



Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held on January 11, 2024 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, Angelina Simone

Lake Management Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

- Members reviewed the minutes from the meeting November 9, 2023. Norm Cheever made a suggestion for a minor change in the minutes. **Mike Debay made a motion to accept the minutes as changed. Norm Cheever seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**
- Public Comments – No public comment
- Con Com Update (Norm) – 21 White Street Chapter 91 Certificate of Compliance was issued. 579 Forest Road Suffield, CT discussion about reported jetty. 81 Point Grove Road removed the beaver lodge after Fish & Wildlife approved. Some docks observed still in the water on Beach Road. Dock removal letters were sent out.
- Master plan still in the process of approval. Please respond on what is top priority 1. 2. 3.
- CRC Update – Boat wash discussion with respect to Hydrilla.
- Chapter 91 LPP Issues – There are still some docks that are in the lake. Jason Perron will represent Select Board for LPP meeting with Suffield.
- 141 Congamond Road Docks were not removed – Order of Conditions Special Condition was removed by Con Com.
- Turtle Cove – The docks were removed but we need to keep an eye out in 2024.
- Canal & Great Brook – 3 Beaver Dams – Solitude did a great job removing 3 beaver dams and debris in front of the Weir gates.
- 159 Berkshire Ave. – DPW & Planning Board will oversee corrective action plan. No more digging /clearing permitted at that site.

11. Hydrilla – There is lots of the new variant of Hydrilla in the Connecticut River and it has now made its way up the river to Agawam, MA. The Army Corps of Engineers will be addressing this new invasive variant. DCR is trying to join them with the treating Congamond. LMC needs to address assessment and treatment costs in the FY 2025 budget requests. Costs for invasives treatment in CY 24 and 25 are estimated to be double that of past years - \$24,000.
12. Annual report – LMC's Annual Report was approved as written. **Mike Debay made a motion to accept, Norm Cheever seconded the motion and all were in favor.**
13. LMC – Members reviewed the proposed FY25 LMC and Lake Restoration Budgets. **Malcom Debay made a motion to accept as presented. Deb Herath seconded the motion and all were in favor.**
14. LPP Permits forms – Association boat sticker fee is \$20.00 and should remain at \$20.00.
15. Ramp Attendants CY24 hourly rate was discussed and the consensus was to recommend (to Select Board) increasing the rate to \$17.00/hour at both ramps. **Mike Debay made a motion to recommend \$17.00/hour. Scotty Graves seconded the motion and all were in favor.**
16. LMC Next Zoom Meeting February 8, 2024
17. Everyone needs to do ethics training.
16. **Norm Cheever made a motion to adjourn. Eric Mueller seconded the motion and all were in favor.** The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted,

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)