



# Town of Southwick

## Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held on September 28, 2023 7:00 P.M. via Hybrid Zoom Meeting 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, Jackie Senez, Doug Moglin, Michael Ruscio, Rick Anderson, Wanda Anderson, Lyle Rotondo, Chris Maille, Neilda Henke

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:17 pm
2. Members reviewed the minutes from the meeting September 14, 2023. **Mike Coombs made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Norm Cheever seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**
3. Public Comments – No public comment
4. Con Com Update (Norm) – Con Com did site visits at 112 Berkshire Ave for a retaining wall and 116 Berkshire Ave for removing 3 trees. Suffield Con Com enforcement at 579 Forrest Road. NOI for 81 Point Grove Road beaver hut removal was reviewed. Chris Pratt was reappointed to the Conservation Commission.
5. LPP budget (Norm) – \$41,206 in account. Jean Nilsson charges her LPP time to it but Chief is not using funds for patrols.
6. Master Plan Subcommittee (Norm) – No update as working on final version.
7. 141 Congamond Road – The Select board withdrew their appeal.
8. Boat & dock in Turtle Cove. Crestview owns the property and the dock & boat (not theirs) are to be removed as they have a buyer for the property.
9. CRC – Rope swing & tree removal issue. CRC members were asked to vote on CRC funding tree removal. Voting is closed. CPR training was cancelled and is being setup for 2 Tuesdays in October. CRC elections are coming up. Golf tournament was rescheduled to Columbus Day weekend due to heavy rains. Brightness and flash rate of buoy lights in sand bar channel will be increased.

10. 141 North Lake Ave Dock - Dock for 141 was placed by Mr. Goldberg in front of property at 137 North Lake Ave and also damaged the Tow Path property owned by the North Pond Views Association. Reportedly, several years ago the owner of 141 North Lake Ave put in an old wooden yellow dock in the same location that had to be removed.
11. Mass Boating License (Senate Bill #536) – Dick requested that all LMC member comments on this bill be emailed to him by tomorrow so he can prepare an email to be sent to local legislators.
12. While researching information on Powder Mill Road acceptance, Dick came across an entry for a 10/23/1963 Select Board meeting about the experimental Kaman Aircraft helicopter that crashed in Middle Pond where the public fishing pier is now located, The contractor constructed a temporary “road” off the point to allow retrieval of the helicopter. The contractor had told the Select Board that all “road” materials were removed. During construction of the fishing pier, that contractor found literally hundreds of cubic yards of fill material that was spread out in that area, rather than being removed as previously stated by helicopter removal contractor. That account for the shallow rubble-filled area in the cove to the east of the fishing pier.
13. Illegal Parking at North Ramp – Mass 320 CMR prohibits any general parking at their boat ramp facilities, as well as swimming and wading among other activities. The stated fine can be up to \$100 per violation.
14. Mike Coombs said that he completed his Ethics Training that is required by all members.
15. Scotty did a good job with beaver dam in the CT part of the Canal.
16. Paul Murphy noted that the Sheriffs are currently only approved to enforce MGL Chapter 90 and local water bylaws.
17. **Norm Cheevers made a motion to adjourn. Paul Murphy seconded the motion and all were in favor.**  
The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Shute - Secretary

cc (15): Ag Com, N, Cignoni, 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)