



Town of Southwick

Lake Management Committee

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Minutes of meeting held on February 8, 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): Mary Ann

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

- Members reviewed the minutes from the meeting January 11, 2024. **Norm Cheever made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Malcom DeBay seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**
- Public Comments – No public comment
- Con Com Update (Norm) – 81 Point Grove Road Beaver Hut gone. Chapter 91 and license requested to do dredging where hut was located. Norm presented information on some docks, including 2 docks on Lakemont and part of one on Congamond Heights property that were left in the water past the December 1st cutoff in accordance with the LPP. Con Com is sending out letters to dock owners violating LPP.
- Master Plan Subcommittee (Norm) – The Planning Board still hasn't approved their Master Plan. Please respond on what is top priority 1. 2. 3.
- CRC Update (Deb) – Nothing new to report since last meeting. Next meeting is Tuesday night. Babbs Beach is free to CRC members.
- LPP Forms – Some members felt that the "Stickers" on forms is confusing. MA & CT letters are going out. Members agreed to Con Com using forms that they already approved and the LMC would work on proposing changes to LPP forms for the 2025 boating season.
- Ramp Attendant Pay – The Select board approved \$16.50 /hour for 2024 Ramp Attendants which is in line with Town Beach pay rate.
- Lake Level – The current lake level is 224.8' MSL. There was a brief discussion about the target winter lake level but it was agreed to postpone that discussion until the next meeting.

9. Mass Inland Dredging Grant – There is \$4M in the Rural Inland Waters Dredging and members agreed that we should apply for a grant (due by 11:59 AM on 2/29/24) to dredge the shallow cove adjacent to South Ramp. The grant Application entails a lot of work. Dick will coordinate with Eric Mueller and Ken Wagner.
10. South Ramp Building –Doug Cameron thinks that OFBA would have enough money to build a small building at South Ramp to replace the 8’ hexagonal Contact Station that was donated to LMC by DCR some 30 years ago. Dick plans to contact Westfield Technical Academy to see if they will construct it for LMC like they did for the Visitor Center at the North Ramp.
11. Ethics Training – Dick reminded all about it if not already done.
13. **Norm Cheever made a motion to adjourn. Deb Herath seconded the motion and all were in favor.** The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Shute - Secretary

cc (16): 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)