



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held September 26th, 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 12, 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. 131 North Lake Avenue (Delcamp)
Google Earth maps show docks at this property to be very different from what was shown on the sketch that was provided by Mr. Delcamp with the Variance application. The Google Earth maps seem to indicate that the structures exceed the 600 sq ft limit. A dimensioned or to-scale sketch must show the extended property lines, all dock features (cover/canopy, lifts, etc) and sizes, valid reasons for leaving the dock(s) in the water and safety provisions in order to be considered.
3. 135 North Lake Avenue (Despard)
Members again noted that there are three permanent docks, none of which are covered by Chapter 91 License nor have LPP + Variance to allow for remaining in the lake past December 1 and that the total area far exceeds the 600 sq ft DEP limit. They further noted that none of the docks appear to be in front of the Despard land ore meet the distance from extended property lines.
4. Lake Levels, Volunteer work
The lake was at 224.5 MSL on 9/16/2019. LMC is still hoping for the \$850,000 funding for the alum treatment and Canal Brook dredging design & permitting. Scotty G, Malcom D and Mike D all volunteered a day of their weekend to perform some canal clean-up to help restore flow. We are extremely thankful for our volunteers, as our lake could never be this clean without them!
5. 21 White Street (Ludorf)
Mr. Ludorf is trying to acquire common area White Street waterfront that he did not purchase. This area has never been solely maintained by Ludorf, either. The Town of Southwick maintains the paved and unpaved turnaround area at the northern end of White Street (formerly known as Beach Road) that Mr. Ludorf is claiming. Emergency vehicles, snow plows, dump trucks, etc. all use this important piece of property, and accordingly would be harmful for Mr. Ludorf to claim as this land. The Town of Southwick also uses the waterfront area for emergency and law enforcement access to access to Middle pond. Additionally, there are Town water lines and sanitary sewer lines that all

need to be accessed and maintained at any given time by the Town of Southwick on the property that Mr. Ludorf is claiming. The Town Attorney has sent a letter to Mr. Ludorf's attorney so stating these issues.

6. 159 Berkshire Avenue (Baldarelli)

Members discussed the high probability of disastrous consequences if/when the unpermitted, man-made dam at 159 dam fails and muddy water goes cascading into Middle Pond and want to know how this unpermitted work is being allowed to continue unchecked.

7. 490 Griffin Road Suffield, CT

It is quite evident that the work being done at this property is affecting South Pond. Work includes removal of many trees and stripping of vegetation which has further destabilized the already steep embankment. Excavated and eroded materials have either been pushed or washed into the lake at this address. As of September 6th, 2019, it has been documented by photos that significant amount materials are being pushed into South Pond. Con Com is following up with Suffield Con Com and CT DEEP if necessary.

8. 141 Congamond Road (Crabby Joe's)

Con Com is sending a certified letter to Joe Scuderi regarding the unlicensed docks at this site, requiring them to be removed from the water.

9. Great Brook Dredging

Dick noted that the Select Board gave him the go-ahead to draft a letter to federal legislators requesting Army Corps do the necessary design and permitting to dredge 4 to 5 miles of Great Brook, followed by an Army Corps dredging project. Great Brook floods and backs up into Congamond with most heavy rain events.

10. **A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scotty G. 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)