renting boats at Pine Bluffs.

### **Motion made**

Conray made a motion, "That we will recommend to the selectmen to grant said permit as defined in Rule #11 by LBC in accordance with the attached letter from Recreation Commission and our rules. Theresa seconded the motion. All in favor.

Don Hawkes and Theresa will talk to Laura about controlling the kayak rentals, especially on weekends.

### **Ice Eaters**

We want to write Koloff a letter for next winter.

### **Drawdown**

Ice-out was late but the lake is about up to summer level.

Lake residents want the lake to be lower in the summer due to the large summer waves. The wakeboard boats are the problem.

Conray said if the lake is lowered than the shallow areas will be too low, especially at the boat ramp.

Bill Byron submitted a letter he wrote to the LBC. He has lived on the lake since 1976, he thinks the lake is higher than ever based upon his dock being deep in the water. He submitted photos. Theresa said that docks are dragged away by ice, just a little, every year and the dock may need to be winched back into shore. That's what happens at her house every winter.

The lake level is currently at 2.81'.

8:50 Conray motioned to adjourn. Lee seconded. All in favor.



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August 27, 2014

Conray Wharff  
LBC Chairman  
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Dear Conray,

The Stow Recreation Commission would like to thank you and the LBC for inviting us to your last meeting. I think the meeting was very productive and I look forward to working with the LBC in the future.

At the meeting your Committee requested that I write a letter requesting what I would like to do at Pine Bluff Beach Area relation to our boating program.

1. Continue our Camp Stow boating program, which includes kayaking and canoeing.
2. Continue our boat rental program that currently runs when Camp Stow is not using the boats and the beach is open. This would include renting kayaks and canoes.

We currently have 3 canoes, 6 kayaks & 1 bike boat. With the growth of our summer camp program I would like the LBC to consider the following.

1. Allowing the Recreation Department to purchase and use 1 additional canoe next year, which will give us a total of 4 Canoes. I would also like the Commission to consider allowing us to purchase an additional 2 canoes sometime over the next 4 years to accommodate the growth of our summer camp program. This would give us a total of 6 canoes.

2. Allow the Recreation Department to purchase and use 2 stand up paddle boards. These would be used during our camp program and for rent when not in use by our Lifeguards or Camp program. We currently do not have funding for the paddle boards but looking into the future and the may request we have already got for them I think this should be consider and included in a 4 year plan.

The Stow Recreation Commission would again like to thanks you for taking the time to consider our request. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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