



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held July 11, 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	
Annie Hanson	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

1. **June 27 Meeting Minutes** - Members reviewed the minutes from June 27, 2019. A **motion was made by Scotty to accept the minutes. Mike C. seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
2. **101 Point Grove Road (Louie B's/Wok on the Water)** - A "mini marina" has appeared at said restaurant. Previously, there were four boats moored, and since the last LMC meeting, two more boats have begun mooring at this dock, also. A Cease and Desist letter was sent by the Building Inspector/Zone Code Enforcement Officer to the previous and new owner of 101 Point Grove Road. LMC does not believe this letter was specific enough but hopes it will be enough to make the necessary changes. Time will tell..
3. **Boat Census** - LMC asked four volunteers to do a boat census on North, Middle and South Pond. The results were stated at the meeting on 7/11/19. The results were that the amount of boats was slightly down from prior years, as well as the number of docks. There are a lot of docks, floats and motorized vessels that do not have the appropriate sticker, which is necessary to legally be in the water or moored on Congamond. Pontoon boats have increased in popularity as the years go on.
4. **Ramp Boat Parking Sign** - At South Ramp, there have been a lot of trucks with trailers that do not comply with the rules of the ramp. The rules state that every parking spot, except 1,2 and 3, must have a trailer backed into the space. This is to ensure safety for all other guests using the facility. This goes for North Ramp, also, but it seems as though the guests at North Ramp are very compliant with said rules. Appropriate signs will be posted at both ramps to aid in enforcement of the ramp rules.
5. **5-9 Lakeview Street** - There are stated rules when it comes to owning a dock. There must be only one dock per occupied waterfront home. At the location of Mr. Liquori's, there are now 5 docks as well as 10 boats moored on these 5 docks. There is no building here, meaning there should not be

5 docks at this location. Docks are meant to be an accessory use for waterfront occupants, but as stated before, there are no buildings/homes at these sites for there to be any occupants. The LMC recommends that registration numbers on boats be checked to determine who owns them. The expressed logic was that regardless of if these people are renting dock space, or simply mooring their boats at no cost, they are non-compliant. This is not legally a marina. **A motion was made by Eric to recommend that registrations be checked and that appropriate action be taken if the owners do not belong to the appropriate property owners. Deb seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.**

6. **Ice Spars** - Dick noted that he spotted 2 ice spars in the driveway at ~114 Berkshire Avenue when passing by the other day. Norm offered to try to recover them.
7. **84 Point Grove** - Paul Murphy attended the meeting. Though his concerns were not a specific agenda item, members allowed Paul to briefly summarize his with his neighbor's (Mr. Panella) dock. It was stated that Con Com was going to send a letter to Mr. Panella stating that he must move his dock 30 feet minimum from Mr. Murphy's dock. The letter did ignore LMC's recommendation to decrease the length of Mr. Panella's Dock to 36' from the current 56 feet, which would reflect the original DEP-voided Chapter 91 License length and should alleviate the reported interference issue. Mr. Murphy was just happy to know that there was at least action to move forward in this case.
8. **Other** - Members received an input from Steve Schmid that he will not be continuing on LMC or Canal Subcommittee for FY2020, leaving an opening for an Associate Member. Paul Murphy expressed interest in becoming LMC Associate Member as he has been attending meetings for 18 months. Paul will send Dick email requesting filling said LMC opening.
9. **A motion to adjourn was made by Scotty G. and Mike C. seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM**
10. The next meeting scheduled for July 25, 2019 will be pre-cancelled due to anticipated lack of a quorum. The next meeting is scheduled on August 8th, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Annalia Hanson- 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)