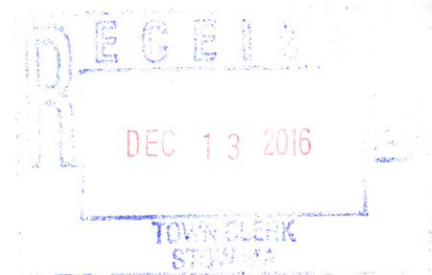


**Lake Boon Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2016**

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

**Approve Minutes**

Don made some corrections to the October 3, 2016 minutes that Theresa sent out to the Commission members prior to the meeting. Don made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Conray seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Public Input**

Mike Perisho, 249 Sudbury Road, has approval for building walls along the lake on his property. Construction can only be done if the drawdown happens. He was urging the LBC to allow the drawdown to happen this winter.

**Bills**

Carolyn McDonald submitted a bill for copies of the dock labeling flyer for \$29.75. Don made a motion to approve the payment. Theresa seconded the motion. All in favor.

Solitude Lake Management sent the LBC a bill for \$3,702.00. It is the final payment due for the 2016 contract. Hudson is paying 1/3 of this bill. Conray will take care of submitting it to Stow and Hudson. Don said they did a good job this year. Don made a motion to approve the bill. Theresa seconded the motion. All in favor.

**End of Season Tasks**

Two buoys were removed. The rest will come out tomorrow and the boat will come out as well.

**Drawdown**

Theresa brought up her conversations with David Coppes who works for MRWA, Therese Kwiatkowski from GZA, Andrew Martin from Honey Pot, and Merrily Evdokimoff of the Stow BOH. All of them said that doing a drawdown was probably a bad idea this year because groundwater levels were 9” below normal still, despite the recent rains and the abundance of surface water. Theresa explained that the recent rainfalls that were deluges of water did not contribute much to groundwater recharge because most of that rain ended up becoming runoff instead of soaking into the ground. In order for groundwater levels to go up, there needs to be slow steady rainfalls that occur often. She said that there is typically a positive flow of groundwater to the lake but with this drought, she is not sure how

the groundwater was moving and she was afraid that the drought and the drawdown would affect private wells. She said she would hate to see the lake water let go of if the drought continued through the winter and there was a threat to private wells and the risk of the lake not refilling in the spring.

There was discussion about the risk to docks being damaged by ice if there was no drawdown and the projects permitted by the Conservation Commission around the perimeter of the lake that would not happen if there was no drawdown (ie. the Perisho property).

Don made a motion to conditionally authorize removing one board at the dam to allow the drawdown to occur as long as the BOH and Conservation Commission agrees. It was amended by Don to say one board, a maximum of 9". Conray seconded the motion. Don and Conray were in favor. Theresa abstained from voting. The motion passed.

Ernie Dodd says that there are monitoring wells in wildlife woods. The planning board has the plans and the key if we want to take measurements.

### **Subcommittee Creation**

Kathleen Adams, Michelle Walsh, Kris Krablin, David Gray, Elise Rodney, Carolyn McDonald, and Adele Kane all submitted letters of interest to the LBC.

Conray said that Hudson and Stow town managers need to talk to figure out what we need to do to make the subcommittee happen. Conray thinks Hudson only allows subcommittees if the Selectmen appoint members.

Kris is requesting that we know what our criteria is to who we will appoint when we have our next meeting. After an informal discussion about it, the LBC's criteria is to balance out boaters and non-boaters and balance residents between Stow and Hudson.

We need to find out if the posting was done in Hudson. Conray will find out.

Conray made a motion to table discussion until we hear back from Hudson. Theresa seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **Stow TV Request**

Stow tv would like to know if the LBC would be willing to allow them to record future meetings. Don made a motion to allow Stow tv to record future meetings. Conray seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **New Business**

Budgets for next year.

8:49 Don made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Conray seconded the motion. All in favor.