

**Lake Boon Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2017**

A meeting of the Lake Boon Commission was held at the Stow Town Building, 380 Great Road, Stow, MA on April 29, 2017 at 7:30pm.

Members Attending: Conray Wharff, Chair
Theresa O'Riorden, Secretary
Don Hawkes
Stow TV

Absent: none

Others attending: Michelle Walsh, Kris Krablin, Ellen Craig, Frank Zarbe, etc.



The Lake Boon Commission meeting was called to order at 7:30.

Floating Dock Request 76 Pine Point Road

Michelle Walsh came in front of the board to ask to put a floating dock out behind her house instead of the floating trampoline that the Lake Boon Commission approved 4 years ago. The trampoline is getting worn but she still wants to have a large object there to prevent boats from driving into and getting stuck on the sand bar. She thinks a buoy won't prevent the boats, because they tend to still cut between the buoy [they leave in when the trampoline comes out in the fall] and the shore. So that's why she is requesting a floating dock. Both of her neighbors have floating docks. She is planning on adding a light. The trampoline is 17' in diameter and has attachments. The lake is 8-10' deep at the edge of the trampoline.

Frank Zarbe live across the lake next to where the tree fell into the lake. He is wondering if a raft will affect where boats drive and if they'll go closer to his shoreline if a raft is there. Michelle said no, because her neighbors already have rafts and she already had the trampoline there.

Don and Conray requested that Michelle come back with the size of the proposed floating dock and the distance from shore.

Public Input

Ellen Craig asked what to do about the native weeds around her dock. Conray said they are all native weeds so the weed treatment will not be treating them. Theresa said some beach starts would loosen the sand and clear them out. Ellen said that won't be happening.

Minutes

Don made a motion to accept the Jan. 26, 2017 minutes as submitted. Conray seconded. All in favor.

Don told Theresa, for the second time, that she should write a summary of the discussions had in the minutes instead of specific details about who said what during the meetings. Theresa said that she was just trying to capture what really happened during the meetings. Don disapproves of her detailed writing style. He didn't like the discussion in the March 9, 2017 minutes about the possible violation of Open Meeting Law. Theresa reminded Don that there was no violation. Town Clerk, Linda Hathaway, sent out an email about Conray and Theresa violating Open Meeting Law after Don forwarded her an email, but it was before she was presented with all the facts and the proof that Theresa has the authority to ask the Highway Department to remove/add boards to the dam. There was no deliberation in that email. Later on, she apologized for her email.

Conray made a motion to approve the March 9, 2017 minutes. Theresa and Conray were in favor. Don was against. Motion passed.

Bills

The LBC boat is ~~ready to go~~ in the water but the battery is not working. Conray bought and installed a new battery. Conray needs to find a receipt for a new battery.

Duties and Assignment of a Drawdown Person

The lake was at summer level by April 1st.

Don suggested we write a new narrative for the drawdown in August to put in the newspaper. We should include the Oct. 1 and April 1st dates.

Theresa said she'll make new sandwich boards.

Duties of a Weed Person

Discussion was tabled because Andy was not here.

Weeds

Conray went out on the lake with Solitude and found no weeds in the lake except by Don's and the other side of the beaver dam by Don's house.

The Order of Conditions is about to expire and needs to be extended.

There will be a treatment but we're waiting for Solitude to lead the charge.

Marianne Irossi, Hudson Cons. Com. Board member

Marianne did a presentation about the Hudson Cons. Com. Working on writing a new bylaw. Marianne lives near Lake Boon around Main Street/Temple Street. She has been on the board for 4 years.

The Board is proposing a bylaw and would love to have us review it and comment on it.

She said some residents are proposing hydro raking in Lake Boon. She is going to look at Charter Oak's Order of Conditions and Monitoring Plan. Her email is miarossi88@gmail.com. She wants feedback and support for the bylaw. Their Conservation Agent, Pam, used to work for the Town of Framingham.

Posting MGL & LBC Bylaws at the Boat Ramp (stumps)

Conray asked if the plexiglas is gone. Jack Walsh put up Plexiglas years ago. No one knew.

Now that the 150' rules apply, people launching boats should know. Kris Krablin said the Planning Board has a nice colored map that shows where the 150' distance extends to. Don will draft a notice and map to bring to the next meeting.

Thank you letters for Safety Committee

Don wants Conray to write letters to thank the volunteers for volunteering to help.

Don made a motion to authorize Conray to send a belated thank you letter to the volunteers. Theresa seconded the motion. All in favor.

May 25 will be our next meeting.

9:23 Theresa made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Don seconded the motion. All in favor.