



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held September 12th, 2019, 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall College Highway, Southwick, MA, with attendance as follows:

		Voting	Present	Absent
Norm Cheever	Member	Yes	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
Paul Murphy	Associate	No	X	
Ken Phillips	Member	No		X
Rick Wylot	Member	Yes	X	

Guest(s): None

1. Members reviewed the minutes from September 12th, 2019. **A motion was made by Scotty G. to accept the minutes. Mike D. seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
2. 5-9 Lakeview Street (Liquori)
On April 5th, 2019, Liquori was granted two dock stickers, and 4 vessel stickers. Signs were placed stating that there was dock rental space available at Liquori's docks, but have since been removed. There are currently 8 boats moored at Liquori's. Members agreed to discuss this "mini marina" further at future meetings.
3. 129 North Lake Avenue (Despard)
Mr. Despard had 3 permanent docks that belonged to him and recently transferred one to Mr. Harris. Members noted that these permanent structures were all originally constructed by the Despards and exceed the 600 sq ft DEP and LPP limit. Members noted that these docks were not there prior to 1984. The middle structure (#2 for Despard permits) is not in front of their land as is the case with the 3rd (southernmost) structure that is now listed under Harris as owner. All three structures will require Variances for being in the water year-around, but the sq ft issue is a DEP violation as well as an LPP violation.
4. 131 North Lake Avenue (Delcamp)
Mr. Delcamp stated the 8/22/19 meeting that it would take heavy equipment to remove structures, and would be very dangerous as his property is too steep to get a crane down to the waterfront. Mr. Delcamp sent in a sketch of his docks and a Variance request. The sketch provided does not show scaled relationship to extended property lines and also does not appear to reflect the actual configuration of the docks that were modified sometime after 2010. Also, the overall "covered" area of these two docks (including canopy) appears to be around 710 - 730 sq ft from Town maps, which exceeds the 600 sq ft maximum. Accordingly, LMC and Con Com need to verify the actual footprint, including access ramps and canopy.
5. 135 North Lake Avenue (Rotondo)

Conditions of original issued Variance were not complied with for this past winter and is no longer valid. A new Variance must be applied for and approved by November 1, 2019. If issued, the new Variance must be complied with or the docks removed by December 1st.

6. 101 Point Grove Road (Wok on Water)
The issue regarding the boats that have been continuously moored on the docks is continuing to be investigated. The issue is that Planning Board stated that there is no on-site parking for owners vehicles of the moored boats. The number of spaces for the restaurant is already non-conforming, so adding parking moored boat owners is not feasible. The restaurant patrons also use the property that was intended for the boat ramp to park vehicles when there is not enough space to park at the restaurant. It has been stated that the owners of the restaurant would like to use property across the street to park moored boat vehicles/trailers, but there is controversy regarding this topic, as the Planning Board states that the parking spaces must be within 250 ft of the restaurant entrance.
7. 84 Point Grove Road (Panella)
Paul Murphy requested for letters to be sent, as Panella has disregarded all requests made to him. His dock was non-compliant with the Chapter 91 license and was voided by DEP. **Mike D made a motion recommending that Con Com hand deliver or send a Certified letter with a signature required by the owner that he agrees to specific requirements prior to placing any structures in 2020. Scotty seconded and all were in favor.**
8. 641 Forest Road (Harpin)
A certified letter was issued on June 20, 2019 stating the various issues which were copied to the Town of Suffield. Mr. Harpin did not sign for the certified letter and fining cannot be issued until receipt of the certified letter in accordance with LPP. The Harbormaster and Town of Suffield Officials will be consulted by Con Com before any action is taken. LMC members concur that this mini-marina of unpermitted docks, floats, buoys needs to be addressed expeditiously with Suffield.
9. 11 Beach Road (Jenkins)
LMC plans to follow up with Parks and Rec in the offseason regarding the private dock that is on Town property. It was also mentioned that because his dock is on the Town property, there were conditions set by Town Counsel that have not been complied with.
10. 141 Congamond Road (Crabby Joe's)
LMC members concur that because there is no current Chapter 91 license for these commercial docks, they should be removed. If anything happens, it could be a potential liability for the town, or the new owner if the land is purchased.
11. Members noted that Norm should be listed as a Canal Subcommittee member and Ken not as they swapped positions at previous meeting. Dick will input Select Board for correction.
12. Several members agreed to meet at the Canal Saturday to clear below the weir gates.
13. Several members noted that an excavation project on the CT waterfront is ongoing on the southern end of South Pond east of the Ayotte property. A photo shows total clearing of 20 - 30 trees, stumps and earth moved into the water. Dick will forward the photo to Con Com for investigation.
14. **A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Malcom. Mike D seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.**

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)

