



**Board & General Committee Meeting Minutes  
6/11/24 @ 7 PM The Brass Rail and Meeting House  
90 Point Grove Rd, Southwick**

**In Attendance: Board Members-** Michelle Pratt- President, Scott Snyder-Perusse- Vice President, Mike Orszulak- Treasurer, Corinne Pooler- Secretary, Deb Herath- Emeritus

**Associate Board Members:** Sharon Jones, Penni Mceleney, Mary Ann Philo

**Treasurer's Report** - Checking: 26,760.35 Savings:5,795.25 PayPal: 389.08  
Brokerage:76,762.48 Total: 109,707.16

**Membership:** 144 households paid to date (\$ 8,716.28)

**Includes Free entrance to Babb's Beach for the season. Active members have voting rights on pressing issues. Have your voice heard & become a member. Dues are \$30 per household. We are grateful to have a supportive community.**

**Memorial for Steve Schmid will be held at the Brass Rail on 08/03/24 from 2-6.**  
Come celebrate Steve with family and friends. RSVP  
to:[CelebrateSteveSchmid@gmail.com](mailto:CelebrateSteveSchmid@gmail.com)

**David Hanson Act** (Boater safety certificate req for boat operators in Mass) Approved in the house. Going to senate.

**Guest Speaker:** Lt. Rhett Bannish (Incoming Chief/Harbor master) on Lake Safety. Police Boathouse construction will start this fall. Est cost \$60,000. The new police boat should be ready in the next few weeks. Just finalizing the equipment installation. There is a life jacket loaner program available at North Ramp. Sheriff's Dept. is helping monitor the lake. They are reserve status on SPD. Which gives them Chapter 90b enforcement powers. This means they have the same authority the police have on the lake. Life Jacket Update. In Massachusetts, life jackets **must** be **worn** by: Canoeists and kayakers from September 15 to May 15, Youth under 12 years old, Personal watercraft users, Water skiers, and Stand-up paddleboard users. **LPP-** Selectboard member Jason Perone is working on negotiations with the town of Suffield. Soon will be finalized.

Harbormaster/Chief Landis unfortunately was unable to be present. He is retiring this month. He started the life jacket loaner program available at North Ramp launch. Also,

he put forth the article for ATM for the police boat house. We would like to thank him for all the work he has done for our community.

**PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY**

**Congamond Lake**  
Southwick



**Fish Contaminated with Per & Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)**

<b>CHILDREN UNDER 12; AND PEOPLE WHO ARE NURSING, PREGNANT, OR MAY BECOME PREGNANT:</b>	• Do not eat any fish (Statewide advice*)
<b>ALL OTHER PEOPLE:</b>	• Limit all fish to 1 meal/week

Issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. For additional information, please scan the QR code or call 617-624-5757.



\*This waterbody has not been evaluated for mercury. Per DPH's statewide fish consumption advisory for mercury, sensitive populations should not eat fish from this waterbody until more information on mercury levels is available.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration & Boat Parade 7/6. Patriotic &/or Jimmy Buffet theme.** 7/6 3 pm Band: Mac n Friends. 5 pm Opening ceremony then parade begins. Rain date 7/7

Band: 3 pm Ray Guilmette Jr ( Ray of Elvis) and King Country. Float up in front of Babb's Beach or park at Babb's 435 Babb Rd, Suffield, CT

**Annual Memorial Golf Tournament 9/14 @ Edgewood Dinner at Brass Rail.** Saunders Marina is offering a \$500 hole-in-one prize. Many raffle prizes. More info to come.

Schedule for volunteers to cleanup at the north pond property will be worked on.

**Needed: Ideas for Topics /Speakers:** Congamuck Indians, First Aid, Eagles,

**Possible Fundraisers: Thunderbirds, Yard goats, cornhole**  
**2024 Meeting Schedule: 7/9; 8/13; 9/10; 10/8**