



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held April 14, 2022 7:00 P.M. via online Zoom video call, 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	
Karen Shute	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): Ken Eggleston, Mary Troy, Jen Nolasco, Scott Synder-Perusse, Jason Giguere

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Mike DeBay made a motion to accept the 3/24 minutes as written. All were in favor. Deb made a motion to accept the 3/31 minutes as written. Mike second the motion. All were in favor.
2. Public Comment - There were no public comments.
3. Con Com – No update
4. Master Plan Update – No report
5. CRC Update – Southwick Selectman, Doug Moglin and Suffield First Selectmen, Colin Moll spoke at the CRC meeting. Babb's Beach is available for free entry to all CRC members. Mass Fisheries & Wildlife started stocking trout. CRC has a golf tournament in September. Membership information has gone out and one can pay by Paypal or by mail.
6. 141 Congamond Road aka Crabby Joe's – Mr. Eggleston, the new owner of 141 presented his case for a Chapter 91 License that includes 20 Rental Slips and 20 transient slips. Mr. Eggleston that he intended on opening the restaurant and marina before summer. Mr. Eggleston explained that a company called Four Dads that has a pub in Granby Connecticut and one in Hartford will be operating this restaurant/bar. They also plan on opening a fourth in Coventry Connecticut. Mr. Eggleston stated that he wants to be in good with the neighbors. He met with DPW Director Randy Brown about his concerns and is hoping to get a DEP File Number within the next few days. The Con Com meeting is in May and then you have to wait 14 days. Eric expressed LMC concerns about the number of boats on Congamond noting that many studies conclude that 8 - 10 usable water acres per power boat are required for safe, enjoyable boating and that Congamond has about 300 usable acres. The State Boat Ramps provide 58 power boats per day which alone translates to only 5 acres per boat. Per the annual

boat census, Congamond has another 600+ resident power boats along with another 600+ resident non-power boats associated with the 365 waterfront homes on Congamond. Congamond is already overcrowded without adding any more marina capacity. If only 200 of the 600 resident power boats are on the water with the 58 from the ramps, that translates about 1 acre per power boat. Add in the non-power boats and that makes it boats per acre! The Lake Management supports the 20 transient spaces for the restaurant but is against any added marina space. Also noted was that parking for the proposed 20 marina spaces required use of the State/ Town Right-of-Way for said parking. The Planning Board's Special Permit allows 95 people in the restaurant based on the available 48 non-marina parking spaces. Eric noted that all docks have to be removed annually by 12/1. Mr. Eggleston said that he planned on using bubblers. Eric & Dick explained that Saunders permanent Chapter 91 Licensed docks are grandfathered and that bubblers are not allowed for any new docks. Mr. Eggleston would have to have a place to store the docks out of the water. LMC members will support 75' long transient docks but not 150' long docks. Fishing tournament getting too close to the shoreline. Dick and other members commented about the 15' fingers not being sufficient in length to safely restrain typical 22' to 25' pontoon boats and that the fingers should be 20' long. Mr. Eggleston commented about Saunders Marina's 150' long docks and members explained that they are in a NO WAKE cove, unlike the proposed docks at #141. Lake Management will have standing in chapter 91 license, special permit. Mr. Eggleston said that he has a Connecticut Boaters License and that Massachusetts doesn't require one. All agree that Massachusetts should require a license to operate a power boat. Lake Management thanked Mr. Eggleston for speaking with the Lake Management Committee.

7. 101 Point Grove Rd (Louie B's) – Members noted that there is already 1 boat moored at this site in violation of their Chapter 91 License that currently prohibits such rental. Norm noted that there was possibly another dock added at this site. Dick noted that the recorded DEP Chapter 91 License #14089 requires compliance with the requirements, site and dock plans contained therein.
8. 159 Berkshire Ave (Baldarelli) – Mr. Baldarelli's consultant is working on a site cleanup plan which will be presented to the Planning Board at a future meeting.
9. The buoys were installed by Rick Wylot. Thank you Rick.
10. Buoy Lights - Dick said that he currently does not have any "spare time" to put in on the lighted buoy project. CRC noted that it has money put aside for four buoy lights.
11. Scotty asked about the status of 21 White Street waterfront issue. Dick noted that it will be on the May ATM for a Town vote.
12. **Deb made a motion to adjourn, Scotty second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Shute - Secretary

cc (15): Ag Com, BOH, Con Com, DPW, Fin Com, Historical Com, J. Middleton (email), Park & Rec, Planning Board, SPD Chief/Harbormaster, K. Scott, Select Board, K. Stinehart, Town Clerk, File (1)