



Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held on April 27, 2023 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): Michelle Pratt, Jason Giguere, Jerry Patria, Ken?

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Members reviewed the minutes from the meeting 4/13/23. **Mike DeBay made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Paul Murphy seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Norm Cheever except Norm Cheever who abstained as he missed the last meeting.**
- Public Comments – No public comment.
- Con Com Update – No meeting since the last LMC meeting where the 141 Congamond Road owner requested an amendment to the Order of Conditions (OOC) as he does not want to remove the docks annually by December 1 per the OOC. The owner subsequently withdrew the request without prejudice.
- Master Plan – Norm Cheever reviewed 3 of the MSPC survey questions:
 - a. “List streets and/or parts of town where sidewalks and additional parking capacity should be installed or extended over the next 20 years.” From a sidewalk perspective College Highway was number 1 with 70 votes; South Longyard Road was second with 40 votes; and, Powder Mill Road was third with 36 votes. From a parking perspective “All Rail Trail access points” was #1 with 74 inputs; “None needed” was #2 with 38 inputs and “Near lake launches and beach” was #3 with 30 inputs.
 - b. “Rate your satisfaction level for each of the following services that are currently provided by the Town of Southwick.” (Police, Fire, Ambulance/EMT, Roadway maintenance, Plowing, Water systems, Sewer systems, Transfer station, Senior services, Board of Health, and Other). Here is how they were rated with positive votes: Police- 701; Fire- 681; plowing- 665; EMT- 644; Transfer station- 579; Roadway maintenance- 373; Water systems- 305; Senior services- 220; Board of Health- 187, and sewer systems-182.

- c. “How important are the following services and amenities that could be provided by the Town of Southwick over the next 20 years?” Here is how they were ranked by number of positive votes: Wireless fiber infrastructure- 790; Alternative energy sources- 695; Additional community health services-627; Community center with meeting space- 622; More emergency services-622; Workforce training and education- 600; Additional senior services- 596; and, Municipal trash pick-up-470.
- 141 Congamond Road – As requested by members at the last meeting, LMC sent a letter to the Select Board summarizing its issues with same.
 - a. 150’ long docks will interfere with the interlake culvert navigation. MassDEP did not address this issue in the Draft License. The proposed remedy is to eliminate 6 spaces from the outboard end of the northern Dock #2 and the two outer spaces from the southern Dock #1.
 - b. Members are concerned about the discharge location of a reported lower level sump pump.
 - c. Members are concerned about the reduction of the island width for parking spaces that leaves only 2’ for foot-traffic resulting from the overhang of vehicles are parked in same. LMC members question the potential Town liability for allowing this condition.
 - d. LMC members recommend that the “Transient” and “Rental” Docks use should be swapped to reduce in/out boat traffic interfering with culvert traffic. The current Draft Chapter 91 License plan shows the Transient Dock as the northernmost dock. LMC, Doug Moglin and the Harbormaster concur with the proposed remedy.
- CRC update- No CRC meeting since the last LMC meeting. CRC Boat parade is planned for July 1. Eric Mueller will be speaking at the next CRC meeting. September 23 is the golf tournament at Edgewood with dinner at The Brass Rail. CRC is covering the cost of 9 buoy lights to be used – The buoys in the sand bar area.
- Buoys are not yet in the water due to motor problems with the LMC boat.
- Water level 224.68’ MSL and the water is running out strongly in Canal Brook following nearly 7” of rain on 4/23.
- Rick Guyotte owner of Ricky’s Porta Pottys is retiring after 20 years of service and has merged his company with Regional Restrooms, a larger also family-owned company in the eastern part of MA. LMC owns the porta-pottys at the two ramps.
- Short Term Rentals – Information was provided to members to read on their own time.
- People on North Pond observed putting their leaves and yard waste into the lake. Eric noted that this is illegal in MA and asked if the property owners have been approached by Con Com yet. CRC will help get the word out on this issue.
- Norm Cheever said that he would like to thank Dick Grannells and Eric Mueller for getting the 141 Appeal letter to MassDEP on time.
- **Eric Mueller made a motion to adjourn and Norm Cheever seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 87:55 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)