



Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held August 11, 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, Jason Giguere, Angelina Simone,

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Members reviewed the minutes from the 7/28/22 meeting. **A motion was made by Mike DeBay to accept the minutes as written. Norm seconded the motion second and all voted in favor.**
3. Public Comments – No public comment.
4. Con Com Update (Norm) – Norm is assisting Jean is doing LPP research. Jean has been cross-matching Norm's photos with LPP forms and has found 42 locations with violations on the Mass side.
5. Master Plan Update (Norm) – Surveys must be completed by 8/31 with ~400 submitted thus far. Signs are going up around town, including the Transfer Station.
6. CRC Update (Deb) – There was decent showing about the North Pond Issues. The Police Chief said that people are free to go there and we cannot stop them. If the police don't see the people dumping on the land, they can't do anything. Adding a porta-potty and trash receptacles are being explored. CRC is hosting a benefit golf tournament September 17 with an entry fee of \$100.
7. LPP/Conservation – Suffield/Southwick working to link the two Con Coms as 40% of waterfront is CT while all water is MA. It was noted that walls were constructed in the (MA) water off Sunset Drive even though the plans showed all work to be on land.
8. 141 Congamond Road issues – Dick summarized issues raised at last meeting that were summarized in the email to Town agencies. Members expressed frustration that all appears to be status-quo with no corrective actions being taken. **Malcom made a motion and Deb seconded the motion that Dick send another email or letter to cognizant Town and State agencies about the unresolved issues at 141 Congamond Road in their revised Chapter 91 License Application that was submitted to DEP on 8/9/22.** DEP had previously returned the Application due to issues with the amount of land-under-water being disturbed. LMC still has issues with the two proposed 150' long docks verses the LMC's

supported 75' long docks. DEP-Boston is handling this Chapter 91 License Application (DEP received 8/9/22) and the public has 30 days to comment on same. The plan still does not show how docks are relate to the interlake culvert traffic and per MassDOT, they owners cannot take over land from the state for parking. LMC still has Issues with the lack of the required sewer pumps alarms and on-site catch basins connected to the Town's stormwater management system. Dick will email DEP's Chrissy Hopps who is reviewing their Chapter 91 License. Members expressed concern about how can DEP accept the application when all DEP's issues have not been resolved. The LMC's letter or email will be going to DEP, Select Board, Planning Board, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Police Chief/Harbormaster, Karl Steinhart, Con Com Coordinator and Health agent.

9. Buoy Lights – Dick is reviewing the first-cut (steel) prototype buoy light mount provided by SPD. Once he completes the review, the Hampden County Sheriff's Department will fabricate aluminum mounts in the prison shop.
10. Runaway buoys – Rick Wylot installed a new mooring for the “runaway” red buoy (from the sandbar area) and then realigned the sandbar buoys.
11. CRC-is excited that the buoys lights are moving ahead. Dick will send light and cage purchase information to CRC so CRC can order same.
12. Canal Brook Beaver Dams – Solitude removed two large beaver dams and some downed tree s from the canal. Suffield DPW moved the boulders at the CT Cove on Mountain Road to provide hydro-rake access to South Pond. Thank you Suffield DPW.
13. Great Brook Weir Gates – Two new stainless steel weir gates have been installed on the Berkshire culverts. Dick will be adding chains and locks to secure the cranks.
14. Water Quality – Southwick Town Beach was closed by the Health Agent due to high E. coli readings. Mike DeBay took Alex around the lake to test in different areas in Congamond. Water was tested by Babb's Beach, sandbar area, southeastern corner of South Pond, and Northeastern corner of North Pond. Results were expected in 24-36 hours. It has been noted that South Pond surface water temperature is upward of 87 degrees. Alex says that the warmer water temps and Goose droppings may be a cause of the higher E. coli counts.
15. North Pond Conservation Area – CRC is planning a Saturday clean up and looking to have flyers about the do's & don'ts on the conservation land.
16. The next Lake Management zoom meeting is scheduled for 8/25 at 7:00 PM.
17. **Scotty made a motion to adjourn and Norm seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 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)