



# Town of Southwick

## Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held June 23, 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, Peter Currier, Joe Deedy, Fred Gore

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Jean Nilsson was the secretary for this meeting.
2. Members reviewed the minutes from the 6/9/22 meeting. **A motion was made by Mike Coombs to accept the minutes as written. Mike DeBay seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**
3. Public Comments – There were no public comments
4. Con Com Update – Norm stated that Con Com reviewed the plans for 141 Congamond Road at their last meeting. There were issues relative to the drainage in the parking lot that was not permitted to be connected to the Town stormwater system. The proposed shoreline erosion control was deemed to be an acceptable alternative to the previous plan. Jerry Patria noted that the revised erosion control may be approved at the next hearing.
5. Master Plan Subcommittee – There was no new information.
6. CRC Update – The Boat Parade will be held on 7/2/22 starting at 5:00 PM with a live band playing at Babb's Beach from 3:00 to 5:00. There will be a golf tournament fundraiser on September 17 at Edgewood, as well as dinner following at Brass Rail. More information is available on the CRC website. Michelle Pratt presented a drone video of vessel activity through the culvert with stationary boats marking the outboard ends of the proposed transient and marina docks. The SLOW NO WAKE buoy was actually at the 300' from shore so that provided indication of the outboard limit of SLOW NO WAKE by the culvert. The concern is that navigation may be impeded in this busy area by the proposed docks and resultant SLOW NO WAKE conditions to 300 feet from the shore.
7. 141 Congamond Road - In the event transient and rental docks are allowed at 141 Congamond Road, navigation may be difficult as a result of limited space regardless if a no wake zone is posted. An email

from Christine Hopps, DEP, noted potential deficiencies in the Chapter 91 License Application plan submitted by the property owner's consultant. Some issues are that the docks must be removed on a yearly basis on December 1<sup>st</sup> for Ice Out and provisions on the Notice of Intent filing did not include impacts to Land Underwater (LUW). An email from Randy Brown, DPW Director, noted that the drainage flows from the parking area to Middle Pond, not Miller Road as he previously stated. The LMC will need to monitor the proposed solution for drainage due to potential adverse impact on water quality from 141's stormwater. LMC members are also concerned about the apparent lack of sewer pumps backup power, high wet well level or system failure alarms. This is due to the proximity and top elevation of the wet well to the adjacent catch basin that is connected to the Town's stormwater system that outfalls into Middle Pond. Mr. Patria stated that the issue will be addressed at the next Con Com Public Hearing. Mr. Coombs also questioned the retention of parking lot striping on (friable) millings of parking spaces to allow the required number of parking spaces for the proposed marina business, some of which are on State property according to a document from MassDOT. MassDOT Real Estate is adamant that MassDOT must be a part of any private use of this public land inasmuch as about \$6 million was spent (80% federal funds, 20% State funds) were spent on two recent Congamond Road infrastructure projects. **Mike DeBay made a motion to have the Chair send an email to Town Departments summarizing the issues identified regarding the Chapter 91 application for 141 Congamond Road. Mike Coombs seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

8. Boat Rental – Dick Grannells was recently contacted by Water Sports LLC who were interested in establishing a kayak rental at the boat launch. Business activity on the State Ramp properties is prohibited per 320 CMR 2.00. The Harbormaster, Chief Landis, and the Office of Fishing & Boating Access (OFBA) Director, Doug Cameron, were notified of the proposal. LMC will continue to monitor any relative activity. Another "boat renting" issue recently occurred and the businesses were contacted by the OFBA to explain that no business transactions or training can occur within the state facilities.
9. North Pond Conservation Land – An email was received from a North Pond resident showing piles of trash, fire pits, etc. on the North Pond Preservation. The Conservation Commission is working with other Town officials on deterring this type of activity and ways to prevent this illegal activity in the future and improve the usage of the property.
10. Being that there was further business to discuss, **Mike Coombs made a motion to adjourn. Mike DeBay seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jean Nilsson – Acting 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)