



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held May 9, 2019, 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
	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):

- Paul Murphy - 80 Point Grove Rd, Southwick
- James Leonard - 37 Beacon Hill Rd, West Springfield
- Dennis Murphy - PO Box 572, Agawam
- Dennis Clark - 75 Fred Jackson Rd, Southwick
- Rick Seaman - 80 Sunset Drive, West Suffield

1. Members reviewed the minutes from April 23, 2019. A **motion was made by Mike C. to accept the minutes. Deb H. seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
2. 5 & 9 Lakeview Street LPP - Members again discussed the 5 docks shown at said waterfront property and are very concerned about the precedent that this is setting for docks that per DEP are an accessory use to a residence. There is no residential building at either of these properties and in the past "dock rental space" was advertised in public media. SPD Chief Bishop contacted the owner and so advised the owner about not using the docks for rental purposes. Dennis Clark stated that the LPP permits issued for these properties fell within all of the specified guidelines.
3. 129 North Lake Avenue LPP/Chapter 91 License - The DEP had rescinded the Chapter 91 License and there appears to be no valid Chapter 91 License or LPP Permit for any of the three covered structures. Dennis Clark explained that Con Com is awaiting additional location information from the Despard's and ownership of Lilly Drive.

4. 131A North Lake Ave LPP - The DelCamps requested a Variance to leave the dock in the water over the winter last year that was denied by LMC. Dennis Clark told the LMC he the Commission did not see or review the Request for Variance for this property.
5. 135 North Lake Ave LPP - Tony Rotundo had a Variance issued two years ago to allow the dock to remain in the water (ice) over the winter, which was granted with the conditions that it be cabled to the shore (wall) and orange barrels be affixed to the outboard ends. Those conditions were complied with in year 1 but not last year. LMC members are requesting a letter be sent from Con Com requiring compliance this and future winters or the Variance will be rescinded. Dennis Clark told the LMC members that he believed they were incorrect about this information.
6. 101 Point Grove Road - Louis B's is currently closed and for sale. Dennis Clark noted that there were several violations of the Chapter 91 License for those docks and Con Com could follow up with a letter to DEP citing the violations.
7. 70 Sunset Drive LPP - The owner has stated that he plans to sell his boat/lift and only install a 70' dock this year.
8. Turtle Cove Docks - Rick noted that there were two docks in Turtle Cove over the winter, one at 440 Lake Road (Jenkins) and another of unknown ownership.
9. 24 Veteran Street - Mr. Graveline had previously requested a Variance to install a permanent dock which was denied as it did not meet the criteria for a Variance.
10. 641 Forest Road LPP - LMC/Con Com agree to wait and see if these structures are permitted under the new Suffield LPP agreement.
11. 12 Berkshire Avenue LPP - Dennis Clark contacted the owner about removing the dock that was left in the ice and is now partially submerged. The owner has been ill and asked if anyone could help set the dock sections back on the supports. The owner plans to remove them this winter. Dennis Clark requested that LMC members assist in helping the ailing lakefront resident.
12. LPP - Several members have seen a very large dock that reportedly was left in the water (ice) all winter off of 449 Lake Road, Suffield. More data is needed to verify ownership before Con Com can contact the owner.
13. 109 North Lake Avenue - Steve Schmid has not yet received his LPP Renewal Forms for his dock that is located off Lilly Drive. Steve has deeded access from 109 to the lake through 134 Bungalow Street. Dennis Clark noted that LMC had previously recommended that the many docks on Lilly Drive continue to be allowed to remain there. Dennis will have the renewal forms sent out to all docks located on Lilly Way for this year.
14. Alum Treatment - Dick was informed by Representative Boldyga that he requested a FY2020 Budget Amendment #1172 for \$800,000 to fund the spring 2020 Alum Treatment. The Select Board to sent a letter of support to the new EOEEA Secretary and copies to legislators. Dick sent a copy to Ron Amidon, Fish & Game Commissioner.
15. MVP Grants - Dick noted that Southwick has submitted applications for two MVP Design & Permit Grants:
 - a. Canal Brook Dredging (\$148K)
 - b. Klaus Anderson Road Culvert Replacement With Bridge (\$142K)
16. 84 Point Grove Road LPP - Guests Paul Murphy, Dennis Murphy and Jim Leonard explained that the 54' dock installed at 84 Point Grove Road is too long and interferes with access to Paul's Chapter 91 Licensed dock at 80 Point Grove Road. Paul stressed that the whole issue would go away if the dock at 84 were shortened to the 30± feet that was on the rescinded Chapter 91 License. Paul repeatedly threatened that he would take this issue to Boston if it wasn't resolved as he (Paul) requested. Dennis agreed to call the owners of 84 Point Grove Road and ask if they would be willing to remove two sections of their dock.
17. Buoys - Rick W. and helpers installed the remaining two buoys today. A big thank you rick and helpers.

18. LPP - Rick reported that there is a loose dock that has floated down the canal. Members are hoping that it can be identified so that disposal can be made the responsibility of the owner.
19. Dick reminded all that the CRC Annual Lake Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday June 8 and that volunteers are needed to help clean the canal of tree debris. We will seek assistance from Suffield and Southwick DPW to haul away materials removed from the canal.
20. Dick included information on fertilizer use and prohibitions in MA and CT. Phosphorus in fertilizers is banned except for establishing new lawns. Deb has requested that the information be added to CRC and Suffield websites. Dennis plans to address this issue with the Conservation Commission to make residents and landscaping companies aware of the problems with some fertilizers and MA & CT regulations.
21. **A motion to adjourn was made by Ken P. Mike C. seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.**
22. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on May 23, 2019.

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)