



# Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club

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## Minutes of the April 18, 2017 Board Meeting

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: MAY 4 AT 7:30 PM**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: MAY 16 AT 7:00 PM**

**Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.**

**Officers Present:** Commodore: Butch Wagner  
Vice Commodore: Jeff Roberts  
Treasurer: Jo Anne Wells  
Agawam Rear Commodore: Rich Hardina  
Chester Rear Commodore: Jeremy Sawyer

**Board of Directors Present:** Dave Jenks  
Dave Lankowski  
Chris Romano  
Beth Sexton (acting Secretary)

**Absent:** Secretary: Geri McCarthy  
Board: Jeff Sexton  
Board: Fred Siedel

**Secretary:** Nine good-bye letters were sent to members for non-payment of dues. Maurice Thibodeau, former member and Commodore of SYCC, passed away last week at the age of 93.

<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Account Balances:</b>	<b>Permanent:</b>	<b>\$28,090.74</b>
		<b>Agawam:</b>	<b>\$8,328.87</b>
		<b>Chester</b>	<b>\$22,351.12</b>
		<b>House:</b>	<b>\$11,190.73</b>
		<b>Future:</b>	<b>\$22,156.28</b>
		<b>Checking:</b>	<b>\$64,360.01</b>

**Vice Commodore:** The upstairs kitchen will be closed for the upcoming April 30 work party for painting. Please use the downstairs kitchen. A project list will be e-mailed to members prior to the work party. Members are asked to see Ed Kelley, Chris Romano, Marcia Barker, or Gary Smith, who are coordinating the task list PRIOR to starting any work. There will be no yard work done that day.

Please let Jeff Roberts know if you cannot make the work party.

The Fire Department conducted their inspection on the facility and the following items must be completed: All 4 fire extinguishers must be hydro tested, batteries in the emergency lights must be changed, means of egress plans must be placed by doorways, the exhaust fan and duct work in the kitchen must be cleaned by a licensed company and stamped with official inspection sticker. This also needs to be inspected annually. Smoke detectors in basement need to be inspected annually, also.



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Please notify the Vice Commodore if you are interested in renting the hall. Placing your name on the calendar is not notification.

**Agawam Rear Commodore:** Work on the docks is progressing. **There is another work party in Agawam this coming Saturday, April 22 at 9 a.m.** Floats need to be changed out and bumpers need to be attached. There are approximately 5 slips open. **The regular work party is scheduled for Sunday, April 30.**

There was a discussion about boat motors and the Rear Commodore is stating that all members with slips must raise their motors while docked for the safety of the docks.

**Chester Rear Commodore:** Jeremy wants to thank everyone for their support in finishing this project. This week the trenches will be dug, poles put in place and concrete poured. Hopefully, shore power will be done by the following mid-week. The Wi-Fi is on but there is an issue with 1 router. The water is on, and repairs were needed because of some broken valves and pipes. Half of the hose reels have been installed. The cracked ramp was fixed; fire extinguishers that were out of date were inspected and tagged. A special thank you to Bart Gaugh and William Vile Jr. for use of their equipment. Loads of stone were brought down and the holes in the road will be filled and stone will be backfilled by bulkhead. Cathy Gibbs has decided to maintain her membership. An Easter Egg Hunt was held for the kids on Saturday. Wendy Goulet coordinated the event – on behalf of the kids and their parents – thank you, everyone that participated had a good time. We are aware of the weed situation in the basin and different solutions are being evaluated. There are currently 2 slips on the south side that are available and 1 on the north side. **Additional work parties are being held on both Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23 at 9 a.m. to complete this major project. Please come and help if you can.**

**As previously stated: “There will be no exceptions or tolerance for making any alterations to the decking configuration, electrical poles, lights, cable wiring, or hose reels once this project is completed. This will not be allowed with the updated dock and electrical system. All cable wiring will be completed by Jeff Sexton or Comcast workers only. Anyone that decides to try to alter anything on the dock system in any way will be asked to leave the basin permanently. If you know of any Chester basin residents that do not receive these e-mails please let them know ASAP so we will not have any misunderstandings or problems.”**

**Membership:** The following members were presented for Flag Membership:

Jonathan Eames – sponsored by Jeremy Sawyer and Matt Wright

Doug Conner – sponsored by Bart Gaugh and Bob Larkin

TJ Doody – sponsored by Geri McCarthy and Gary McLean

The following Flag Member was presented for Active Membership: Eric Hollander

The board voted unanimously to approve all 4.

A previous member, Ken Kaufman, approached the board and stated he was interested in rejoining. He was previously sponsored by Ed Spellacy, Jr. and Joe Giannetti.



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**Finance Committee:** There was a lengthy discussion again about how to properly fund the club. Al Gag, Finance Committee member, recommends a dues increase to \$395 and provided supporting facts about the membership dues and slip fees from the Longmeadow Yacht Club and surrounding marinas establishing that our dues structure is not in line with current economic times. At a full capacity membership of 150 members with your \$262 dues - \$209.73 goes to fund the taxes and insurances for the properties in Agawam and Chester. That leaves a balance of \$52.27 per member to fund the house. Our 2017 budget was based upon 138 members which is where we were at the beginning of 2017. Based upon 138 members with \$262 in dues - \$228 funds the taxes and insurances for properties in Agawam and Chester with \$34 per member to fund the house expenses. Either way, at 138 or 150 members there is no room for error or additional expenditures if things occur with our current dues amount.

Several board members were in agreement that a financial plan needs to be created so we can develop a 5-10-40 year plan for the club. Al would like to bring in an independent financial advisor to assist with this.

Tom Bromley addressed the Board regarding the e-mail sent to the membership. He is also looking for something in the form of a financial policy for the club.

**Entertainment Committee:** A flyer was sent out for the May 13<sup>th</sup> Open House. Help is needed on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> to help with set up and on May 13<sup>th</sup> with assisting with tours, concession, and clean-up. See flyer for more details.

**Nominating Committee, Planning Committee, Bylaw Committee, and Quartermaster:** No report.

**Unfinished Business:** Butch Wagner received a letter from Gary Geiger resigning his membership.

**New Business:** Walls in basement to be reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Sexton  
Acting Secretary