



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held August 8th, 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	
Annie Hanson	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 - 80 Point Grove Rd, Southwick
Gary Delcamp - 131 North Lake Avenue, Southwick

1. Members reviewed the minutes from August 8th, 2019. **A motion was made by Ken P. to accept the minutes. Scotty G. seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
2. 131 North Lake Avenue (Delcamp)

Mr. Gary Delcamp was present for the meeting to speak about his Variance request. According to documents, there was no Chapter 91 license or any sort of permit obtained to permit the permanent structure. Mr. Delcamp explained to LMC members that he believed he would never have to take them out. According to Mr. Delcamp, these permanent structures were placed in the water about 15 years ago. Mr. Delcamp had also explained that he closely monitors his permanent docks, and uses safety precautions in all seasons. The safety precautions he mentioned, but were not limited to, were using reflectors and cones to make sure all guests of the lake were able to see his structure at any given time. Mr. Delcamp is aware that that if anything happens to the docks, he is liable. Mr. Delcamp had also mentioned the hassle it would be to take the permanent dock out of the water. It was mentioned he would need a crane, and in the process, the docks would most likely be destroyed. **Mike D. made a motion to see the copy of Variance request. Deb H. seconded the motion. Also, Mike D. made a motion to ask Dennis Clark for the paperwork regarding the Delcamp situation. Malcolm seconded the motion. All were in favor and both of the motions passed.**

3. 129 North Lake Avenue (Despard)

In the minutes from the meeting on June 13th, 2019, LMC mentioned that per DEP, the entirety of a dock must be included in sq ft measurement, including covered areas, boat lifts, shoreline extensions, etc. The area of the Despard's three permanent docks combined measure approximately 2,050 sq ft, which cannot be permitted by either LPP or Chapter 91 license, as DEP sets the limit at 600 sq ft total for a property. The Despard's Chapter 91 license is invalid. It was mentioned that he was informed by DEP that it was invalid. The docks are also in violation of LPP. Mr. Despard has apparently disregarded previous requests from Con Com to comply with a Chapter

91 license, or LPP. **A motion was made by Deb H. to recommend having Con Com send out a Cease and Desist letter. Scotty G. seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.** LMC members had also mentioned that Con Com may need to fine noncompliant residents if they continue to ignore the letters being sent regarding the various violations. **A motion was made by Deb H. to ask Chris Pratt (Con Com Chair) to attend the next LMC meeting on August 22nd, 2019 to speak together to enforce the letters that are being sent out. Mike C seconded this motion. Before the vote, Deb H. also motioned to request that representatives of Town departments who can enforce [Kevin Bishop - Chief of Police/Harbormaster, Art Lawler - Building Inspector/Code Enforcement and Dennis Clark - Con Com Coordinator] be present at the next meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

4. LMC members - Ken P (Member - voting) and Norm C. (Associate - non-voting) would like to swap Member and Associate Member positions. **A motion was made by Malcolm to switch Norm and Ken's positions on LMC. Mike C. seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.** It was mentioned that Steve S. did not want to renew his position on LMC for FY2020. Because LMC had no documentation in the package stating his desire to resign, LMC could not move forward with voting. Paul Murphy would like to take Steve's position when it becomes available, as Paul has been committed to attending meetings for the past year and a half.
5. LMC and Canal Subcommittee Chair & Vice-Chair - A motion **was made by Malcolm D. to continue with Dick G. as the chair of LMC and keep Eric M. as Vice Chair. Scotty G. seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. A motion for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Canal to remain the same (Chair: Mike D. & Vice Chair: Eric M) was made by Deb H. Mike C. seconded the motion and all were in favor.**
6. 101 Point Grove Rd. (Louie B's/Wok on the Water) - Con Com sent out a Cease and Desist letter, and the letter was accepted. Since the letter has been received, there are now 6 boats moored at their docks. An email was sent to the Chief of Police on August 5, 2019 about the 2 more boats that are moored since the letter was received.
7. **A motion to adjourn was made by Deb H. Malcolm seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.**
8. The next meeting is scheduled for August 22nd, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Annalia Hanson - 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)