



Connection between Upper Goose Pond and Lower Goose Pond during drawdown, Winter 2015



GOOSE POND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT DISTRICT NEWS

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2016 Annual Meeting

The 2016 Annual Meeting will be held **Saturday, May 28, 2016** at **Lee Elementary School** starting at **2:00 p.m.** Mr. Roy Rapp is up for re-election to the Prudential Committee.

We urge everyone to attend the meeting for updates on activities and to help us to meet the Commonwealth's quorum requirements; if we do not get a quorum, we will need to reschedule the Annual Meeting at the District's expense.

If you cannot attend the meeting, then please fill out the proxy. The vote proxy certifications and warrant are folded with this newsletter.

New District Superintendent

Jason Krzanowski was the district superintendent for the Prudential Committee for the past 6 years. As of January 1, 2016 he has resigned from the position due to job relocation. The Committee appointed Sarah Schultz as the new district superintendent. Ms. Schultz lives in Lee, Massachusetts and has over 12 years in local environmental design and permitting and is familiar with the area. She should be contacted on issues or concerns that come up regarding Goose Pond. Her number is (413) 358-0623 and her email is goosepondmanager@gmail.com.

We thank Jason for his service and wish him well on future endeavors.

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Update on Permit Applications

Work associated with Goose Pond is allowed under environmental permits issued by both the Lee and Tyringham Conservation Commissions. Currently, there are 2 permits in place for work currently on Goose Pond; A drawdown permit and an herbicide treatment permit.

Drawdown

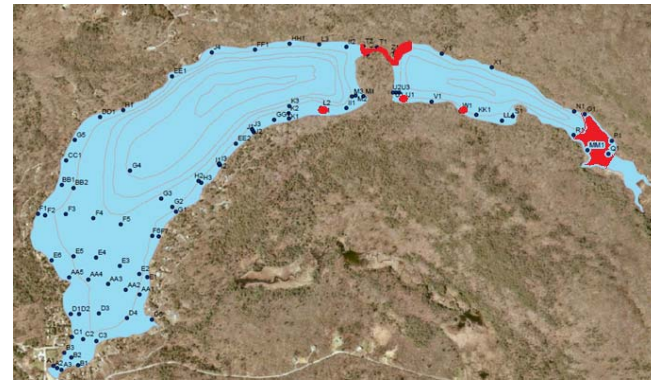
Each October the gate valve at the outlet of Goose Pond is opened and this allows the lake levels to lower to approximately 6 feet below the spillway of the lake. Originally this draw down was performed in conjunction with the mill operation. Now, this allows for flood control of the lake during the winter months and assists with the treatment of invasive species in the lake. The Order of Conditions permitting drawdown was originally issued in 2007, extended in 2010 and by virtue of the permit extension act issued by state extended until is going to expire in October 2017. Both the Lee and Tyringham Conservation Commissions have requested that a new Notice of Intent Application be filed with regard to future drawdowns. This application is being prepared by WRS Water Resource Services, Inc. (WRS) out of Wilbraham, MA and will be submitted in the Fall/Winter of 2016.

Herbicide Treatment

Invasive species have been located in Goose Pond for a number of years, dating back prior to the first baseline report prepared in 1995. The most recent survey by WRS completed in the summer of 2015 has determined there are both Eurasian Milfoil and Common Reed (Phragmites) located in the lake. While the number of plants is considered acceptable due to prior treatments and continual lake drawdown, without proper ongoing management they can quickly spread. Recent treatments have included spot treatment in 2011 and 2013 and hand pulling annually since 2011. Treatment of the entire lake has not occurred since 2004 and additional treatment of Lower Goose Pond and 2010. It is expected that if any

treatments will occur this year it will include hand pulling or spot treatment. There is no full lake treatments proposed this year. A detailed report is available on the website for review.

The Order of Conditions that permits the herbicide treatment at Goose Pond expired April 2016. A draft Notice of Intent Application has been prepared and will be submitted in the near future.



Eurasian Water Milfoil Distribution in 2015



Phragmites Distribution in 2015

Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program

Lower Goose Pond is mapped under the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) for containing rare and endangered species. This requires that any work proposed in Goose Pond, or the polygon surrounding the pond as shown on the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas, 13th Edition (2008), requires a

Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) filing. Both the Drawdown Permit Application and the Invasive Plant Management plan will require review and approval from the NHESP.

Additional information on who needs to file for review can be found on their website <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/natural-heritage/regulatory-review/>

Fish Stocking

Mass Wildlife reports that just about 500,000 fish will be restocked into the streams, lakes and ponds in the Commonwealth. This joins the roughly 66,000 fish stocked in the fall of 2015. A variety of fish included Eastern Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Tiger trout have been stocked in waterbodies across the state since early March. Mass Wildlife website reports that Goose Pond has been stocked multiple times between March and April. Happy Fishing!

Tyringham E. Bulletin Board (TEBB)

The Tyringham E. Bulletin Board, or TEBB, is an information bulletin for the residence of Tyringham and Goose Pond. They post a variety of information including Town Notices, broadband committee notices, affordable housing, electric rates, etc. with a goal to keep the community together and informed. If you wish to be added to the mailing list, please feel free to fill out the information request below and contact Adrienne Miesmer with any questions. This information is also found on the website.

Dear Tyringham Neighbor,

The Hop Brook Club and I are working on the 2016 Directory of all Tyringham residents. We hope you want to be included in this VERY handy booklet. If so, please fill out the information

below and either send this sheet back to **Adrienne Miesmer** at **POB 435, Tyringham, MA, 01264 - OR** e-mail the information to me at: **amiesmer@aol.com**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Local Phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Alternate Address (if Tyringham is your second home): _____

Email: _____

(if you *don't* want your e-mail address in the Directory, please say so)

Requests for Written Information

Please submit a written request to the District at:
P.O. Box 519, Lee, MA 01238

Officers / Staff

Matthew Puntin, Chairman	Until 2018
Roy Rapp	Until 2016
Joseph Janis	Until 2017
John Philpott	Lee
William J. DeSantis	Tyringham
William DeSantis (senior)	Dam Watcher
Peter Beckwith	“(backup)”
Peggy DeSantis	District Clerk and Treasurer
Sarah Schultz	District Superintendent

You may contact Sarah with any questions, comments or concerns.
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