



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held September 27, 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	Associate	No	X	
Rick Wylot	Member	Yes		X

Guest(s): Paul Murphy - 80 Point Grove Rd, Southwick

Rick Seaman - 80 Sunset Dr, West Suffield

- 1. Mike C made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 13, 2018 meeting as corrected. Deb H seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
- 2. 70 Sunset Dr. – Dick provided copies of DEP, neighbor and LMC comments made in response to owner's application for Chapter 91 License. Members are still very concerned about a dangerous precedent if DEP allowed a longer dock to accommodate deeper draft vessels than 75' maximum dock length can accommodate. LMC still hopes that the owner will opt to do a small dredge project in lieu of pursuing the 120' long dock. Mike D made a motion for Dick to draft a letter to DEP regarding this concern and send to Eric for comments. Mike C seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**
- 3. 84 Point Grove Rd. – Paul Murphy provided more information on the dock situation at 84 Point Grove Road. LMC and Con Com members toured the site to see the conditions first hand. Con Com plans to discuss this matter at their 10/1 meeting.**
- 4. Lake Water Quality – There were two algae blooms this year. Funding for Congamond is in the FY2019 Environmental Bond Bill. The Town will be requesting that the Governor release the monies for Congamond. Per consultant limnologist, Ken Wagner, the alum treatment should be done in early spring before boating season begins!**
- 5. Members commented about the number of "open" LPP issues (like Louis B's boats, Liquori docks and boats, several identified unpermitted docks...) that need Con Com and/or Harbormaster action as LMC is a recommending body and has no LPP enforcement authority.**

6. South Ramp Lighting - Dick met with the lighting manufacturer's rep and the installation contractor on site. Following the review of the site and lighting, the manufacturer's rep agreed to request a shield from Holophane for the light at the northern fence and the contractor will install same once received. The contractor will check the "tilt angle" of all three lights.
7. Alum Funding - No new news on release of Environmental Bond Bill funding for Alum Treatment and Dredging, but Senator Humason's staff offered to draft the letter that would go from the Town to the Governor requesting release of said funding.
8. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - The ceremony attended by ~25 people was moved to the Town Hall auditorium due to the major rainstorm that day (9/25). Following speeches by various State and Town Officials, several opted to go the South Ramp for a brief actual ribbon cutting (in the rain).
9. Marina at Crabby Joe's - Members discussed the proposed marina by a potential buyer for Crabby Joe's. LMC members expressed a major concern with adding more boats to already overcrowded Congamond where there ~600 power boats moored on Congamond and another possible 58 coming from the two ramps. In addition, there does not appear to be adequate parking at that site for boats/trailers and restaurant/bar parking. The Planning Board would be the board responsible for determining parking requirements. Members would like to see the recorded version of the Chapter 91 License for Crabby Joe's (141 Congamond Road).
10. Boarding Docks - Members discussed boarding docks removal but opted to wait for next meeting to establish a date.
11. Buoys - Rick normally takes care of removing buoys when he has help and some spare time.
12. Can Fund - Scotty asked about the amount in the can fund, as members would like to use it for a holiday get-together. Dick will ask Sue to check.
13. Dick advised that Chief Bishop plans to attend the 10/11 LMC meeting.
14. **Eric made a motion to adjourn and Scotty seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.**
15. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on October 11, 2018

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)