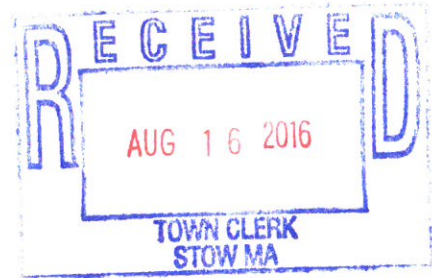


**Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2016**

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held at the Stow Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA on August 2, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

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



The Lake Boon Commission meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm.

Minutes/Bills+

Theresa read the July 5, 2016 minutes. Conray made a few amendments. Don Hawkes was not a voting member at the time the July 5 meeting was held, therefore he was not able to vote on them. Conray made a motion to approve. Theresa seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Comments

Janet Styles says her family is celebrating 95 years on Lake Boon. There was an accident at her neighbor’s house July 30th. A boat crashed on a rock and developed a hole in the boat, which made it sink. Oil and Gas were leaking out of the boat. She wanted to thank Don Hawkes for helping. Mass. DEP and Environmental Police were both there. The boat removal failed. The homeowner is responsible for removing the boat. The containment was taken care of by a large boom and absorbent material. But the oil and gas spread out. She is afraid the oil and gas will get in her well.

Bruce Gumbert said it was his boat that sank. The insurance company has a 24 hour hotline that kept disconnecting him. They told him to get the boat out of the water asap. He thinks the 150’ lengths that boats should stay away from shore should be protected. He thinks the large waves and low water level were what made the boat hit a rock on the bottom of the lake, causing a hole to form in the bottom of the boat.

Conray said that a very small amount of oil can spread out and look like a large spill had occurred.

Bruce said there’s a problem with who to call for help. Not everyone is paid by insurance companies as an approved vendor.

Don Hawkes said he will look into how to mitigate this in the future in Stow. Conray said he’d do the same in Hudson.

Ellen Krag suggested that the Environmental Police and DEP’s phone numbers go on the Lake Boon website.

Conray said the procedure is to call the Fire Department and they will take care of calling the Environmental Police and DEP. He said the emergency was considered over by DEP and the Env. Police when the spill was contained on Saturday.

Carolyn McDonald questioned why the Fire Department doesn’t have a list of providers to take care of containing a spill.

Laura Diamond questioned the liability of the boat that swamped Bruce’s boat.

Dick Gelpke said you should contact Hudson’s Fire Dept. as well.

David Gray is retired for 4 months now. He is upset about wakes. He has a camera with a telephoto lens. He’s lucky that he has a tall freeboard on his boat.

Elise Rodney from Pine Pt. Road wants to know when the 150’ rule will be publicized. Wakeboard boaters are not at the meetings.

Theresa asked Dave Gray when the Gazette is coming out. Dave said soon.

Sgt. Sallèse spoke about people obeying the law.

Carolyn McDonald wants more punishment when it comes to breaking the laws.

Andy Pollock asked what laws wakeboard boats are breaking.

Theresa and Conray said it's the Mass. State Boating Laws that says you're responsible for your wake.

Michelle Walsh of 76 Pine Point Road said she has a large wakeboard boat. She has been witnessing bad behavior on the lake. She says that she has her kids surf at 10.5 mph. She said it's not all wakeboarding boats causing a problem. It's also pontoon boats.

The public Comment section finished.

Marking of Docks

Marking of docks needs to be enforced in the future. The last names of the residence's owners need to be labeled in 3 inch letters on the front of docks, rafts, etc. per LBC rules. Conray said that there was a fire on North Shore Drive on the 4th of July visible from the water. There were no marked docks, so the boaters didn't know where to tell the fire department to go. That's why the rule needs to be enforced from now on, so the police and fire department know where to respond to when they get a call.

Don Hawkes said that years ago people didn't want their names on docks for privacy reasons. He said putting addresses on the end of docks is a better label.

Sgt. Sallèse says to label docks so that the police know where to go – address is more important than name.

Conray asked for volunteers to talk to residents about labeling docks.

Don made a motion to create a subcommittee that uses lake members to educate homeowners about labeling their docks. Theresa 2nd the motion. All approved. Three members of the audience volunteered: Kris Krablin, Carolyn McDonald, and Elsie Rodney.

Kris Krablin's Proposal

Kris wants to charter a subcommittee to review the Lake Boon Regulations. She wants to get a chairperson off the lake to be the neutral party and ~~referee~~ the group. There would be no representation from the LBC on the committee. There would be 7 members including the ~~referee~~. She wants to have a committee that is going to look at the rules (the short term) and (long term) put forth a plan for the next boating season. For instance, develop articles for town meetings.

Conray asked Kris to come back to the next meeting with more info on her plan.

Theresa said that she knows a good mediator.

Patrol Report

Sgt. Sallèse said that Lee did 30 hours of patrol last month. He had 15 stops. Only warnings were issued. He said that people have been littering at the dam. Lee has spoken to the parties and there haven't been any problems since.

Don says that sunset is getting earlier so Lee should be out on weekend nights when residents are out at dusk. Don says boats need to stop using docking lights as headlights.

Kris Krablin wants to know if warnings are tracked. Sgt. Sallèse says yes, they're called into the station. He says that giving tickets is at his discretion and has to do with his interaction with the violator.

Theresa asked if we can do something different to catch the trouble makers. Because when Lee patrols, the misbehavior^{of} leave the basin.

Sgt. Sallèse says that Mary Walker says to patrol with binoculars from shore and mail tickets.

Discussion about LBC Boat

Don wants to use the LBC boat to create a presence on the lake.

Theresa agrees. It will keep the boaters behaving.

Conray agrees that the Commission boat should be used that way but the boat needs a trailer and needs work done. Hudson insures the LBC Boat. Hudson will keep the LBC boat in the old fire station on Main Street for the winter. Hudson will pick up the boat and bring it to Cabellas and then to storage. And will take it out in reverse order to de-winterize. Cabellas will winterize and de-winterize.

Discussion about the LBC Trailer

Trailer cost \$1950. Stow pays 2/3 and Hudson will pay 1/3. Stow appropriated \$1500 for a used trailer. Don says the entire budget used to be administered by Stow. Conray says that has changed. ~~Don doesn't understand the \$1950 spent.~~

Conray wonders if we have liability insurance in Stow.

Buoy Placement

We discussed Henri Tarbi's request for a buoy at 116 Barton Road. Theresa read the letter (attached). We will talk about this at the next meeting.

Don wants to talk about buoy placement at the next LBC meeting. *in reference to the Indian Point Buoy.*

Chairman and Secretary Election

Don wants a rotation to happen between LBC members. Don made a motion for Theresa to become the Chairman next year. There was no second. No motion passed.

Conray made a motion for Theresa to remain Secretary for another year. Don 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Theresa made a motion for Conray to remain Chairman for another year. Conray 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Theresa asked Don to help with getting water samples to the lab twice a year for drawdown. Dave Grey^a offered to help take measurements at the dam for the drawdown.

Next meeting will be Monday the 15th.

9:40 Don made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Theresa seconded the motion. All in favor.