

# Town of Southwick



## Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held April 22, 2021, 7:00 P.M. via online Zoom videocall, 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	Member	Yes	X	
Ken Phillips	Associate	No		X
Rick Wylot	Associate	No		X

Guest(s): Jerry Patria, Doug Moglin, Peter Currier

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
- Members reviewed the minutes from the meeting that took place on April 8<sup>th</sup>. On item #13, the word 'not' needs to be added. On the topic of the Chapter 91 topic, the text says "revoked", but it needs to say "resolved." **A motion was made to accept the minutes with the changes by Norm and Eric seconded. The vote was unanimous.**
- Con Com Update  
There is no update as there was no meeting on 4/19 due to holiday.
- Docks & Buoys  
Norm, Mike D, Malcolm, Paul Murphy, Dick, Ken, Tom and DPW employees Rich Bosak and Jason Stevens worked hard on getting the docks in the water. The volunteers had some issues with the chains, but managed to get the docks in. DPW workers transported the buoys to the North Ramp for subsequent installation by LMC volunteers. A big thank you to all who participated!
- Lake Treatment  
Mapping of the areas needing to be treated will be done by Solitude on May 6 and the treatment will take place on May 17.
- Dredging  
LMC is working hard to get State funding for installing the weir gates on the Berkshire Avenue twin culverts. LMC is also seeking State and Federal funding to dredge Canal Brook, Great Brook and the muck-laden coves and shallow shoreline areas in Congamond.

7. Jet Ski (PWC) Rentals

There was a flyer posted stating that there will be Jet Ski (PWC) rentals on the lake, but this rental company has not contacted anyone in the town about this topic. Eric asked if Jet Ski rentals were allowed on the lake. Dick explained that 320 CMR prohibits any business from being conducted at the two State ramps. As requested, Dick will contact the Office of Fishing & Boating Access (OFBA) regarding this topic.

8. Wave Armor Floating Docks

There are lake residents submitting requests to leave their docks in year round, but this violates the Local Permitting Program and poses a safety hazard. A "hardship" Variance must be requested and approved by the LMC, Con Com and Harbormaster in order to have a dock or float remain in the water past December 1<sup>st</sup> when all docks and floats are required to be out of the water.

9. Tree Removal

The LMC received funding from the OFBA to remove 7 diseased trees at the North Ramp area.

10. Lamprey

Apparently, there are some Lamprey in Congamond. These do not normally bother humans, only fish.

11. Stocking

Dick received an email asking why stocking of trout does not occur in North Pond. State stocking does not occur at either North or South Pond because there are no public ramps in either of these ponds. Some of the trout do eventually find their way into North and South Ponds.

12. CRC Meeting

Jerry spoke on behalf of Michelle Pratt who was unavailable for the meeting. He mentioned that CRC would like to post CRC flyers on the bulletin boards at both boat ramps, and Dick said this will be perfectly okay. Buoys and buoy lights were also brought up, but unfortunately, without the use of cranes, we cannot use the kind of lighted buoys in Congamond that can take a literal beating. Also, the maximum speed from dusk to dawn, conditions permitting, is 10 MPH.

13. Police Boathouse on North Ramp

Dick believes that in the next few weeks, OFBA will provide the necessary documents to the Town to permit construction of a police boathouse on State land at the North Ramp.

14. Public Comment

Doug wanted to extend his gratitude towards Dick for replacing the flags at the North Ramp. Dick worked extremely quickly to make sure these older flags were changed out.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Eric and Deb seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Annalia Hanson - Secretary

Cc (13): Ag Com, BOH, Con Com, DPW, Fin Com, Historical Com, J. Middleton (email), Park & Rec, Planning Board, SPD Chief/Harbormaster, K. Stinehart, Town Clerk, File (1)