



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held April 26, 2018, 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): Norm Cheever, 100 Berkshire Ave, Southwick, MA
Paul Murphy, 80 Point Grove Rd, Southwick, MA

- 1. Deb made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 8, 2018 meeting as written. Ken seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.**
2. The scheduled 4/12 meeting was cancelled for lack of a quorum. Items on that agenda will be included at the next (4/26) meeting.
3. Dock in Turtle Cove - Rick offered to try to locate its owner.
4. 23 White Street Dock - The "runaway" dock has not been spotted by any members.
5. 70 Sunset Drive Docks & Wall - The owner is reportedly seeking a consultant to do the permitting for a small dredging project. There is also a wall planned that Con Com is checking into.
6. Lake Level: 224.75 following nearly 3" rainfall
7. Dick summarized cost estimates for the proposed Alum Treatment, Canal Dredging and eventual Lake Dredging of targeted areas.
8. North Pond PWC Operation - Dick provided members with copies of EPA & DEP maps and data that clearly shows three separately identified ponds "basins" for Congamond Lakes. Each basin has to be reported on separately for water quality and treated as such for EPA S319 Grants administered by DEP.
9. Chief Ricardi's letter to Colonel James McGinn, Mass Environmental Police was discussed and members noted the "spin" used to justify allowing the long-banned PWC operation in North Pond.

10. The Select Board's proposed new bylaw Chapter 75-12 regarding allowing PWC operation at headway speed in North Pond was discussed. Members still feel strongly that existing MGL prohibits said operation since North Pond is less than 75 acres and the SB proposed bylaw section would be less stringent than existing MGL (not allowed). Paul Murphy presented an amendment to the SB proposed bylaw section that would locally prohibit PWC operation in North Pond that was created by North Pond residents. LMC members recommended some minor changes to clarify the intent. North Pond residents plan on presenting the proposed amendment at the ATM. Several state documents regarding PWC prohibition were also discussed. The consensus is that PWC operation through the tunnel and narrow waterway connecting North and Middle Ponds is a considerable safety issue and should not be permitted.
11. LED Ramp Lighting - Dick noted that the OFBA-funded conversion to LED lighting at the North Ramp has been completed by the contractor and looks really great at night. The new fixtures have a high cutoff and meet the "dark skies" initiative. South Ramp lighting will be changed over as soon as the ramp reconstruction contractor completes work on the ramp pads, probably mid to late May.
12. Some local Girl Scouts are seeking a project and participation in CRC's Annual Lake Cleanup Day was suggested. Dick will contact the requestor regarding the suggested project.
13. Buoys - Rick and his crew did an excellent job putting out all the buoys. Thank you Rick.
14. North Ramp 4th Dock - Rick offered to come with one of his guys to reposition and cable the remaining dock at the North Ramp that wasn't completed a month ago due to volunteers "freezing" on that cold & windy morning!
15. Water Sampling - Eric noted that water sampling will begin next week.
16. Lake Treatment - Solitude plans to perform lake assessment/mapping on 4/30 with treatment scheduled for 5/7. Posters were handed out to LMC volunteers to put up around the lake. Dick took care of sending out notifications for websites, media, etc.
17. Safe Boating Classes - Safe Boating Classes are scheduled for 5/1 thru 5/4 at Southwick Town Hall. Signup is online at Mass Environmental Police website.
18. **Eric made a motion to adjourn and Scott seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53.**
19. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on May 10, 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)