



# Town of Southwick

## Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held May 13, 2020, 7:00 P.M. via online Zoom videocall, with attendance as follows:

		Voting	Present	Absent
Norm Cheever	Member	Yes		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	
Paul Murphy	Member	Yes		X
Ken Phillips	Associate	No		X
Rick Wylot	Associate	No		X

Guest(s): Jerry Patria, Michelle Pratt, Scott Perusse, Amy Porter

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Members reviewed the minutes from April. The word "not" was missing in "...does *not* count..." in section 13. **A motion was made by Mike C. to accept the minutes with the change noted and Malcolm seconded. All were in favor.**
3. Public Comment  
There were no public comments at this time.
4. ConCom update  
Jerry Patria updated LMC on ConCom. There were many RDA's and NOI's. The beaver dams and dock issues were addressed briefly. Jerry also mentioned that there was a special meeting that included the Town open land cleanup project on North Pond.
5. Con Com letter to Mr. Panella at 84 Point Grove  
There was a letter issued by Con Com to Mr. Panella regarding that there cannot be any boats on the northern (left) side of his docks, as it is interfering with neighbor's dock and boat access.
6. SPD Boathouse  
Dick spoke with Lt. Bob Landis today. All that's needed is the official paperwork from OFBA to permit a Southwick Police boathouse on the North Ramp waterfront. Design, permitting and funding would be the next steps and the police department is also looking into grants funding.
7. Jet Ski Rentals  
There are written regulations (320 CMR 2.04) that state that renting or selling anything at state ramps is prohibited, which includes rental of jet skis and other watercraft.

8. Lake Treatment

Dick sent LMC members the map of where the treatments will occur. There are ~20 acres being treated and previous data indicates that these small areas have needed to be treated each year.

9. Buoys & Boarding Docks

Southwick Police divers fixed the chain on one of the boarding docks, and they also located the plate and installed it on a second boarding dock. Southwick Police will also do more dives, one of which will be to pull out the quad that went through the ice over the winter. They will also plan to add helical anchors to buoys in the sandbar area that always get shifted by the ice in the winter. The buoys and buoy lights must be US Coast Guard approved types. Dick has been in touch with Rolyan Buoys to get pricing on lights on the buoys. Dick mentioned that a big issue with the smashing of buoys is lack of enforcement. People are constantly getting away with smashing buoys, which needs to be stopped. Scotty mentioned mounting a camera near the buoys, possibly on the nearby Congamond Heights beach.

10. 583, 585 Forest Road

Two CT residents are complaining about a dock that has been placed by non-waterfront property owners on this common access ROW and that the docks are reportedly over their property lines. Con Com is working this issue with Suffield Con Com.

11. Dock missing

There is a dock that must have been out during the winter and drifted to 22 Shore Road, but so far nobody has claimed it. At the CRC meeting, a few people mentioned that it likely came from the area with the rope swing. LMC agreed that the property owner of where the dock drifted to can get rid of it as no one has claimed it.

12. CRC Update

Dan Hess of Southwick Insurance offered to bring in a dumpster to assist with North Pond cleanup. Michelle Pratt has a lot of volunteers lined up to assist with cleanup on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. Scott Perusse, a guest on the LMC meeting, is also assisting in the lake cleanup. LMC wants to thank all volunteers who will be helping in the lake cleanup.

13. 115 North Lake Avenue

The owners of this property requested to put in a dock. Town and Google Earth maps indicate that there is already more than one dock at this property. The docks that are already placed in the water may or may not be permitted. Con Com has requested the required sketch showing the sizes and locations of all water structures to be permitted.

14. Lawn Maintenance

It is important to use natural, non-phosphorus, fertilizers on a lawn when near a lake or any body of water. This ensures the lake is not receiving chemicals that could be harmful to water quality.

15. Grant

LMC issued a requested support letter for an MVP grant application for work on a stream that could impact Congamond due to reverse-flow that carries swamp water back into Middle Pond.

16. CRC

Michelle encourages members to sign up for CRC membership. There are ways to support CRC, including signing up your Amazon Smile account to donate funds to CRC, as well as a Savers drive on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and they will be accepting donations of 'soft goods' including clothing and bedding and this will be at Babbs. There will also be a boat parade this year and official details will be available soon. Another way to support the CRC is by participating in the Golf Tournament on

September 25<sup>th</sup> at Edgewood with a dinner at the Brass Rail following. Michelle also mentioned needing sponsors as well as memorials that can be placed on tee boxes.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scotty and Eric seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Annalia Hanson - Secretary

Cc (13): Ag Com, BOH, Con Com, DPW, Fin Com, Historical Com, J. Middleton (email), Park & Rec, Planning Board, SPD Chief/Harbormaster, K. Stinehart, Town Clerk, File (1)