



Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held July 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): Jason Giguere

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Members reviewed the minutes from the 6/30/22 meeting. **A motion was made by Mike DeBay to accept the minutes as written. Malcolm DeBay seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Vote was affirmed.**
3. Public Comments – No public comment.
4. Con Com Update – Con Com had a July 6 Special Meeting on 141 Congamond Road and recommended roof water be infiltrated on site. Con Com also approved a special fabric to help stop shoreline erosion. No comments were made on the length of the docks or the lack of sewer pumps alarm. LMC members are still very concerned about the apparently illegal sanitary sewer pump connection, lack of pump fault alarms, possible sewage overflow into Middle Pond via the unpermitted connection of adjacent stormwater catch basins to the Town's system and Town's potential liability for allowing these identified issues to continue unchecked. **A motion was made by Malcolm DeBay for the Chair (Dick) to send an email summarizing these outstanding issues to Con Com, Planning Board, Planner, Select Board, CAO, DPW Director, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer and Western Region DEP. Paul second the motion. All were in favor and the vote was affirmed.**
5. Master Plan Subcommittee – Survey is complete and online plus postcards mailed. Subcommittee is encouraging everyone to participate on this plan for how residents want to see Southwick in 20 years. Also go to www.Southwick2040.com
6. CRC – No update

7. North Pond Conservation Area – Still a major issue with trash on shore line, party spot, bonfires, etc. There are many working on solutions for these issues.
8. 141 Congamond Road – Marina parking spaces are still an issue as the road right-of-way (ROW) use for parking spaces was granted by the town but according to MassDOT Real Estate Acting Director, the town does not have the right to grant private use of that land. MassDOT also questioned the 141 owner's right to use part of Beach Road ROW. Also unresolved are issues about the apparent lack of the required sanitary sewer pump alarms and the adjacent unpermitted catch basins that were connected to the Town's system that outfalls into Middle Pond. The expressed concern is about
9. 101 & 103 Point Grove Road – There are now 12 boats moored at 101 and possibly 4 boat moored at 103. Boats moored at 101 Point Grove is a violation of section 19 of their current Chapter 91 License. The Code Enforcement Officer recently issued more fines totaling \$3,300 for these continuing violations.
10. 159 Berkshire Avenue – The consultant's plans call to reconstruct the water way and remove the unpermitted dam that was added a few years ago. LMC members have concerns about buried stumps in said dam and also who is going to clean the many cubic yards of eroded materials deposited in the Town's detention pond at 160 Berkshire Avenue? LMC members feel that detention pond cleanup should be at the homeowner's expense since the clearing and dam addition work was not permitted by the Town.
11. 2022 Boat Census – There was a very slight increase in motorized boats over 2021.
12. Boat Rentals – The two boat ramps are owned by the State and subject to State regulations (320 CMR) which prohibit conducting any business or providing training at those boat ramps.
13. Boating License – Dick will send email or letter to legislators and Mass Environmental Police about requiring a boating license to operate motorized vessels in Massachusetts, just like the majority of states.
14. Boating Safety – Southwick Police have been at ramps checking registrations and safety equipment. The Department received a grant from Boat US Life Jacket Program which provides life jackets to loan out to boaters.
15. Local Permitting Program (LPP) Dock & Boat Stickers – Norm is assisting Con Com in checking out boats and docks without proper LPP stickers. Members discussed requesting a Code Red and/or email message about the need for displaying these numbers so one knows where they are (address) when reporting a water emergency. Nearby dock codes give the tell Police Dispatch the physical location of the emergency when calling from the water.
16. The next Lake Management (Zoom) meeting is at 7:00 PM on 7/28/22.
17. **Eric made a motion to adjourn. Scotty second the motion and all were in favor.** The meeting adjourned at 7:59 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)