



Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held March 31, 2022 7:00 P.M. via online Zoom video call, 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	
Karen Shute	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, Darryl Sak, Mike Doherty, Scott Snyder Perusse, Michelle Pratt

1. Public Comments - There were no public comments.
2. Con Com Update (Norm) – There was no meeting due to lack of a quorum.
3. CRC Update (Michelle Pratt) – CRC is in the annual new member drive now with online options. Their first meeting is on Tuesday April 12, 2022. Suffield First Selectman Colin Moll and Southwick Selectman Doug Moglin should be at the meeting that will be in person at the Brass Rail and online.
4. **141 Congamond Road continuation from last meeting – There was a Select board session on 3/28/22 and a Planning Board meeting on 3/29/22. Eric, Deb, and Dick attended the meeting by Zoom and asked if they would vote to Reconsider their vote of 3/15/22 to approve the Special Permit. They had a motion to Reconsider, and it failed 4 to 1. The only option appears to be to appeal. Dick, Eric, & Deb spoke about the issues. Congamond is a Great Pond. Con Com, LMC and DEP would have to approve a Chapter 91 License Application to allow the 2 20-foot boat along. The Marina would necessitate the owner of 141 obtaining an easement to allow parking on Town property along Congamond Road. LMC is in support of 75' long transient docks to provide 20 spaces for the restaurant customers but is unanimous against adding any marina capacity to Congamond due to it already being overcrowded with power boats. LMC also stressed that the docks must be removed by December 1 annually and stored out of the water. Planning Board Chair Mike Doherty did not have an answer about the easement on the Right-of-Way (ROW). LMC members noted that the previous owner's docks at 141 for restaurant patrons were not legal as the required Chapter 91 License was never obtained. Con Com mandated removal of these docks from the lake several years ago. Also, the Conservation commission would have to be involved if the docks were in the lily pads. LMC members also noted that the 10' long "fingers" are insufficient in length to allow secure tie-up of boats 15' or more in length and most boats on Congamond are 17' to 25' in**

length. A question was raised about Saunders docks and parking for same. The docks are covered under a Chapter 91 License and the facility predates the Zoning Bylaws.

5. 151 Berkshire Road – No update

6. Weir Gates - Weir Gates Design Submittals have been approved by the Town. There were questions about the grout specification and the crank handles horizontal and vertical clearance to the concrete headwall and all was resolved. It's a green light and the fabricator hopes to deliver the gates in July.

7. NRCS is looking at dredging plans for Great brook and the Canal. If deemed a "go" for NRCS, they would be responsible for all design, permitting and construction at no cost to the Town.

8. The plan is to install the 4 boarding docks at the North Ramp on Saturday with 4 to 5 volunteer LMC members, 4 CRC members and 2 DPW workers plus their loader. Karen will take care of ensuring nobody parks in the blocked-off spaces.

9. Deb made a motion to adjourn, Malcom second the motion. Meeting adjourn at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Shute - Secretary

cc (15): Ag Com, BOH, Con Com, DPW, Fin Com, Historical Com, J. Middleton (email), Park & Rec, Planning Board, SPD Chief/Harbormaster, K. Scott, Select Board, K. Stinehart, Town Clerk, File (1)