



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held March 14, 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): Paul Murphy of 86 Point Grove Road; Russell Perusse of 23 Castle Street

1. Members reviewed the minutes from January 10, 2019. A **motion was made by Malcolm D. to accept the minutes. Mike D. seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
2. Suffield LPP - Dick noted that following several requests, neither Con Com nor LMC have seen a copy of the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to review and comment on before it is signed. Members expressed concern that all years of hard work by LMC and Con Com working with DEP to bring the LPP to Congamond as an alternative to Chapter 91 Licenses and then implement the LPP could be for naught.
3. 129 North Lake Ave Docks (Despard) - Members expressed concern that the multiple unpermitted/unlicensed docks at this address will not be duly addressed.
4. 440 Lake Road Docks (Jenkins) - The dock(s) associated with this property appear to have been left in the ice over the winter despite the requirement for removal by December 1 annually. Con Com sent a second certified letter that has not yet been signed for.
5. 142 Berkshire Avenue Dock (Scuderi) - Mr. Scuderi originally thought that the input was for the Crabby Joe's docks and now understands that it is for his rental property at 142. He plans to permanently remove that dock as soon as there is enough open water along the shoreline to do so.
6. North Pond PWC Operation - Dick provided articles and a copy of the bylaw that was posted in the newspaper on 3/8/19. The bylaw prohibiting operation of PWCs in North Pond will go into effect on 3/15/19. Chief Bishop informed Con Com and LMC that he plans to have larger signs made and posted at the entrance to North Pond. Westfield News will be doing another article

for the Saturday paper on PWCs in North Pond, correcting the error in the 3/12/18 page 1 article that stated that PWCs were allowed in North Pond.

7. 84 Point Grove Road (Panella) Dock - Mr. Panella will need to provide a new LPP Application and to-scale sketch as the one provided is not representative of the current shoreline nor location of docks. As this property has only 22' of waterfront and extended property lines converge, a Variance will be required. In order to assess the need and limitations of the Variance, water depths must be shown on the sketch at every 10 feet from the shoreline where the proposed dock is planned to be located. In addition, the distances to adjacent docks in this very tight cove must be indicated on the sketch in order for Con Com and LMC to be able to consider the Variance request. Mr. Panella's paperwork for "Renewal" was for 2 boats and 2 PWCs and members present noted that Mr. Panella has had up to 4 boats (no PWCs in the past) moored on his unpermitted 50' dock. The original dock belonging to the Gianinnis was 16 feet long and had a Chapter 91 License. Per DEP, docks on Great Ponds are an "accessory use" by DEP Chapter 91 License or Local Permit () for the waterfront homeowner and not a right to host unlimited vessels.
8. Alum Treatment - Dick explained that during a discussion with Rep. Nick Boldyga, Nick explained that he had spoken with Secretary Beaton and Governor Baker about the funding and was told that the "well was dry" for any bond funding. Nick said that we could try again in the fall to seek funding for a spring 2020 alum treatment. The looming issue is the algae blooms that are becoming more severe and appear to be occurring more frequently with two in 2017 and three in 2018.
9. North Pond Land Preservation - Deb reminded everyone to attend the Special Town Meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday March 19 in the Southwick High School gymnasium where there will be two warrant articles for funding the balance of the funding needed for this preservation project.
10. Safe Boating Class - Dick reminded members that there will be a 4-session Safe Boating Class that will be conducted Monday April 22 thru Thursday April 25 in Southwick Town Hall Community Room. See attached poster and signup is done online only.
11. LMC Openings - Dick reminded members that we are still seeking to fill a Ramp Coordinator/Secretary position, a Ramp Maintenance/Attendant position and Ramp Attendant positions and asked if anyone knew of anyone who might be interested. Sue Hepburn offered to come back as the Ramp Coordinator until we are able to find a suitable replacement.
12. Social Media Policy - All present signed the form supplied by the Town Clerk.
13. Other - Norm Cheever noted that boat lifts are not specifically addressed in the LPP as to fee for same. Some lifts can be quite large. Dick said he would bring this to the attention of Con Com.
- 14. A motion to adjourn was made by Ken P. Scotty G. seconded. All voted in favor and our meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.**
15. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on April 11, 2019, as LMC is on its winter schedule and there will be no meeting on March 28.

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)