



Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held November 12, 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): Doug Moglin, Jerry Patria

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Members reviewed the minutes from of 10/22/2020. **A motion was made by Deb H.. to accept the minutes and Norm C. seconded. The vote was unanimous.**
3. ConCom Update
Norm reported on the October 19th meeting, in which he stated that the 34 Grove Street application request was approved with no decks over the water, and there are two walls being planned. Norm also mentioned that he spoke with Kurt Saunders about the number of boats reported. Kurt increased his boat count from 72 boats to 82.5 boats. LPP received \$13,950. Suffield contributed \$2,200. Jerry stated that ConCom is in the talking stages with West Suffield about the possibility of connecting to Southwick's Sewer System.
4. Lake Level
As of November 8, the level at South ramp was 224' 5".
5. Lake Treatment Report
Mike D asked Eric when we can expect an update from Ken Wagner on the water treatment. Eric just received the annual report and plans to send this to all members to view after he completes his review of it. Mike D. Stated that it should be on file at the Town Hall. Eric also stated that there is a follow up that needs to be done next year because the second year is much more "telling" than the first.

6. Salt Intrusion

Eric showed to slides of increasing conductivity in lake water in 2020. He stated after talking with Ken Wagner, the increase was due to the treatment, which was expected. Conductivity is a good indication of salt intrusion, but in this case, it does not have anything to do with salt runoff.. Conductivity increases in a non-treatment year could indicate that the salt runoff is entering the lake. Their conclusion was that we should monitor conductivity next year to watch for increases. Eric also stated that the separators that were put in at storm water run off locations will help protect against salt intrusion. There are several variables as to the numbers regarding conductivity prior to the lake treatment, which includes a mild winter, and the treatment itself. Deb if conductivity is the best way to tell how much salt is actually in the lake. Eric responded by stating that it is the easiest way to achieve results. The best way to measure the levels is to put sampling stations at the locations where water enters the lake. Eric also stated that this would not be cheap. The results would be much sooner than waiting for data for years through conductivity. Deb also mentioned that a reduced salt area around the lakes could be beneficial.

7. Buoys

The DPW were stored for the winter. Also, the South Ramp docks were taken out by the state. Mike D. Also asked about the wheel on a dock at the North Ramp that was locked and George Smalanskas. said he would ask the state to authorize him doing the work to fix the broken wheel.

8. Beaver Dam

Southwick DPW removed the beaver dam at the weir gates. Suffield DPW removed the dam at the state line.

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

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)