

## LAKE QUINSIGAMOND COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Old Selectmen's Room, Shrewsbury, Municipal Office Building

Present: Chairman, P.Collins, K.Polito, M. Paika, S.Valliere, J. Dumas; Cpt. Steele,

Absent:; Jordan Powers

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m

Chairman sadly announced John Wilson passed away last week, our longest serving member and who was very active with Grafton Conservation. Cpt. Steele made motion to grant in memory: a Friend of the Lake Award; seconded, unanimous. Will present to family member or wife, Lori

Motion to approve minutes from April 27, 2016 seconded, unanimous

Bills and expenses:

S.Valliere- Shrewsbury Post office service fee of \$106.00; Shrewsbury Treasurer invoices for dock renewals from 4/19-\$33.47; 4/22/16 -\$16.23 and 5/20/16 - \$20.46 Total= \$176.16

Motion to approve, seconded, unanimous

Commissioner's reports:

Chairman noticed more lake activity

b. Lake level is high, coffer dam is up, & water is over spillway

c. Dam gate is still under construction

d. Commissioner Dumas has pictures of the old dam. Cpt Steele, suggested for him to bring these in for next month's meeting. (comparison to new dam)

M. Paika: noticed more water fowl. No report

Jordan Powers: absent

Shrewsbury Police S. Valliere: Surveyed safety buoys last week, several have cracks & tape on them and suggest purchasing new buoys.

b. The Headway sign has not been installed by the new Bridge

c. Memorial Day approaching, Shrewsbury police will be patrolling along with Environmental Police. Noting speed limits need enforcing.

d. Noticed "new" grafetti, under the bridge on Shrewsbury side.

Barbara Kickham asked if cameras could be installed on both sides? And Brownie Beach another area for trash Cpt. Steele responded – will approach MA DOT. Some cameras are alive and others record only. Several monitor areas constantly.

S.Valliere- need a proposal or consider to purchase buoys at future meeting (each buoy cost \$300.00) Purchased from U.S.Marine in past. Several buoys are completely demolished. Need a complete buoy, chain, inventory , then place an order before next spring.

Worcester Police Cpt. Steele: no report, will follow up on camera info

K.Polito: At last month's meeting, it was voted to purchase 6 signs (trash & no trespassing) regarding Coast Guard Island. Question of island ownership and awaiting for decision from Brad Stone, Shrewsbury Conservation.

Commissioner Dumas: no report

Grafton Commission- vacancy

Chairman LeDoux- vacancy

Old Business: Chairman - 5yr lake plan is on hold. To include flow blockage located behind Sears Plaza.

b. Continue discussion of Dragon Boat races from last month: Ms. Suzanne St. De George from Worcester Telegram & Gazette. Proposed race & festival on August 13<sup>th</sup>, taking place in front of Regatta Point.

Working with Dynamic Dragon Boats Racing from Tennessee, this race is a charitable tie in with United Way. Total of 25-40 teams, 22 members on a team with 1 qualified steersperson, and 1 drummer per boat. All participants wear safety vests.

Discussed enforcement plan

- spoke with Fire Departments regarding safety (boat, jetskiis and several divers to be on board)
- Start 7:30am until 2pm
- Trials are 2 days before event
- Maintaining a wake zone is viable to enforce
- Consulted DRC, need to contact Sailing community

K.Polito suggested not to close ramp

P. Collins : IMPORTANT to Notify the public, “Restricted travel, speed zone and time frame”.

Motion made to approve August 13<sup>th</sup> event, seconded and unanimous

If anyone is interested in participating call 793-9483 or email [suzanneDegeorge@telegram.com](mailto:suzanneDegeorge@telegram.com)

Chairman : To discuss proposed Amendment to Special Acts to execute plans for Lake Management

Read out loud Chap.357 An Act Increasing the Scope of the Lake Quinsigamond Commission enacted 1973, as follows: Section 1A: “The commission shall assist town, city and state agencies by coordinating the water quality monitoring, pollution control activities, recreation management and fact-finding, in Lake Quinsigamond and its watershed, and shall cooperate with state agencies and conservation commissions by conducting research and fact-finding studies concerning said Lake and its watershed. The commission may receive gifts of funds or appropriations from the city of Worcester, and the towns of Shrewsbury and Grafton, to pay for the expenses of printing costs and studies incurred by the commission under authority of section two.”

Proposed:

Section 1A. The commission shall assist town, city, and state agencies by coordinating the water quality monitoring, pollution and vegetation control activities, recreation management, and fact-finding in Lake Quinsigamond and its watershed, and may execute and manage activities related thereto concerning said Lake and its watershed The commission may seek and receive gifts from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or appropriations from the city of Worcester, and the towns of Shrewsbury and Grafton, , to pay for the expense for printing costs, studies, and execution and management activities incurred by the commission under authority of section 1A

K.Polito- made motion to approve proposed changes, then forward to State Representative, for amendment in the House of Representatives. Seconded and unanimous approved.

P.Diggins: One more Saturday race until the Masters in July

Barbara Kickham, LQ Watershed Association:

- a. Working with Regatta Pt. Sailing, and Baystate Woodies; joining together for this years boat parade. Possibly next year to include the Dragon Boat races. Proposed date is September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm. Boat theme is “Favorite Country”. Expecting a good turnout, prizes, food truck, WSRS (music) to celebrate Lake Quinsigamond day. More information forthcoming. Special permits, insurance –completed.
- b. Last Saturday, attended a conference for Lake & Ponds Association. It was a six state Conference with New England Chpt of North American Lake Management Society. Topics of weed control, association’s involvement, weed detection, etc., were discussed. Overall – very informative.

- c. The culvert at Sears Plaza- has been in contact via email with MA DOT and they are trying to locate where the water comes from. We (together) should be asking MA DOT to clean out these storm-drains several times a year or more.

NEW BUSINESS: none

Motion to adjourn . 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted,  
K.Hemmerdinger