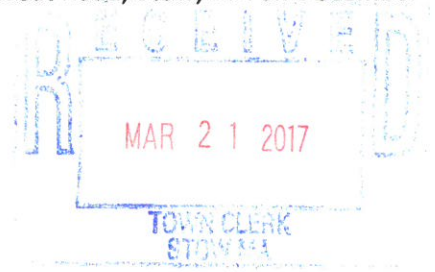


**Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2016**

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held at the Stow Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA on December 12, 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 7:39 pm. Stow TV was recording the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes were discussed. They were distributed to the board members by email prior to the meeting. Don made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Conray seconded. All in favor.

Public Input

Edy Hill, 88 Pine Point Road, questioned why we do a winter drawdown. Theresa and Conray responded to her and explained about weed mitigation, lake management, "emptying the bathtub" ie. reducing nutrient loading, and how there is not a full drawdown this year due to drought conditions. Don explained the history of the proposed 40" drawdown that has changed to the 18" drawdown that we do now. We are only drawing the lake down 9" this year though.

Payment of Outstanding Bills

None.

End of Season Tasks

Patrol boat is being stored in Hudson at the fire station on lower Main Street. Conray arranged this with the Town of Hudson. The patrol boat was winterized. The motor is a 60 hp Mercruiser. It needed 3 power packs. They were repaired and it came in under budget. The budget was \$1500 and the actual was \$1000. The buoys are all out.

Budget for next year

It's due Dec. 23 in Stow. We're putting patrol in our budget. We need to figure out how many hours we should budget. If we assume we paid \$25 per hour for a total budget last year of \$3,000, that would come out to 120 hours. Residents want more patrol so we'll bump it up to 200 hours. At \$25 per hour, for 200 hours the budget would be \$5000.

Water testing two times a year at \$100 each year is \$200

For gas, 60-70 gallons a year is what we typically use. It comes out to around \$200 per year.

Winterizing and boat storage is typically \$600.

If the above items are added up it comes out to a total budget for FY2018 of \$6,500. This will be divided 2/3 Stow, 1/3 Hudson.

What happens now is that Julie (Stow) bills Hudson usually in August, but it needs to be done in July.

Don made a motion to submit a budget to request the FY2018 budget to be \$6,500. Theresa seconded the motion. All in favor.

Annual Report

Conray needs input for it. We'll plan our next meeting for mid January. Don will take a 1st shot at a draft of the annual report before Jan. 10 and then we'll have a meeting to make comments and approve it.

Subcommittee Creation

In Hudson only the Selectmen can appoint subcommittee members. Tom Moses says the LBC has no authority to create a subcommittee. He told the LBC not to do it. The Town Clerk and the Town Manager said we can't create subcommittees. We can't suggest members for this to Hudson either. But "we can take input from a group that we did not create and we didn't approve the members."

Theresa suggested that if lake residents wanted to create a group and make suggestions to go ahead so we have some positive momentum.

New Business

We need to think about what we want on the next agenda and set up our next meeting the week of Jan. 23rd.

8:50 Don made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Conray seconded the motion. All in favor.