



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# Town of Southwick

## Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held October 11, 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): Chief/Harbormaster Kevin Bishop, 11 Depot St, Southwick

1. Reviewed the corrected minutes from September 13, 2018, **a motion to accept with an additional line item added was made by Mike DeBay, Deborah Herath seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
2. Review of the minutes from September 27, 2018, **a motion to accept minutes with minor corrections was made by Mike DeBay, Eric Muller seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
3. All members were introduced to the police chief. The committee reviewed open issues with the chief to give him some background on the outstanding LPP and boating safety issues the committee and Con-Com has had with the lake, i.e., People renting dock space causing mini marinas; Boats needing current registration numbers/stickers; Boats and docks needing town stickers per LPP; Safety issues like high speed running after dark and overloading boats. The long-term plan for water quality improvements and canal cleanup was reviewed.
4. Members also discussed the need to better control the issuing of LPP permit renewals, as well as structure and boat stickers to ensure that a valid dock permit application exists for the address and that renewal forms are complete and that private "mini-marinas" are being created which is contrary to DEP' position that a dock is an "accessory use" to a home for a couple of boats belonging to the homeowner/immediate family.
5. Eric Mueller reported on lake quality, reviewing activities for the season, water clarity, lake levels and grant funding.

6. Dick reported on the status of the e-mail sent to the DEP attorney regarding the three basins and the request for CPC funding for the canal project that was withdrawn until LMC better understands if there is enough money in the state grant for the lakes to also fund the design of the canal restoration.
7. North Pond PWC - The Town Bylaw is still in the Attorney General review process.
8. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan (MVP) - Dick presented an overview of the MVP to members, noting the lakes and stormwater were the deemed by committee members to be the top two issues facing the Town. Dick also noted additional grant opportunities that this can bring to the Town.
9. **Mike DeBay made a motion to adjourn Deborah Herath seconded, all in favor our meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.**
10. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on October 25, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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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)