



# GOOSE POND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT DISTRICT NEWS

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## 2023 Annual Meeting

The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held on

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

**at Lee Elementary School  
310 Greylock Street, Lee, MA**

**starting at 2:00 p.m.**

Mr. Joe Janis is up for re-election to the Prudential Committee.

The District is required, by the Commonwealth, to obtain a quorum at the Annual Meeting, to pass the budget. As in years past, we urge **everyone** to attend the meeting for updates on activities, and to meet the quorum requirements set forth by the Commonwealth. If we do not get a quorum, we will need to reschedule, which can be problematic for our budget, ending on June 30, 2023, and costly. However, we understand that people have individual circumstances that may not allow attendance. **If you will not be attending the meeting, please fill out the proxy. Proxy ballots are included herein, or a blank one can be found on our website. 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. 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 this process.**

### Email Me!

If you haven't already, you can contact the District Superintendent at [goosepondmanager@gmail.com](mailto: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

## New Boat Ramp Dock

Have you been down to the Goose Pond boat ramp this year? Have you seen the new boat ramp dock? If not, make sure to check it out this summer!

In the Summer 2022, the Department of Fish and Game filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) Application with the Tyringham Conservation Commission for the installation of a concrete boarding ramp, and a seasonal floating dock at the Goose Pond Boat Ramp. Per the NOI, *“The Department of Fish and Game, Office of Fishing and Boating Access is charged with the responsibility of providing access to all public waters, both inland and marine, in Massachusetts. The existing ramp was replaced in 2018. It has been determined that this facility would benefit from the addition of a boarding float system. Boarding floats allow easier launching and retrieving for all users of the ramp. It also makes the facility more accessible for users with varying abilities.”* Construction on the concrete boarding ramp took place in the fall of 2022, with the seasonal floating dock to be installed in the spring of every year and removed in the fall.



The purpose of this dock is to assist boaters and kayakers with putting their boat in and out of the pond. It is not the intent of the dock to be utilized for fishing or swimming. Pursuant to 320 CMR 2.04, it is

unlawful for any person to conduct the following uses or activities within a public access facility (boat ramp): (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, or anyone abusing the ramp, please reach out to the Tyringham Police Department at (413) 243-1749 ext.104, to resolve the matter.

## Know the Rules and Regulations

Goose Pond is a water of the Commonwealth, a resource protected by 310 CMR 10.00 – The Wetlands Protection Act. In addition to the pond, streams, wetlands, and floodplains are also a few of the protected resource areas found in and around our District.

Do you have a project that requires work close to any of these resource areas? A house addition, new septic system, or even digging a trench? Do you currently have a dock, or are thinking about putting a dock in? Then you should reach out to your local Conservation Commission before you begin to answer any questions you may have. Information and links for permits and licensure can be found on our website.

Lee Conservation Commission (413)243-5500 ex: 971

Tyringham Conservation Commission (413)243-1749 ex: 102

## Invasive Updates

Goose Pond contains both the invasive species Eurasian Milfoil, and Phragmites (Common Reed). 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 managed.

Water Resource Services (WRS) completed its most recent invasive survey of Goose Pond in June 2022. This survey revealed the minor presence of Eurasian Milfoil in a small area of Lower Goose Pond. Results of this survey also highlighted that with the eradication of Milfoil from numerous areas around the pond, several communities of native pond plants have returned and are thriving. These native communities will help reduce the presence of milfoil, however, monitoring and treatment will be ongoing. It was the decision of the District to forego treatment last year based on the positive survey results.

The District has engaged with WRS to complete a survey in late April/early May 2023, with the expectation a spot treatment will be needed in the Summer 2023. Updated information regarding treatments, surveys and any water restrictions can be found on our website.

Several areas of phragmites have been identified along the shoreline. Some of these are dead stalks not removed from previous treatments, and others are new or expanded growth. It is expected the District will complete spot treatments in the fall 2023.

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.



## Fertilizer Facts

Do you know what is in your fertilizer? Do you know how and when to apply it? Is the company you hired trained and certified in applying it? These are all important questions when trying to obtain that perfect green lawn. This is especially important when your lawn runs off into the pond. 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](mailto:goosepondmanager@gmail.com) or by phone at (413) 358-0623.

### Officers / Staff

Joseph Janis, Chairman	Until 2023
Timothy Puntin	Until 2024
Toni Thomas	Until 2025
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Peter Beckwith	Dam Monitor (backup)
Peggy DeSantis	District Clerk and Treasurer
Sarah Gale	District Superintendent