



GOOSE POND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT DISTRICT NEWS

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2022 Annual Meeting

The 2022 Annual Meeting will be held

Saturday, May 28, 2022

At the Tyringham Fire Company Pavilion starting at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Toni Thomas is up for re-election to the Prudential Committee.

We urge everyone to attend the meeting for updates on activities and to meet the quorum requirements set forth by the Commonwealth. However, we understand that people have individual circumstances that may not attendance. The District is required, by the Commonwealth, to obtain a quorum at the Annual Meeting, to pass the budget. If we do not get a quorum, we will need to reschedule, which can be problematic for our budget, ending on June 30, 2022, and costly. **If you cannot or do not want to attend the meeting, then please fill out the proxy. The proxy can be mailed back to the District, nominating the person who will represent your vote at the meeting, or hand deliver it to any District member who will be in attendance. Proxy ballots are included herein, or a blank one can be found on our website. Our Prudential Committee Members are more than willing to represent your vote as their attendance is required. Please reach out to the District to help navigate you with this process.**

Email Me!

If you want to be kept up to date on meetings, drawdowns or even reach out to your neighbors about lost boats, please make sure to email the District!! You can contact the District Superintendent at goosepondmanager@gmail.com with your name and email address. We will add you to the emailing list.

GPMD
P. O. Box 519
Lee, MA 01238

Fishing and Swimming

Goose Pond does not have any public beaches or bathing areas, nor any areas to publicly fish. This includes at the boat ramp, where it is posted on the kiosk, and the dam, which is private property. On several occasions people were found using the boat ramp to both swim and fish. Pursuant to 320 CMR 2.04, it is unlawful for any person to conduct the following uses or activities within a public access facility: (1) camp, swim, sleep overnight, picnic, loiter, gamble or drink alcoholic beverages; (13) fish within a 50-foot radius of any boat launch ramp or associated pier or float system. This is for the safety of both the boaters and swimmers. If you encounter swimmers or fishermen, please reach out to the Tyringham Police Department at (413) 243-1749 ext.104, to resolve the matter. They monitor the Boat Ramp.



Invasive Updates

The District, in our ongoing effort to stay on top of the Eurasian milfoil and phragmites problem, completed a survey of Goose Pond in the fall of 2020 by Water Resource Services (WRS) with a follow up treatment of both by SOLitude Lake Management in 2021. Below please find a summary of each specific treatment plans.

These problematic plants grow both on the shoreline (phragmites) and within the shallow depths of the bottom of the pond (milfoil). The District has a successful history of using both the annual drawdown

in conjunction with herbicide treatments to keep these plants at bay.

Eurasian Milfoil

Both Upper and Lower Goose Pond were surveyed in the Fall of 2020 for the presence of Eurasian Milfoil. The District performed a lake wide treatment during the Summer 2017 growing season and a selective hand pulling in the spring of 2020. These treatments have been successful.

Milfoil was found in Upper Goose Pond, 13 plants in a previously hand harvested area. The rest of Upper Goose is looking clean and full of native vegetation. There were 12 areas along the south shore of Lower Goose Pond that have milfoil plants, ranging from a few plants to a 1,000 square foot patch. Currently, the milfoil is not considered an extreme condition, however, it should be managed before it will spread.

SOLitude Lake Management visited Goose Pond on June 24, 2021, to complete an herbicide treatment for milfoil. This treatment was performed utilizing a boat and a properly dosed mixture, distributed evenly throughout surveyed areas using submerged hoses. This helps to treat the target areas in a more direct manner.

Phragmites (Common Reed)

The first widespread treatment of Phragmites by the District was in 2016. This proved successful for about 2 years. Surveys completed on Goose Pond in 2018 and again in 2019 found several returning strands along the shoreline, approximately 37 areas totaling 18,500 square feet, which were treated in the fall 2019. The most recent survey in 2020 found that 12 of the previously treated areas had either regrown or had lateral expansion along the shoreline. This new growth totals approximately 7,500 square feet. All the areas identified were in Lower Goose Pond.

SOLitude Lake Management visited Goose Pond on October 14, 2021 to complete an herbicide treatment

for phragmites. This treatment was performed utilizing a boat, and the herbicide mixture was applied directly to the phragmites as a foliar application.

Once the phragmites die, they can be removed from the shoreline by homeowners. It can be cut and burned or bagged and removed from the site. The area can also be covered in mats as done in past years. All methods to remove the plant must be done by hand, no mechanical means are permitted.

Upon completion of both treatments, SOLitude returned to Goose Pond to perform a post treatment survey. This survey concluded that no milfoil was observed in the lake, and several native species were identified in these areas, also, in the phragmites treatment areas, only dead stalks were found. The District has engaged the services of WRS to complete a May survey to determine further effectiveness of last seasons' treatments.

The Committee strongly suggests that if you see any signs of phragmites or Eurasian Milfoil around the lake, please feel free to reach out to any Prudential Committee Member, the District Superintendent or submit an inquiry on the website. Information about phragmites can be found on the website.



To fertilize... or not to fertilize

Who doesn't love a bright, green, lush lawn, extending right down the lake edge, right? But at what cost? Do you know what is in that fertilizer? Whether you buy it from your local lawn and garden

store, or hire that 'lawn guy', these fertilizers can contain excessive phosphorus and nitrogen levels, which are dangerous to our lake's ecosystem. High levels of these elements running off into the lake is what causes algae blooms, can increase disease problems, reduce a lawn's tolerance to high and low temperatures, and can harm or kill fish and plants. Consider other options in your lawn and along the shoreline, like planting native groundcover, low flowering plants or shrubs. These alternatives help filter runoff, can be aesthetically pleasing, help deter the geese and decrease your lawn maintenance time! Please make sure to do your research, test your soil, and follow all local and state guidance when contemplating fertilizing.



As always, you may submit requests for written information to the District at P.O. Box 519, Lee, MA 01238, or by contacting the District Superintendent by email at goosepondmanager@gmail.com or by phone at (413) 358-0623.

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