



LAKE QUINSIGAMOND COMMISSION

Worcester ~ Shrewsbury ~ Grafton

Meeting Minutes for August 30th, 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, Amanda Amory, Bill Nelson

Absent: Kenneth Polito, Marie Stella Fiore

1. Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. Review and act on the acceptance of July 2023 Minutes.
 - Motion to approve July 2023 minutes made by Nelson and second by Amory. All in favor. Passed.
3. Review and Approval of Bills and Expenses
 - a) None
4. Public Participation
 - a)
5. Commissioner Reports

Paika	Increased use of Lake; turbidity is increased
Palmatier	Abandoned boat situation was taken care of; interagency enforcement occurred; planned for increased enforcement over upcoming weekend
Gaumont	Acquired new equipment for City-owned boats
Amory	Working on permitting for properties on City side; number of items on the agenda for the September Worcester Conservation Commission Meeting
Nelson	Rowing events will be increasing for next few weeks
Collins	Grafton has appointed a representative from the Grafton Conservation Commission. Create subcommittee to meet and discuss solutions to current Lake issues regarding safety and jet skis.
6. Review and possible act on request to closure boat ramp for the Regatta Point Sailing Fall Rowing event on Sunday, October 8th, 2023
 - a) Event approved for Lake use at a prior meeting

- b) Motion to approve ramp closure for Sunday, October 8th, 2023 made by Paika and seconded by Amory. All approved. Passed.
7. Review and possibly act on request from Quinsigamond Rowing Association for Fall events with ramp closures.
 - a) Included dates:
 - QRA Snake Regatta: Saturday, October 7th, 2023
 - QRA Wormtown Classic: Saturday, October 28th, 2023
 - b) Motion made to approve listed QRA events with ramp closures by Amory and seconded by Nelson. All approved. Passed.
8. Update Lake Management Plan
 - a) Lake Quinsigamond drawdown
 - b) Weed Mapping on Lake Quinsigamond
 - New map planned for next year
 - c) Pilot Study for Natural Heritage
 - d) Invasive Treatments on Lake Quinsigamond and Newton Pond
 - Treatment in Zone A on August 23rd
 - e) Drawdown permits for Newton Pond
9. Update from Nick Pagan, Senior Environmental Analyst, Lakes and Ponds Program, Department of Sustainability and Resilience, City of Worcester
 - Beaches at Regatta Point and Lake State Park continued to be closed for swimming; E. Coli is a localized issue and reports do not necessarily apply to the entire Lake
 - Sign up for beach closure text alerts: <https://www.worcesterma.gov/sustainability-resilience/recreational-waters>
10. Update from Barbara Kickham, Lake Quinsigamond Watershed Association
 - Update on bacteria sampling
 - Planning to present at the LQC October meeting
 - Next LQWA meeting planned for September 14th
11. Review correspondence
 - a) Lawrence Allen about jet skis and safety concerns
 - b) Question about boat ramp charge for veterans
12. Next Meeting
 - a) Wednesday, September 27th, 2023, at 7pm, location to be determined.
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.
 - a) Motion to adjourn made by Nelson, second by Amory. All in favor. Passed.

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Submitted by

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