



**LAKE QUINSIGAMOND COMMISSION**  
Worcester ~ Shrewsbury ~ Grafton

**Meeting Minutes for March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Room**  
**Shrewsbury Town Hall, 100 Maple Ave, Shrewsbury, MA 01545**

**Present:** Peter Collins, Michael Paika, Lt. Jason Palmatier, Sgt. Jason Gaumont, Kenneth Polito, Bill Nelson

**Absent:** Sgt. Michael Vitols, Amanda Amory, Marie Stella Fiore

1. Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Vote to appoint LQC Officers for the calendar year.
  - Motion to approve Peter Collins for Chair made by Polito and second by Paika. All in favor. Passed.
  - Motion to approve Michael Paika for Vice Chair made by Polito and second by Nelson. All in favor. Passed.
  - Motion to approve Bill Nelson for Treasurer made by Polito and second by Gaumont. All in favor. Passed.
3. Review and act on the acceptance of the November 2022 Minutes.
  - Motion to approve November 2022 minutes made by Paika and second by Nelson. All in favor. Passed.
4. Review and Approval of Bills and Expenses:
  - a) Chase/Harris Portable Toilets: \$276.40; Porta potty rental at PD Boathouse July 1 through July 29, 2022
  - b) Chase/Harris Portable Toilets: \$276.40; Porta potty rental at PD Boathouse July 30 through August 27, 2022
  - c) Chase/Harris Portable Toilets: \$276.40; Porta potty rental at PD Boathouse August 28 through September 25, 2022
  - d) Community Advocate: \$79.20: Notice of refill.
    - Motion to approve February and March bills made by Nelson and second by Paika. All in favor. Passed.
5. Public Participation
  - a) None
6. Update Lake Management Plan
  - a) Lake Quinsigamond Drawdown
    - Dam is not at full capacity yet.
  - b) Weed Mapping on Lake Quinsigamond

- Mapped in 2022
  - c) Pilot Study for Natural Heritage
  - d) Invasive Treatments on Lake Quinsigamond and Newton Pond
  - e) Drawdown permits for Newton Pond
  - f) Grafton CPC Project
    - Project completed
  - g) Purchase and install 2 buoys for Kings Point no wake zone, and replace other damaged buoys, as needed.
    - Motion to approve funds not to exceed \$2,500 for the purchase of buoys and any related accessories made by Paika and second by Nelson. All in favor. Passed.
7. Discuss funding and proposed budget.
8. Commissioner Reports
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| Polito        | Updates from Shrewsbury Conservation Commission meeting.   |
| Paika         | Lake updates   |
| Nelson        | Docks at are going in this weekend at Donahue Rowing Center, but still under winter safety rules.                                  |
| Gaumond       | Update on new Worcester PD boat. A smaller boat available for use in Flint Pond.   |
| Lt. Palmatier | Newly created Community Services Division will cover boat patrols on Lake Quinsigamond; full-time patrols on water begin late May. |
9. Review and act on the raising of dock fees for 2023.
- a) 2022 Dock Fees were \$45 for residential and \$105 for commercial.
  - b) Proposed increase of \$5 each.
    - Motion to raise dock fees by \$5 each to \$50 for residential and \$110 for commercial made by Nelson and second by Paika. Voice vote taken, “ayes” have it. Passed.
10. Update from the Lakes and Ponds Program, City of Worcester
- a) Recording of State of the Lakes is now available online.
  - b) Worcester Cyanobacteria Monitoring Collaborative is looking for volunteers and will be hosting an informational and training session Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm online. For more information, see [WorcesterMA.gov/WCMC](http://WorcesterMA.gov/WCMC).
11. Review request for Quinsigamond Sprints Regatta on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7:30am to 11:30am.
- a) Master’s Leagues hosted by Worcester Boat Club and Quinsigamond Rowing Club
  - b) Out of Regatta Point, no ramp closures.
    - Motion to approve event Nelson made by Nelson and second by Polito. All in favor. Passed.

- c) Rowing Events Schedule with associated ramp closures available at [www.qra.org/regattas/lakeschd.php](http://www.qra.org/regattas/lakeschd.php)
- 12. Update from Lake Quinsigamond Watershed Association
  - a) Presentation of 2022 bacteria sampling results.
- 13. Review correspondence
  - a) Response from State Senator Michael Moore
- 14. Next Meeting
  - a) Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7pm in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Shrewsbury Town Hall.
- 15. Meeting adjourned 8:35pm.

**This meeting was held in-person in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Shrewsbury Town Hall and broadcast live on Shrewsbury Media Connection. A recording of this meeting will be available through Shrewsbury Media Connection (<https://www.shrewsburymediaconnection.org/>).**

*Submitted by*

*Alyssa E. Hammond*