



Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held January 14, 2020, 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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Annie read the Governor's Open Meeting Rules.
3. Members reviewed the minutes from the 12/10/2020 meeting. The only change needed was to be sure Paul is listed as a voting Member and Rick is now a non-voting Associate Member. **A motion was made by Mike D. to accept the minutes, and Mike C. seconded. The vote was unanimous.**
4. Request for dock space
There was an email request from a resident in town regarding renting dock space. Dick advised this resident that he can rent through the two marinas on the lake, Tri-PBJ and Saunders.
5. 641 Forest Drive - Harpin
The people residing at 641 Forest Road have several docks, floats and boats moored on same and no LPP permit.
6. ConCom update
December 21 meeting was cancelled. Jan 4, 2021, Norm mentioned that Con Com has not received an update from LMC regarding the 101 Lakeview Street request for a 2021 Variance.
7. 101 Lakeview Street - Koss
2020 was supposed to be the last year for the dock Variance for this property as the original property owner had planned to replace the aging dock. However, the new owners submitted a Variance request again in 2021. There appears to be some waterfront space for a removable dock, but it depends on the size of the dock. Dick said they could possibly use aluminum docks with legs. The current docks are still in during the winter, which is not permitted under the LPP for safety reasons. The homeowners are permitted to keep the docks in for the winter, as the request was approved for 1 year as of June 1, 2020. LMC members expressed concerns

that this was not brought up during any ConCom meetings. Mike D stated that he would like to see the dock checked out before forming an opinion. Paul and Norm plan to contact the homeowner to ask if they can check out the dock from their property since they don't feel that the ice is safe yet.

8. LPP letter

Most LMC members had previously agreed that there did not appear to be a reason to have people sign off on receiving the lake rules with the LPP Renewal form because many people will not read them.

9. Lake level

224.625 Eric noted that it is important that as we enter the spring with the lake level slightly above nominal in case we have a dry spring/summer.

10. Attendant pay

Mike D. made a motion to recommend to the Select Board to have the attendant pay be \$14 an hour. Scotty seconded. All were in favor.

11. FY2022 budget

The buoy budget was cut from the annual \$2000 to \$0 this past fiscal year due to COVID cuts. This will hopefully change in 2022 as LMC really noticed the hit from no budget for fixing buoys. **A motion was made by Mike D. to accept the budget as presented. Paul seconded and all were in favor.**

12. 141 Congamond Road/ Crabby Joes

The individual who recently expressed interest in purchasing the vacant "Crabby Joe's" property wanted to add a marina there. However, that would require Planning Board, Con Com and LMC approval as part of the Chapter 91 License process. There is already not enough parking for the restaurant due many spaces being within the Town right-of-way. Adding a marina would make the parking even more non-compliant with Town zoning bylaws. LMC members agree that another marina would not be a great idea for safety reasons as the annual boat count indicates that there are already 633 power boats moored on Congamond and an additional 400+ non-powered boats around the shoreline. In addition, there are 60 parking spaces for vehicles with boats at the two state ramps. Dick agreed to send an email to Con Com regarding LMC's position on this matter.

13. Annual Report

Dick will add thanking DPW for the additional effort to assist in the installation and removal of the North Ramp boarding docks and moving buoys to/from winter storage. **A motion to accept with that addition was made by Paul and Eric seconded. The vote was unanimous.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Eric and Scotty seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Annalia Hanson – Secretary

Cc (12): 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)