



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held September 28, 2017, 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall College Highway, Southwick, MA, with attendance as follows:

		Voting	Present	Absent
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
Sue Hepburn	Secretary	No		X
Deborah Herath	Member	Yes		X
Eric Mueller	Vice-Chair	Yes	X	
Ken Phillips	Member	Yes		X
Steve Schmid	Member	No		X
Rick Wylot	Member	Yes		X

Guest(s): Paul Murphy resident of North Pond

1. **Mike D. made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 14, 2017 meeting with minor corrections. Eric seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**
2. Lake Level – The Lake Level is currently at nominal with a slight flow over the weir gates. All commented that the clarity is really improving, even in South Pond.
3. North Pond PWCs – MGL (Mass General Law) Chapter 131 Section 46 states: “that no arm or branch shall be included as a part of such pond unless such arm or branch is at least fifty feet in width and normally one foot in depth”. Dick provided all with copies of the letter to the Select Board as voted on by members at the 9/14 LMC meeting. Dick also provide copies of the response letter from the Chief/Harbormaster to Col. McGinn, requesting interpretation of Chapter 131, Section 46. Members all expressed disappointment with the tone of the Chief's letter as LMC felt the "finding" of Chapter 131 Section 46 provided the needed clarification on whether Congamond was one pond or three separate ponds. Members also noted that DEP treats Congamond as three separate ponds for all reporting (i.e., TMDL, invasive species) and permitting (i.e., treatments for invasive species & phosphorous).
4. 70 Sunset Drive Docks - Members agreed to postpone discussion (until the next LMC meeting) about the revised dock drawing provided by Mr. Schmid as it did not properly address the square feet or length issues as discussed at the previous meeting with Mr. Schmid. A variance cannot be granted for square feet in excess of DEP's Chapter 91 limit of 600 sq. ft. Con Com issued a letter to the owners stating that the docks must be removed from the water by December 1 and cannot be installed until the non-compliance issues are resolved. Dick will contact the owners regarding this issue.

5. Louis B's Boats & Docks - At previous meetings, members had reported two boats being "stored" on the docks at Louis B's, one of which had an expired registration. In accordance with request by members at a previous meeting, Dick sent a letter to the Harbormaster requesting action on these boats and also made copies of the Chapter 91 License, which clearly allows only tie-up of boats for restaurant associated activities when the restaurant is open. The Harbormaster is looking into the matter. Mike C. again reminded us that one boat has an expired registration.
6. Reappointments - All LMC and Canal Subcommittee members were reappointed by the SB and were reminded to get sworn in ASAP at the Clerk's Office. Several members work out of town and asked for someone to come to the LMC meeting to swear in members.
7. Airplane on the Lake – It was rumored that a local man is planning on landing a plane on Congamond in the near future. Inasmuch as not all members were at this meeting, the subject will be discussed at one of the next meetings.
8. Docks & Buoys - There was a brief discussion about when to pull the buoys and North Ramp boarding docks. Members felt that the forthcoming warm weather would result in more boaters using the ramps well into October.
9. **Malcolm made a motion to adjourn and Mike C. seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.**
10. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on October 12, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Grannells - Chair

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)