

## LAKE QUINSIGAMOND COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

New Selectmen's Room, Shrewsbury, Municipal Office Building

Present: Chairman, P. Collins, K. Polito, M. Paika, Cpt. Steele,

Absent: Jordan Powers, S. Valliere, J. Dumas;

No Quorum at 7:02 p.m call to order

Bills & Expenses: S. Valliere is absent, continue to next month

Approve minutes from May –continue to next month

Commissioner's reports:

Chairman: a sunken boat @246 S. Quinsigamond Avenue. Homeowner claims it is not theirs and Shrewsbury Police Dept has located & informed the boat owner. Commissioner Polito noticed vessel floating. Letter to be issued, needs license for a dock.

b. Irish Dam work has resumed this week. New gate may come as early as next week.

c. Majority of buoys are in place. Angela Snell bought two buoys in front of boat facility.

Next year, try to arrange placement of buoys -out further by Corazzini boat ramp.

d. Lots of discussion (solutions) on Facebook regarding vandalism on new bridge ranging from breaking of lights to paint grafetti. Noticed on the "bump outs", becoming an official hangout for kids.

MA DOT is planning to build a chain link fence down the bank parallel to bridge structure. They want to terminate the fence in the lake. Chairman suggests to invite MA DOT representative to discuss their proposed final details. Cpt. Steele noted that a fence will prevent the police from getting in and suggests to post a "No trespassing" sign, then arrests can be made.

e. Article in Worcester Telegram on 6/22/16. Fire Dept looking for authority for Dive teams to be present on special events held on the lake. Presently, for an event the sponsors need a permit from LQC, DCR and Parks & Recreation. Need to address with the City of Worcester if they issue a permit & the Fire Dept needs to sign off on. Will Shrewsbury & Grafton Fire require the same? To be continued

Commissioner Paika: comment concerning the Worcester Dive Team to assist each event- to enhance Safety, it's another cost to the sponsors and is it restrictive?

b. comment on bridge tagging; if a fence is agreed upon, include a gate w/key for Police.

c. Lt. Governor Polito came to the City, noting enhancing sewer project on rte 20

d. Upcoming Fourth of July Fireworks Friday evening & rain date Saturday. It's an annual event, reminding everyone to behave themselves, have fun, courteous and respectful of each other, and be safe. Make sure everyone has proper lighting. SPAC, has great videos from last year's event. Contact Bill Nay.

Commissioner Powers: absent

Cpt. Steele: no report

Commissioner Polito: received his letter for re-appointment to this commission from SCC for another term.

b. Signs for Coast Guard Island is ongoing- (signage will include: no overnight camping, no fires, trash, etc.)

Chairman noted that MA DOT, need signs for Burns Bridge: defining speed limit, No towing under bridge & headway speed sign - Now that there is more open water and more dangerous.

Need additional one at- Rams Horn Island- might become another camping area

Cpt. Steele will determine which department is patrolling this area

Commissioner Dumas: absent

Grafton Commission- vacancy

Chairman LeDoux- vacancy

7:15pm Quinn Engineering

John Burns, rep from B. Realty who's purchasing the Eastern Point remaining 8 development rights. "Our engineer from Quinn Engineering could not be in attendance tonight. All plans have been distributed to commissioners for review. This was an approved condominium development started in 1985, that was never finished. We are purchasing the remaining 8 units from the homeowners association & part of it, is installing 8 docks to service the new 8 units."

Discussion followed: concerned with rowing community, they need a traffic lane to be opened for residents during races.

- Active boating area
- New dock placement is within the cove
- Depth is relative deep
- concern of blind spot when exiting cove
- sq. footage of dock meet today's requirement

Suggestion for Mr. Burns to check depth, review design and discussions with QRA; then come back next month for approval & permits.

Commissioner Polito: "this plan has been approved by Shrewsbury Conservation Commission-same location as approved in 1985"

Mr. Mike Kalinouski of Canna Drive resident of the lake, hobby is underwater robotics- a search and recovery program. Interesting findings in the Lake, vary from cars to Indian artifacts. They have located several 55gallon drums with no holes, or cracks- contents unknown but have been marked and identified. Presented a slide show of items discussed. The process to remove, hiring divers, bag & tie, hoist and then test contents and removal is very expensive & whom would be responsible?

Barbara Kickham suggested to contact DEP first.

Regarding the Indian artifacts, the Nipmuc tribe has no resources for retrieving the mishoon canoes. Any contributions are welcome.

- Old Business:  
Chairman –  
Dragon Races- to date, no permit, Environmental or State permits, Fire Dept letter, race map, or insurance forms. Chairman will call Ms. Suzanne St. De George

P.Diggins: U.S. Masters to close lane at Park to add more boats.

Barbara Kickham, LQ Watershed Association:

- a. Found a new weed , (water chestnut) . This weed can be eradicated by pulling right out of the water ( does not root) If you find this in lake, please notify of it's location.
- b. Discussion of a future volunteer cleanup on Coast Guard Island.
- c. Comment regarding the rte 20 expansion –this will definitely help with sewer overflows
- d. EPA is offering a workshop (in a mobile laboratory) identifying bacteria at different levels. Especially the blue green algae. Tentative date is August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Corazzini Boat Ramp
- e. Reminder –Boat parade September 10<sup>th</sup>

NEW BUSINESS: none

Meeting adjourn .

Respectfully submitted,  
K.Hemmerdinger

