



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held January 10, 2019, 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall College Highway, Southwick, MA, with attendance as follows:

		Voting	Present	Absent
Norm Cheever	Associate	No	X	
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
	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): Mr. David Spillane, 18 Grandview Terrace

1. Members reviewed the minutes from December 20, 2018, **a motion was made by Deb H. to accept the minutes. Ken P. seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
2. LPP – Members reviewed the Variance and Chapter 91 License Applications with David Spillane, owner of 18 Grandview Terrace. David explained the difficulty of removing ~50' long wooden dock. Following a lengthy discussion where members expressed their feelings about safety and liability. Mr. Spillane stated that he will replace the extremely heavy and cumbersome wooden dock after the 2019 season with an aluminum dock on wheels that can be more easily be removed from the lake. Members agreed that the dock could be left in for this winter as long as orange cones and a couple of solar lights were affixed to the outboard end. The dock could remain in the lake for the 2019 boating season but must be removed by 12/1/2019. **A motion was made by Mike D. recommending issuing this LPP Hardship Variance with the conditions noted. Rick W. seconded the motion. All were in favor.** Accordingly, Dick will send an email to Con Com Friday. Mr. Spillane thanked members and will not pursue the Chapter 91 License. .
3. LPP – Members discussed the 2018 LPP Hardship Variance request by Mr. Ludorf of 21 White Street that was never signed by the former police chief/harbormaster. Several members have visited the site and agree that the dock sections can remain on the shoreline as long as they are restrained by a cable. **Rick W. made a motion to approve Mr. Ludorf's LPP Hardship Variance request at this time. Mike D. seconded the motion. All were in favor.** Accordingly, Dick will send an email to Con Com Friday.

4. Boat Ramps Handicap Parking - Dick provided a copy of the Architectural Access Board (AAB) ruling on Mr. DiSisto's complaint about wanting to be able to park a vehicle (without a boat) in handicap spaces within the boat ramp where the facility and all parking spaces are explicitly designated for vehicles with boats. The AAB concurred with the Office of Fishing & Boating Access position that all spaces within the ramp are for vehicles with boats and vehicles without boats must be parked in the adjacent public parking area that has four handicap spaces. Dick has provided copies of this letter to the select board who so notified Mr. DiSisto. Dick also provided copies to the police chief and it will be posted at both ramps.
5. Great Brook Dredging - Dick sent an email to Congressman Rich Neal requesting USACE assistance for them to design, permit and dredge Great Brook from the Berkshire Avenue weir to the where it crosses under Sheep Pasture Road just south of Depot Street. USACE did a smaller dredging project on a portion of Great Brook circa 1986.
6. Conflict of Interest - All members must take the 2019 Conflict of Interest Course/Test and turn in their Certificates to Dick by 2/28/19.
7. Rick W. brought up the issue of there being several other docks still in the water in South Pond. Dick asked Rick and others to take photos of any docks or floats still in the water and note the approximate location so he can try to determine the address/owner.
8. **A motion to adjourn was made by Deb H. Ken P seconded. All voted in favor and our meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.**
9. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on February 14, 2019

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)