

COMMUNICATION:

To: Water Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Recreation Department, Rec Advisory, Board of Selectman, Animal control officer, Lake Management Review Committee, Robert Maidman, Chief Bernstein, Fred Turkington

From: Lake Management Study Committee

Date: June 3, 2015

Re: Use of Lake Massapoag in 2015

With the summer swimming and boating season upon us, the Lake Management Study Committee would like to remind town committees of two guidelines applicable to the safe and appropriate use of Lake Massapoag for recreational purposes.

1. Massachusetts Chapter 444 Act of 2012 'An Act Protecting Lakes and Ponds from Aquatic Nuisances'

This act provides guidelines for mitigating the risk of spread of invasive weed species among bodies of water. It applies to Sharon at the public boat launch relative to monitoring boats and boat trailers for weeds. It is highly likely that the invasive weed species treated in 2014 were introduced to our lake on a trailer or boat of a vessel which launched at the town boat ramp.

Our committee recommends that this Act be strictly enforced on Lake Massapoag at all times during the boating season.

For your convenience, this is a link to the MA state website which contains the Act in it's entirety:
<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2012/Chapter444>

2. Article #28 issued by the Sharon Board of Health in 2013.

Article #28 states that from April 15 through October 15th, dogs are banned from our public beaches. This article was created to protect the health, safety and well-being of the users of Veteran's Memorial Park Beach and the Community Center Beach. Service animals and animals boarding boats at the boat launch are exempt.

As per the article, enforcement may be by the Animal Control officer, any police officer, members of the Conservation Commission, the conservation agent, members of Lake Management Committee, or by any Board of Health agent. As members of the Lake Management Study Committee, we intend to do our part.

For your convenience, a copy of Article #28 is attached.

We hope that strict enforcement of these guidelines will optimize the health of the lake itself and decrease the likelihood of health related problems of individuals enjoying the lake.

Collegially,

The Lake Management Study Committee

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