



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held August 24, 2017, 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall College Highway, Southwick, MA, with attendance as follows:

		Voting	Present	Absent
Mike Coombs	Member	Yes		X
Malcolm DeBay	Member	Yes		X
Mike DeBay	Member	Yes	X	
Dick Grannells	Chair	Yes	X	
Scotty Graves	Member	Yes	X	
Sue Hepburn	Secretary	No		X
Deborah Herath	Member	Yes	X	
Eric Mueller	Vice-Chair	Yes	X	
Ken Phillips	Member	Yes		X
Steve Schmid	Member	No	X	
Rick Wylot	Member	Yes	X	

Guest(s):

Paul Murphy of 80 Pt. Grove Rd, Southwick, MA

Karl Schmidt of 70 Sunset Dr., West Suffield, CT

- 1. Mike D. made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 10, 2017. Eric seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
- 2. 70 Sunset Docks -** Mr. Schmidt's application for hardship for dock length couldn't be approved as the State Chapter 91 only allows for 600 sq. feet for a recreational dock, and LMC cannot legally allow more than that. The boat lift counts towards the dock square footage, and there is also a concern about the docks being a navigational hazard at 128 feet in length, as they well exceed the 75' limit. The lake level is currently at nominal, yet it is still relatively shallow in that area. Possible solutions posed include: roll the jet skis onto land, remove docks up to #14 (on drawing) but 13 would be ideal. Mr. Schmidt will come to the next LMC meeting with a new drawing. **Motion by Rick to continue discussion at next meeting, seconded by Eric. Passed unanimously.**
- 3. 9 Lakeview -** Registration numbers on the (8) boats are not visible as they are covered. The owner had previously told Con Com that the boats are for residents of adjacent properties. Dick will send information to Police Chief requesting SPD assistance to determine ownership of each boat.
- 4. Overcrowding & boat gatherings** will be discussed at the next LMC meeting. Mike will send the link on a pilot program in FL re: overcrowding.
- 5. Harbormaster Letter -** Members reviewed the first draft and Eric offered to further review and revise to ensure points are clear. LMC would also like input into process of choosing the next Harbormaster. Of concern is proper training of the Harbormaster and officers enforcing rules

including Congamond unique rules, and timing of when they have to do so. The current Chief/Harbormaster retires in June, 2018. Steve reported that a Coast Guard Captains License is required for a Harbormaster and will send Dick information on same to see if is applicable.

6. PWCs in North Pond - DICK - Members reported while the sign at the entry to North Pond that states "NO PWCs" has been uncovered, it appears that many are not paying attention and enforcement also appears to not be happening. Members are confused!
7. Lake Safety - Members again commented on the apparent general disregard for safe boating practices, as well as state/local rules and regulations by the boating public.
8. Eric showed the locations on the lakes where the High School student has already done water monitoring. All agreed that the student is making great progress.
9. **Scott made a motion to adjourn and Mike DeBay seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.**
10. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on September 14, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Herath

Cc (11): BOH, Con Com, DPW, Fin Com, Historical Com, J. Middleton (email), Park & Rec, Planning Board, SPD Chief/Harbormaster, K. Stinehart, Town Clerk, File (1)