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MLPOA
**Monomonac Lake Property
Owners Association**

President's Message

Now that the winter is behind us we can once again begin to think about all the wonderful days of summer ahead. I am sure we are all eager to repair winter damage to our property, launch our watercraft and enjoy all the recreational opportunities we are fortunate enough to enjoy on Lake Monomonac.

Spring and summer is also a busy time for the MLPOA Board of Directors. Some of the activities and issues the board members and volunteers are involved with include the John Sarason Lake Education Day, Exotic Milfoil Weed Treatment, Water Quality Testing and Reporting, Lake Host Program and the MLPOA Annual Meeting. We are working closely with the Winchendon Springs Lake Association (WSLA) on the issue of the annual draw down of the lake. A three foot draw down is being considered in an effort to help control the spread of invasive plants. Since the dam is on the Winchendon side of the lake, permission is needed from the Winchendon Conservation Commission and Massachusetts DES. The Winchendon Conservation Commission denied our request for the three foot draw down last fall. Their concern was over the affect it would have on any shallow wells still in use on the lake. The commission suggested that both associations conduct a survey to determine the number of shallow or dug wells which are still in use as the primary water source. In order to help with this effort we would appreciate if you would complete the short well survey form included in the newsletter and mail it in the envelope with your dues or fill it out online at our website www.Monomonac.org

In closing I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, fun filled summer however, we must remember to be vigilant with regards to those things that can negatively affect the environment and water quality of the the lake. For more information please join us at this year's annual meeting which will be held at the recreation building Wellington Park on Saturday, July 16th at 8:30a.m. for coffee and 9:00a.m. for the meeting.

Phil Simeone, President



MLPOA Dues at Work

MLPOA was founded in 1970, some 46 years ago, by several forward thinking residents who wanted to preserve the natural beauty of our lake and to ensure that future generations would enjoy the same quality of life. MLPOA membership and associated dues are essential for continuing the work of maintaining the quality of the lake in all its natural beauty.

The Officers, Board of Directors, and Members will continue working hard this year to make a positive difference:

President's Message and mailings

Lake Education Program on June 2, 2016 for grade five Rindge and Winchendon students

Exotic Milfoil Weed Treatment for up to 30 acres on June 6, 2016

Annual Meeting July 16, 2016

Water Quality Testing and Reporting throughout the summer months

Lake Host Program July and August to educate boaters and reduces milfoil

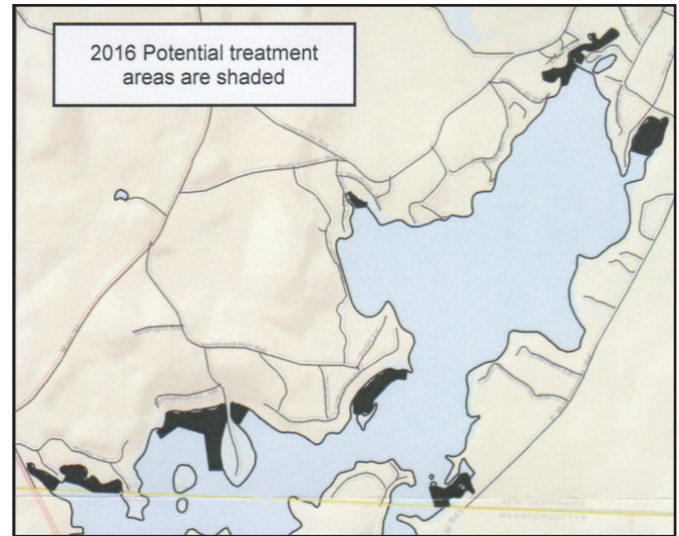
Homepage and Facebook information and conversation (www.Monomonac.org)

Your dues and efforts help make these services possible.

Lake Monomonac provides beauty and enjoyment across all the seasons. Maintaining it's quality is central to our mission. After all, a high quality lake ensures our enjoyment and preserves our property values.

Please encourage others who are not yet members to join this worthwhile organization.

Thank you for your membership and support of Monomonac Lake Property Owners Association.



Lake Health

Weed Treatment Alert

Tentative Treatment Areas are cross-hatched (Up to 30 acres within the hatched areas)

SOLitude Lake Management, of Sherwsbury, MA has been contracted by the Monomonac Lake Property Owners Association to chemically treat portions of Monomonac Lake in Rindge for control of non-native milfoil. Portions will be treated with the USEPA/State registered Reward (Diquat) herbicide, EPA Registration Number 100-1091 Monday, June 6, 2016.

The following temporary water use restrictions apply to all intakes within 1,200 feet of the treatment areas, drawing water for drinking or irrigation purposes, and to all wells and points within 50 feet of the treated areas:

- **No swimming for 24 hours following treatment, within 200 feet of treated areas.**
- **Do not use this water for livestock/domestic animal consumption for 1 day, within 200 feet of treated areas**
- **Do not use this water for drinking, irrigation or for mixing sprays for turf or landscape ornamental plants for 3 days**
- **Do Not Use this water for irrigation to food crops or for mixing sprays for agricultural or production ornamental plants for 5 days**

The shoreline will be posted with signs warning of the temporary water use restrictions that will be imposed, immediately prior to treatment. If you have any questions concerning this treatment, contact SOLitude Lake Management at 508-885-0101.



Scan QR code to go to
www.Monomonac.org/lake-health/



Shallow Wells - Do Drawdowns Effect Your Well?

There has been much controversy and rumors about this past year's drawdown of the lake. Since the dam and spillway are located in Winchendon, MA and permission for a drawdown must be granted in an Order of Condition approved by the MA DEP and Winchendon Conservation Commission. The Order of Condition that has been in place for the past few years has been for a 2' drawdown starting around Oct. 15.

In August 2015 the Winchendon Springs Lake Association (WSLA) asked if MLPOA would support them in an effort to seek a 3' drawdown instead of 2' in an effort to control some of the Milfoil and to allow property owners a chance to do repairs. Our association agreed and MLPOA sent a letter of support.

Members of the WSLA presented their case for the additional drawdown in a preliminary hearing of the Winchendon Conservation Commission. They were denied at that time because of issues with the owners of the Mylec/mill building. Those issues seem to be resolved but in WSLA's research they discovered the old Order of Condition had expired. Since a new one had to be written and approved it was decided by both associations to ask for a 3' draw down for 2015 instead of the 2'.

WSLA wrote the new order and presented it to Winchendon Conservation Commission on Oct. 22. WSLA along with Wendy Gendron of Aquatic Restoration Consultants presented the new Order of Condition with the 3' draw down to the members. Without going into great detail they were asked many questions about why they wanted a 3' draw down, when the draw down should begin and end and how it would affect the health of the lake and property owners. They also questioned why the old order had expired. The WSLA representatives were well prepared and did an excellent job in addressing the commissioners concerns and questions but in the end were denied the new Order of Condition.

The determining factor in the commission's decision seemed to be the issue of shallow wells and that all property owners had not been notified of the intent to draw the lake down an additional foot. When opened to the public a lake resident

spoke of his concerns for his and other residents shallow wells and that a survey should have been conducted by both associations to determine the number of shallow wells still in use around the lake. His testimony seemed to be the one of the main determining factor in the commission's decision.

The commission's final decision was to allow an emergency draw down of 2' for 2015 and to reopen the hearings after the commission members have done some research and the associations have conducted a survey to identify all the shallow wells and a plan of notification. MLPOA would like to survey the NH lake residents to see if there are concerns about shallow wells. If you could take the time to fill out this survey below we can help determine the future of the drawdown level on our lake.



SURVEY: Please fill out this survey to help us with future decisions concerning Monomonac Lake drawdown levels

Property Owner's name _____

Property Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

1. Do you currently use a shallow well? YES/NO
2. Has your well ever run dry due to a Lake drawdown? YES/NO

If YES please explain circumstances _____

Please put into envelope enclosed with you dues.

Questions or comments?
 Contact Phil at philsimzvm@gmail.com
 or home phone 603-899-6712.

Like to fill this out online? Go to www.Monomonac.org/the-survey-do-drawdowns-affect-your-wells/



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Annual Meeting July 16th
Rindge Recreation Building,
Wellington Park

Coffee and snacks at 8:30 am

Meeting at 9:00 am

Join Us!

Join us today and support YOUR Lake!

Lake Champion	\$500
Lake Protector	\$250
Lake Warden	\$100
Lake Supporter	\$50

Annual Dues collected each Spring



Please Renew Your Membership Now

Monomonac Lake Property Owners Association exists by and for all those families who use and enjoy this beautiful natural treasure. Your membership and participation is essential for the good work that is accomplished. Because of your support, MLPOA is able to provide:

- Exotic Milfoil Weed Treatment
- MLPOA Newsletter and Mailings
- MLPOA Annual Meeting
- Water Quality Testing and Reporting
- John Sarasin Lake Education Day, 5th Grade Students, xx Rindge and Winchendon
- Lake Host Program to reduce the risk of milfoil contamination

Please continue your membership in MLPOA and encourage others to join. These Programs keep a clean and clear Lake and are funded by your membership. These programs benefit us all. We need to rely on your continuing membership and your help in getting your neighbors to join if you want these programs to continue. Enclosed is an envelope for your dues. Please join and help keep Monomonac the natural treasure that we all enjoy.

Send your dues to:

Visit us at

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