



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held December 14, 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): Karl Schmidt, 70 Sunset Dr., Suffield CT.

1. **Mike D made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 9, 2017 meeting as written. Scotty seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**
2. 70 Sunset Dr – Mike asked the question if there has ever been a variance granted in the past based upon length. Eric thought maybe we had but others don't remember that ever happening. Karl said that his part of the lake is the shallowest part of the whole the lake. Karl claims that when he bought the house the dock was already exceeding 90ft. He now wants variance for 112'. Eric suggests we give him a variance for the 90', which was what he thought he could have based upon when he purchased the home. Scotty suggested he dredge the bottom to get his extra depth. **Eric made a motion to continue. Mike seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed. This topic is continued until the next meeting on 1/11/2018.**
3. Turtle Cove – It appears that the original docks have been removed. Rick discovered a wooden dock out in that area but no one seems to know who owns it.
4. 101 Point Grove – Louie B's Docks are out of the water.
5. Floating Docks – If anyone sees any docks or swim floats in the water, please get as much information as possible. Hopefully, with this information we will be able to get these docks removed.
6. North Pond PWCs – The big issue now seems to be how to tell when bodies of water are separate or one! MGL Chapter 131 Section 46 clearly states "...no arm or branch shall be included as part of such pond unless such arm or branch is at least fifty feet in width and normally one foot in depth." There is a large land mass between North Pond and Middle Pond and the water connection between is a 12' wide 100' long culvert that was only ~7'

wide until the culvert was replaced in 2004. Middle Pond is similarly connected to South Pond by a 12' wide 65' long culvert through a land mass at the CT/MA border. 12' is considerably less than the specified 50' minimum width to be considered one body of water and therefore Congamond should still be treated as three ponds. Further, the EPA and DEP require annual reporting water quality issues on three separate ponds and was also the case when applying for EPA/SDEP S319 Grants.

7. Lake Level - The lake is running at nominal level of 224.5+/- feet MSL.
8. Members discussed the pay rate for 2018 Ramp Attendants. Dick explained that the LMC Secretary pay rate is set by the SB. The recommendation is to increase the North Ramp Attendant pay by \$0.50 per hour and hold the South Ramp rate. That will restore a \$0.50 delta between the ramps as the South Ramp has considerably less responsibility and workload. **Eric made a motion to recommend an increase the pay rate of our North Ramp Staff by \$0.50 per hour. Malcolm seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**
9. Budget – Members discussed the FY2019 budget that Dick presented. Following the discussion, **Scotty made a motion to present the budget as written. Ken seconded the motion, all were in and the motion passed.**
10. LPP Patrols - Dick presented a draft letter from LMC & Com requesting the use of police boat patrols to help enforce the LPP . **Eric made a motion that we submit the letter as written. Mike seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**
11. Christmas Party! Dec 15th 5-7 all invited
12. **Mike C made a motion to adjourn and Rick seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15**
13. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on January 11, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hepburn - Secretary

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)