



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held October 26, 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): None

1. **Mike D. made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 28, 2017 meeting with minor corrections. Eric seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**
2. Lake Level – The Lake Level is currently at 224.58' MSL following ~3.5" rainfall and there is a flow over the weir gates. Mike D reported and showed photos of debris accumulated against the weir gates from the heavy rains. Dick asked DPW to remove the accumulated debris and Mike C and Mike D plan to try to remove some of the debris this weekend due to the predicted large rain storm.
3. Water Quality - Eric gave a summary of the information he presented at the last CRC meeting. The student intern who has been working with Eric has taken water quality data at hundreds of points and the process of entering and "distilling" the data. Many thanks for all the excellent work to date on this project!
4. North Pond PWCs – MGL (Mass General Law) Chapter 131 Section 46 states: "that no arm or branch shall be included as a part of such pond unless such arm or branch is at least fifty feet in width and normally one foot in depth". Dick reported that Col. McGinn has sent the information to his legal team and the Attorney General's Office for review. also provide copies of the response letter from the Chief/Harbormaster to Col. McGinn, requesting interpretation of Chapter 131, Section 46 and a determination on whether Congamond is one pond or three separate ponds. Members again also noted that DEP treats Congamond as three separate ponds for all reporting (i.e., TMDL, invasive species) and permitting (i.e., treatments for invasive species & phosphorous) and Eric noted that the water data shows that the three bodies are very different in water quality numbers. Dick has requested DEP's concurrence with interpretation of Chapter 131 Section 46 and is awaiting their response.
5. Boat Patrols - Dick happened to see retired police/boat patrol officer, Ken Laxton, and discussed his experiences with the boat patrols. Ken said that he believes that he and Keith

Stromgren were the only two who had taken the Marine Law classes. He also offered that he and Keith many times were on the boat together and would typically average 2 citations per hour which often resulted \$2000 in fines for a day of patrolling Congamond.

6. 70 Sunset Drive Docks - Members agreed to postpone discussion until the next LMC meeting as Rick plans to try to help the Schmids resolve their non-compliance issues.
7. Louis B's Boats & Docks - As requested at the previous meeting, Dick made copies of the Planning Board determination that disallowed boats to be "moored" at Louis B's docks. Mike C. again reminded us that one boat has an expired registration.
8. Turtle Cove Docks - Members discussed the "monster rotted docks" that floated away from Turtle Cove into Canal Brook last winter and whether they had been removed from the lake as required. Mike C offered to check out the situation this weekend and report back.
9. Outfall at #50 Sunset Drive - Members reported a "new" outfall at 50 Sunset Drive. Research has determined that it was an existing outfall from 2 Sunset Drive catch basins. It was repaired due to collapse of the outfall. What is unknown is whether it meets NPDES MS4 requirements as it is in the Urbanized Area. Dick will follow-up with Suffield DPW.
10. Buoys - Rick and some volunteers pulled the buoys last week. Thanks Rick and company.
11. Docks - Mike C, Ken and Dick plan to meet two DPW workers this Saturday at 8:00 AM to pull the docks at the North Ramp.
12. Weather Station - Dick and SEMA volunteers Charlie D & Chuck D spent 5 hours last Saturday installing more of the equipment for the weather station at the Visitor Center. The plan is to try to find one more "weather friendly" weekend to complete the connections to the computer and internet and to initiate setting up the radio link to South Ramp and then the Canal.
13. Oil Tank at 4 Iroquois - Members discussed the unprotected home heating oil tank that is outside the building and within 70 feet of the lake at 4 Iroquois Drive. Dick explained that Con Com is looking into the permitting of said tank.
14. Winter Meetings - Dick asked the members if the same schedule for last winter's meetings was desired again this winter. **Mike C made a motion to only meet on the 2nd Thursday (no 4th Thursday) for the months of November 2017 through March 2018. Ken seconded and all were in favor.**
15. West Suffield Mining - Deb offered that things appear to be better since Crestview Construction purchased the sand pit they also have completed the new road to the pit.
16. Canal Dredging - Dick noted that Nick Boldyga stopped by the DPW Office the other day and offered that he and Don Humason are still pushing to get funding for "area" dredges that could be used by multiple communities.
17. North Pond Open Land Preservation - It appears that there is still ~\$1.5M needed for the purchase of the open land. Dick offered that the Preservation Committee is seeking a relatively large grant from Eversource's Land Preservation Fund.
18. **Mike C. made a motion to adjourn and Ken seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.**
19. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on November 9, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Grannells - Chair

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)