



# Town of Southwick

## Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held June 9, 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): Jerry Patria, Angelina Simone

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Members reviewed the minutes from the 5/26/22 meeting. **A motion was made by Mike DeBay to accept the minutes as written. Mike Coombs seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**
3. Public Comments – Karen Shute made the comment about 4 Jet skis and a pontoon boat being for rent and showing up at the North Ramp with same. The renter's Website shows renting jet skis and boats and lists Congamond as one of the locations being served. Michelle Pratt said there was a near collision on the lake by two of these jet skis and SPD was called. Dick will send their website link to the OFBA Director and the Harbormaster.
4. Con Com Update – 141 Congamond Road – The LMC email that LMC sent to the Planning Board was read at their 6/6 hearing on same.
5. Master Plan Subcommittee – No update
6. CRC Update – The CRC's boat traffic impact demonstration for the proposed 141 Marina is planned for Saturday 6/11. Michelle said the drone will be "flying" the identified area of the 150' long docks and resultant 300' NO WAKE area. Selectmen, Harbormaster and Ken Eggleston were all invited to the demonstration. It appears that Doug Moglin now seems to be against the marina. Michelle noted that there will be a live band at Babb's Beach 3-5pm on July 2 before the Boat Parade and that there will be a golf tournament fundraiser on September 17 at Edgewood, as well as dinner following at Brass Rail.
7. 141 Congamond Road – Members read the Select Boards proposed 2-year license for the (private) business use of the State/Town right-of-way to meet the number of spaces required by the Planning Board for the proposed marina. LMC members commented that the State should be notified of such

planned use as MassDOT noted that they spent \$4.5 million on the Congamond Road Reconstruction Project in 2018 and had previously spent \$1.2 million on replacing the interlake culvert, both using 80% federal funding and 20% state funding. Per MassDOT Real Estate Acting Director, the Town can't license or lease the land to an individual without going through MassDOT. The Chapter 91 License Application was finally received by Chrissy Hopps at DEP Boston. Dick has been in contact with her to obtain a copy of the application. The 141 plan presented to Planning Board shows 12 cables with concrete blocks holding each of the 150-foot docks. Members are concerned about having 24 floating markers in that area during winter months when the docks are stored out of the water. Members also asked if parking is not approved, how can they move forward with the proposed marina. Further, TOS Zoning Bylaw Chapter 185-30 A (1) (c) prohibits parking within 15' of the street (property) line. The approved plan shows parking spaces within said area. It was further noted that Crabby Joe's was not operational for ~4 years. Beach Road resident, Ed Nitsch, read his letter about the exit onto Beach Road opposite his home and that vehicle lights that will shine into his house hours of the night. LMC letter was read at the Planning Board hearing. Planning Board members noted that one could not have a marina unless it's in a business zone. Planning Board didn't like some of the parking spaces including where the exit is. LMC noted that granite curbing and paving ~70' of Beach Road was part of the State project and funding as such. If the state is not granting the license for the added parking spaces, the marina is not possible. LMC members also noted concerns about potential water quality impact due to sewer pump issues and no apparent emergency backup power, or alarms.

8. 101 Point Grove Road (dba Louis B's) – It was noted that there are now some 9 boats moored at 101 Point Grove Road and 1 boat moored at 103 Point Grove Road. An LMC email went to DEP summarizing issues with 101 & 103 Point Grove Road and apparent Chapter 91 License violations. It was noted that 103 Point Grove Road is zoned business and acquired under Jeno, Inc which is a business. Accordingly, any docks there would need a Chapter 91 license.
9. Invasive Aquatics Treatment - Thank you to all as the posters got up in time for the treatment.
10. Suffield is doing a sewer study with options for sending the effluent to Suffield or Southwick or building a local treatment plant near the lakes.
11. Beaver Dams – Beavers are busy constructing to dams on Canal Brook. Dick will contact Solitude about removing them after July 1.
12. Has anyone seen any dead fish after treatment?
13. Eric made a motion to adjourn. Mike DeBay second the motion and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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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)