



# Town of Southwick

## Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held October 22, 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):

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Members reviewed the minutes from of 10/8/2020. **A motion was made by Mike C. to accept the minutes and Eric seconded. The vote was unanimous.**
3. Lake level  
The lake level is higher with all of the rain, but not as high as LMC members hoped to see as the rain did not help bring the lake level up much.
4. 140 Summer drive  
There are no new updates aside from Dennis Clark requesting more details.
5. Con com update  
There was a preliminary meeting on 34 grove street and there were no structures in the water per the new drawings, and the homeowners said this in front of the committee.
6. North Ramp docks  
LMC members want to thank DPW employees Chris Faria, Rich Bosak and Keith Goyette for their efforts in assisting with the dock removals. The LMC members present were Norm C., Mike C., Mike D., Paul Murphy, Malcolm D., Annie H., and Scott Graves. The following members, Norm C., Mike D., and Mike C., removed the buoys on the lake, which occurred on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who assisted in these efforts!
7. South ramp  
The state will be taking out the South Ramp docks at the nearest time possible.

8. Geese population

Geese are no longer migrating, therefore they're becoming a bigger issue. There is something called addling, which is coating the eggs with corn oil. This tricks the geese into thinking the eggs will hatch, but they will never actually hatch. Smashing the eggs does not work because the geese notice what is happening and will lay more eggs. Mass Fisheries and Wildlife mentioned taking advantage of hunting the geese, but it is not possible to discharge a firearm around the lake.

9. New lake level indicator

LMC members have not found the lake level indicator yet, but Ken Phillips is going to look for a new one.

10. Salt levels on the lake

Deb wants to ensure that salt is not going to enter the lake this winter when DPW trucks salt the roads in the winter. Southwick only uses salt now, which could be potentially damaging to the lake. Annie is going to look back in the minutes to see where LMC left off with the situation.

11. Congamond Heights Association

The docks were already approved by ConCom. There was no talk in the ConCom meeting about a dock being over the 600 ft. LMC members plan to take no action at this time.

12. **A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deb and Mike C. seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

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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)