



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# Town of Southwick

## Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held December 13, 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	Member	Yes	X	

Guest(s): None

1. Reviewed the minutes from November 8, 2018, **a motion was made by Malcolm to accept the minutes once there was a correction made to the date at the top of the page. Mike Coombs seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.**
2. North Pond Land Trust – There is still another ~\$1.4 million of the original \$5 million that needs to be raised to make this project a reality. The Trust is currently seeking \$500,000 from CPC and if they are successful will look for a donation in kind from the State. If both requests are approved they will need to source another \$400,000 to reach their goal.
3. LPP – 84 Pt. Grove Rd. – LMC received a copy of the Con Com letter to Mr. Panella. Members agreed that he needs to come before LMC with a compliant plan and discuss this matter.
4. Lake Level - The lake level is at 224.80' MSL and falling at the rate of ~0.5" per day. Normally, the lake would be dropping at a rate closer to 1" per day, but the extensive rainfall this past several months has significantly raised the level in the adjacent watershed and the water table in general.
5. Alum Treatment - LMC has requested release of the timely release of \$850,000 from the State Environmental Bond Bill to fund the desperately needed April 2019 alum treatment in order to prevent the ever increasing frequency and severity of Cyanobacteria algae blooms in Congamond. The Town's Consultant Limnologist strongly recommends the April treatment as opposed to an October for maximum treatment effectivity and longevity. Members also agreed that this amount should also be requested from the Town in case the State cannot

come through with the funds in time. The funding would need to be committed by either source by mid-January 2020 in order to advertise the project in time for said April treatment.

6. Docks – There are several docks that still remain in the lake as of this late date. If anyone sees one, please get the address and a picture if possible. Con Com has sent Certified letters out to other sites with docks reported to be in the lake. Mr. Ludorf of 21 White Street had requested a Variance last year and it was reported that there two docks are currently in the water at that site. Members agreed to hold off on any further Variance action on this site until Dick and Dennis Clark can check out this site.
7. The Select Board approved the Ramp Attendant pay rates of \$12.00 per hour at both ramps for the 2019 season. LMC will be posting openings for 1 grounds maintenance/ramp attendant position and 2 or 3 ramp attendant positions, along with a ramp coordinator/secretary position shortly.
8. FY2020 Budget – Members discussed the proposed FY2020 and 5-year Capital Budget Plan. Dick will make a few changes to reflect some of the long-term projects.
9. Holiday Party - December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. Dinner is from 5 – 7:00 P.M. All are welcome.
10. **Motion to adjourn made by Malcolm. Rick seconded. All voted in favor and our meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.**
11. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on January 10, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Hepburn - Secretary

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)