



Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held May 27, 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	No	X	
Ken Phillips	Associate	No		X
Rick Wylot	Associate	Yes		X

Guest(s): Jerry Patria, Mike Hollander

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Members reviewed the minutes from of 5/13/2020. **A motion was made by Mike D. to accept the minutes and Scotty seconded. The vote was unanimous.**
3. Public Comment - None
4. Con Com update
102 lake view street; the owners want to repair and replace the retaining wall. It'll be replaced with a vinyl wall. This was approved, but the owners need to come back to Con Com with plans on how they will remove the wall. Con Com also wants to have a joint meeting with LMC that will address 0 LPP and Chapter 91 dock issues.
5. CRC Update
Deb gave the CRC update. Some topics that were mentioned were adding AmazonSMILE to residents Amazon accounts, which will send donations to the CRC at no cost to you. Also, the North Pond cleanup was very successful. July 3rd is when the boat parade will take place. Also, Jan Dudek mentioned CRC having a beach front band event on June 12 at 5:30, which will have funds going towards the CRC. Also, on Saturday September 25, the CRC golf tournaments will take place at Edgewood with many raffles included. The CRC is looking for sponsors, as well as golfers that would like to participate. If people want to participate but do not golf, there will be a dinner at the Brass Rail following the tournament.
6. Lake Cleanup
The lake cleanup was a great success. Many volunteers, including Scotty and Dennis Clark participated in the North Pond cleanup. There was a ton of wood debris, as well as many other

heavy items that were taken out of the lake. LMC wants to thank all volunteers for their efforts in continuing to help keep the lake clean.

7. 583 and 585 Forest Road

There is a right of way down to the water and someone behind these waterfront properties opted to put in a dock on the ROW. One boat was tied to a dock but it was infringing the use of the dock adjacent to this dock that was put in the middle of two other docks.

8. 641 Forest Road

The owners have not submitted an LPP plan, so no stickers for structures, two buoys and several docks have been issued. Mr. Harpin passed away in February and nothing has been permitted so far. Dennis and Jean have been working with the children of Mr. Harpin.

9. Louie B's/Wok on Water/Louie's Lakeside

There are now 7 boats moored on their docks. These boats are not allowed to be on the dock after business hours and the business is not allowed to rent dock slips. A Cease and Desist letter was issued (Certified Mail by the Code Enforcement Officer on 5/21/2021 but the owner has yet to pick it up.

10. Dock Rights

Per DEP Chapter 91, there is no right to have any structure in a Great Pond. A Chapter 91 License or a Local Permitting Program is required BEFORE placing any structure (dock, float, buoy, mooring...) in Congamond (a Commonwealth Great Pond).

11. Jet Skiers on Congamond

Jet ski operators have been observed towing passengers on tubes through the tunnel which violates Town bylaws, and also using Babb's Beach for entry to Congamond as well as loading and unloading. The jet ski operators apparently did not care to listen to anyone at the beach asking them to leave.

12. Buoys and Safety on Congamond

The buoys in Congamond are not all in the correct places yet and not all are in. Rick Wylot, an LMC member/volunteer, is injured and unable to get the buoys in. Officer Girard has stepped up to help assist in not only getting the buoys in but to also putting them all in their proper places. Scotty mentioned that he is willing assist Officer Girard. Paul also offered to assist Officer Girard.

13. Lake Treatment

The lake treatment was done by Solitude on May 17. On social media, several people complained about notification of the treatment. LMC, along with several other volunteers, placed signs all over town and around the lake area, including in Suffield.

14. Illegal docks

Con Com rejected the LPP permit application for 138 Bungalow Street because the drawing did not match what appears to be present on the waterfront.

Mr. Jenkins has two docks but Con Com refused to give him a permit this year. The docks still appears to be illegally in the water. LMC hopes something is done this year. Jerry mentioned that it is not always as easy as checking stickers.

15. Crest view Donation

Crestview donated 4 yards of loam at the North Boat Ramp to allow filling in the holes left behind the Visitor Center from recent stump grinding. LMC wants to thank Crestview for their donation that will allow the boat ramp to continue to stay in great condition.

16. Water Ban

The water Ban is effective on May 26. More information is on the Town website about when you are able to water your lawn, etc. No watering is allowed on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

17. **A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scotty and Mike C seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Annalia Hanson - Secretary

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