



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held June 28, 2018, 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall College Highway, Southwick, MA, with attendance as follows:

		Voting	Present	Absent
Norm Cheever	Associate	No	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	
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	Associate	Yes	X	

Guests: None

1. Review of the minutes from June 14, 2018. **Minutes read by all and motion to accept by Mike D. and seconded by Mike C. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
2. 5-9 Lakeview St (Liquori) - No application on record per Con Com. Letter going to owner from Con Com regarding lack of applications and number of docks and boats and apparent underpayment of fees.
3. 135 North Lake Ave (Rotundo) - Certified letter sent from Con Com to owner regarding docks and boats at 135 North Lake Ave, along with 104 Lakeview St and 10 Grandview Terr.
4. 101 Point Grove Rd (Louis B's) - Con Com & LMC found several conditions that were not in compliance with Chapter 91 License. DEP gave ConCom the lead to enforce.
5. 24 Veteran St - LPP Variance request to have dock remain in water (ice) over winter. LMC members do not see any obvious hardship. Owner must present case for leaving dock in. Not granted by LMC.
6. 84 Point Grove Rd. – There is a recorded Chapter 91 license. However, the Chapter 91 process apparently was not followed which appears to void the license. DEP David Cameron advised Con Com to take the lead to correct any issues.
7. Solitude removed several beaver dams in Canal Brook with a hydrorake (Ref. DEP 292-0295). Shortly after Solitude completed their work, Beavers appeared to be busy adding a new dam just above the weir gates. Restoring the canal to the original 9' depth appears to be the only way to discourage beavers from building dams in the currently very shallow canal. Eric

- suggested finding professional trapper(s) to address the overpopulation issue. Members will ask around to see if any can be found.
8. Alum Treatment - Eric noted that there is a good chance for another algae bloom as general water quality conditions continue to degrade. Algae mats have been sighted and Eric plans to check them out. Dick sent an email to our legislators regarding FY2019 funding of alum treatment and hopes to see them this Friday. Eric reported that per Ken, a spring 2019 alum treatment would be the most effective treatment for Congamond.
 9. Dick reported that the Town of Suffield stated they would get more involved the dock and boat registration and be collecting the Suffield fees for Southwick starting in 2019. They would also be assisting in solving Suffield lake issues. The towns are working together on an MOU that they hope to be in place before end of summer.
 10. Some residents contacted the Solitude Hydrotake operator and also have contacted Dick and other LMC members about having Solitude remove weeds at their properties. Weeds can be manually removed, but mechanical removal requires a permit from Con Com. The Town of Southwick has an NOI/OOC for treating invasive species (Eurasian Watermilfoil, Curley Leaf Pondweed...).
 11. LPP - Dick reported that following a meeting with Suffield First Selectwoman Melissa Mack and several other Southwick and Suffield government representatives, Suffield has offered to be the administrator of the LPP for CT waterfront property owners, beginning 2019. A MOU is being worked out between the Suffield and Southwick. For the time being, Southwick will continue to administrate the LPP for 2018 but Suffield plans to take over the CT administration part for 2019.
 12. The Ramp received a complaint from an individual who wanted to park his vehicle in the ramp H-C spaces that are explicitly for vehicles with boats. H-C parking spaces are available in the public parking area for general parking. The OFBA concurred with the action to not allow such parking (without boat) in the ramp and has forwarded the complaint to their legal department. Dick has forwarded the information to the Mass AAB Director.
 13. The SB approved Norm Cheever for the open Associate Member position. Welcome aboard Norm.
 14. **Eric made a motion to adjourn. Mike C seconded, all in favor our meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.**
 15. Our next meeting is scheduled for 6/28/18.

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)