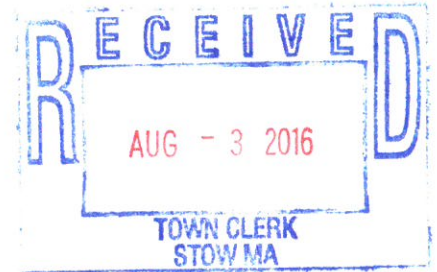


**Lake Boon Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
July 5, 2016**

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held at the Stow Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA on July 5, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

Members Attending: Conray Wharff, Chair  
Theresa O’Riorden, Secretary  
Absent: none



The Lake Boon Commission meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm.

**Minutes/Bills**

Our next meeting will be on July 19 to interview Dave Mitrou for the open LBC seat.

Theresa read the March 28, 2016 minutes. Conray made a motion to approve. All in favor.

Theresa read the May 17, 2016 minutes. Conray made a motion to approve. All in favor.

Theresa read the June 13, 2016 minutes. Conray made a motion to approve. All in favor.

Conray and Theresa signed 2 bills from Lee Heron for Patrol Hours.

Solitude Lake Management sent us a bill for weed treatment work so far. \$18,513.00 was already submitted to the town. \$27,769.00 still needs to be submitted.

**Public Comments**

Kris Krablin asked about the LBC bylaws. She is wondering which holidays will be enforced for quiet hours. Conray said we got an opinion from Bill Wrigley/Town Council. The Stow Police will enforce quiet hours on town holidays when Stow Town Hall is closed.

Carolyn McDonald asked why the lake is so wild and unpatrolled. Conray and Theresa explained why Lee isn’t patrolling all the time. The police have no budget to patrol Lake Boon this summer or next summer. It’s going to take time for the police to get Lake Boon in their budget. For now, Lee is being paid through LBC funds. The LBC used to supplement the police patrol with LBC patrol but since now that can’t happen, the lake community may feel an absence of patrol presence until the police budget catches up.

Kay Jackson-Poshecki (sp?) says the erosion is terrible at her house at Pine Point.

Mary Beth Rogers says the waves were so large the canoe she put her twin <sup>nephews</sup> ~~grandkids~~ in with Traci was lifted up and flipped over.

Dick Gelpke says residents should take pictures.

Carolyn McDonald and other residents want the LBC to document/catalog their complaints.

Something needs to be done to curtail the large wakes from wakeboard boats. The room full of angry residents all agree on this point.

**Interviews with candidates for the open LBC seat**

**Kris Krablin:** Has lived at 107 Kingland Road since 2005. She thinks we have serious issues that need work. She wants to make sensible changes. She wants more insight from the community. She thinks more can be done to deter bad

behavior. She is not a speed boater. Wants to make the lake healthy, safe, and have an active culture. Theresa asked if she gets along with all of her neighbors and she said yes.

**Don Hawkes:** Has lived on lake since 1949. He is against the putting greens around the lake. He thinks working with the Conservation Commissions in both towns may help the weeds. He thinks our #1 issue is wakeboard boats. He used to play cribbage in the Pine Point Gazebo but large wakes swamp the building. He wants to enforce wake damage laws. He served 12 years on the LBC already and has been a Selectmen in Stow for 5 years. ~~He quit the LBC because everyone on the lake hated him. He had a new baby and he didn't want her to see obscene gestures pointed his way so that's why he quit the Commission.~~ He gave out many tickets and fought them all in court on his own time away from work and he won every case.

Theresa asked Don why he opposed the LBC getting a new boat trailer at Stow's spring Town Meeting. Don said the Commission doesn't need a new trailer when the Commission can borrow a neighbor's trailer to drop the boat in the lake once a year.

There was a disturbance from the audience. Mary Beth Rogers shouted out that Theresa is mean and rude to be questioning Don like this. Conray threatened to call the police and reminded Mary Beth that the public comment time was over.

Don Hawkes (continued): Theresa asked him if he gets along with his neighbors and he said yes.

**Dick Cummings:** Has been on Lake Boon for 13 years. He wants everyone to get to use the lake. He is on his church's board of directors, which is an elected board of 5 members. He is an engineer at MIT Lincoln labs. He wants to find creative solutions, like for instance, move quiet hours to 12-4:00 later in the season to allow boaters afternoon hours to boat. Theresa said she knew his neighbors liked him since she is one of them and then asked him if he pumps his septic system regularly. He said yes.

The LBC tabled the discussion on who to suggest to the Selectmen until Dave Mitrou is interviewed at a later date.

### **1995 Challenge of LBC Rules**

Theresa asked Don why the towns didn't change the rules in 1995. Tracy Ar<sup>v</sup>pin was on the committee. Don said the Lake committee assembled to discuss changing the rules in 1995 came back after 30 days and decided to keep the LBC rules as is but have more enforcement.

### **More LBC Candidate talk**

Dick Gelpke asked what criteria the LBC is going to use to pick a candidate to suggest to the Selectmen. Theresa said someone who is a hard worker and who's personality fit with the board. Conray said typically he likes to choose someone who is already volunteering for LBC.

There are 4 great candidates, we need to keep them involved and get them to volunteer as associate members.

9:32 Conray made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Theresa seconded the motion. All in favor.