



# GOOSE POND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT DISTRICT NEWS

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2017



Island In Upper Goose Pond,  
September 2016

## *Happy New Year from the Goose Pond Maintenance District!*

We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and rang in the New Year with excitement! There is plenty going on at Goose Pond to be excited about!

### ***Permit Application Status Update***

The Notice of Intent permit application for the herbicide treatment of Goose Pond was submitted for in May 2016, after the

previous permit had expired in April 2016. The District was represented by Ken Wagner of Water Resource Services (WRS) during the public hearing process. Mr. Wagner prepared the study of the lake over the previous year and provided guidance for the treatment of both Eurasian milfoil and Phragmites in Goose Pond. This Permit Application was during a joint Lee and Tyringham Conservation Commission meeting and an Order of Conditions was approved on May xxx, 2016. This permit is valid for 3 years, with the ability to request an extension for up to 3 additional years.

The Notice of Intent Permit Application for the Drawdown of Goose Pond was submitted in September 2016. It was originally calculated that the Order of Conditions for the drawdown was valid until 2017, but it was discovered that a clerical error voided the permit. Therefore, in order to drawdown Goose Pond this year, the application needed to be filed and approved. Luckily WRS was available to assist with this submission. The Permit Application was heard during a joint Lee and Tyringham Conservation Commission and an Order of Conditions was approved on September 2016. This permit is valid for 3 years, with the ability to request an extension for up to 3 additional years.

Also, the Goose Pond Dam was due for the bi-annual dam inspections, a Phase 1, in August 2016. Berkshire Engineering, Inc. was hired to complete the inspection and prepare the report required for the state. The inspection determined that the dam is in good condition and only minor repairs are necessary.

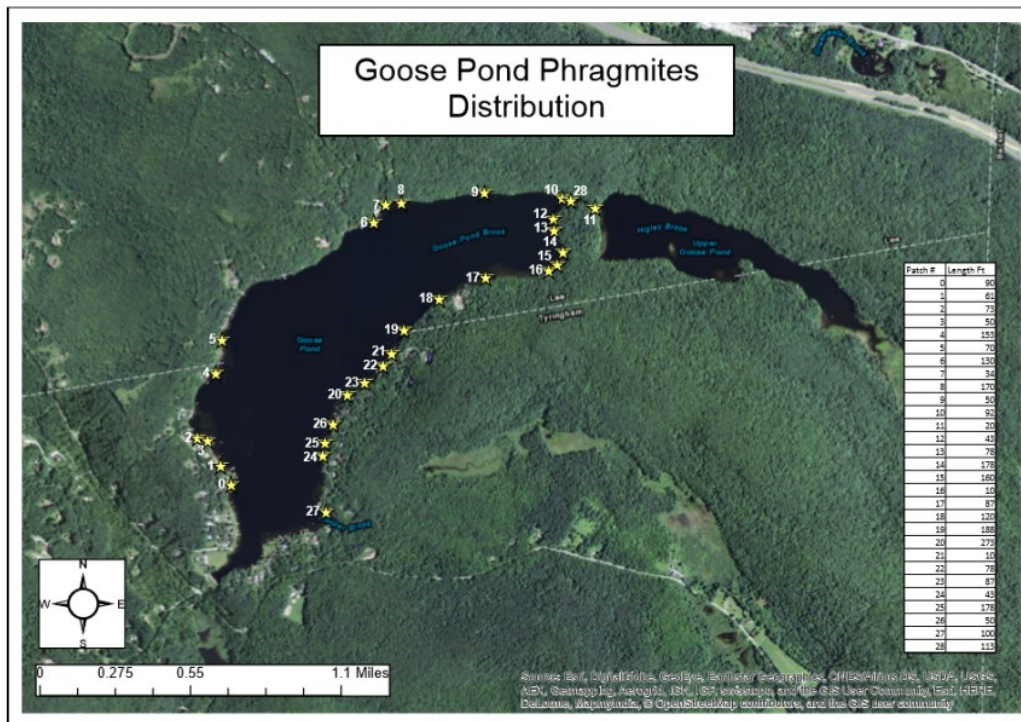
## Invasive Weed Treatment

Initially, herbicide treatments in Goose Pond were planned for the 2017 growing season. However, there were numerous comments and concerns brought to the attention of the District regarding the increase weed nuisance in Goose Pond. With the necessary permits now in place, the District reached out to WRS to prepare a current survey and study of the phragmites and milfoil in the pond. It was determined that the invasive species had spread from the study prepared just a year ago.



Lesiure Lee Beach with a stand of Phragmites to the left

This new study would allow the District to solicit bids for the herbicide treatment of the pond. Phragmites are best treated in the fall, when the plant begins to become dormant. Milfoil is best treated in the spring, when the plant is striving for nutrients to grow and spread.



In the fall of 2016, the District contracted with SOLitude, formerly ACT, to perform a spray-treatment of the mapped areas of phragmites. As the plant dies, some of you may notice this along the

edge of the pond, or just inside the waters edge. These plants can be cut, bagged and disposed of in your trash, or alternatively they can be burned.



## ***Tax Bills***

The annual Goose Pond Maintenance District Tax bill was sent out at the end of December 2016. This bill will be due by April 3, 2017. Anyone with questions should contact Peggy DeSantis with any questions.

## ***Information***

As we move into the digital age, the Prudential Committee requests that any district member that would like to receive newsletters or other information from the Committee via email, to please email the District Superintendent at [goosepondmanager@gmail.com](mailto:goosepondmanager@gmail.com) with your name and email address. We will add you to the mailing list. This will allow us to provide you with the most up to date information in the most efficient means possible. While we transition, we will still send out information by regular mail.

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 Sarah Gapinski by email at [goosepondmanager@gmail.com](mailto:goosepondmanager@gmail.com) or by phone at (413) 358-0623.

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