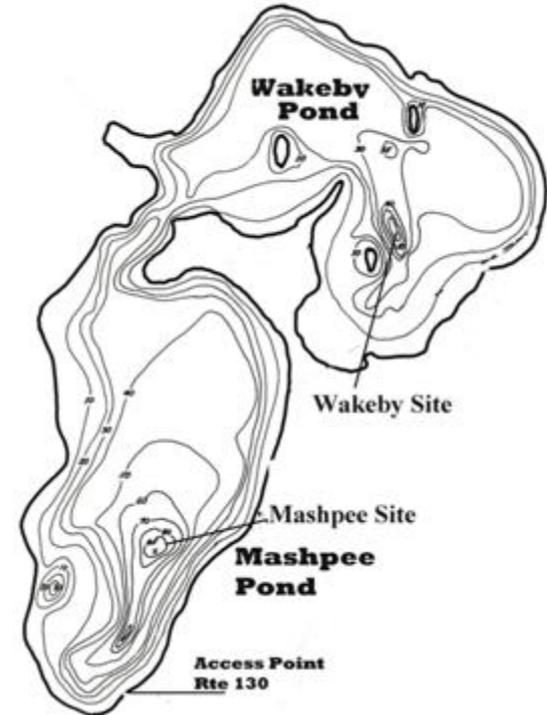


**MASHPEE & WAKEBY LAKES
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
NEWSLETTER**



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“ I think the environment should be put In the category of our national security. Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend? “

Robert Redford

**Mashpee Wakeby Lakes
Management Committee
Mashpee Town Hall
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MASHPEE & WAKEBY
LAKES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mashpee & Wakeby Lake Management Committee is comprised of five members from the Mashpee community. They are representative of groups within the Town of Mashpee who have a vested interest in maintaining the beauty, safety and health of the Lake for the residents' use and enjoyment. The Committee acts as a conduit for the public's interests and concerns about the Lake. It serves as liaison to the Town's governing agencies, recommending necessary actions to be taken. The Committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 PM at Mashpee Town Hall. The presence of Mashpee residents at these meetings is encouraged. We urge your participation in the activities of this Committee, to assist in our ongoing efforts to preserve the beauty and safety of the Lake. For more information, contact any of the Committee members listed below.

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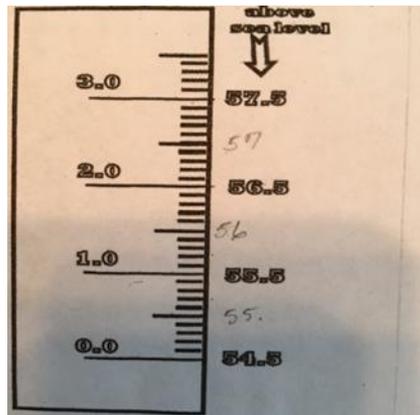
Beach Sampling Program

The Barnstable County Beach Sampling Program has been testing fresh water for E.coli weekly during the swim season for 17 years now. In Mashpee Wakeby, both Attaquin and Camp Farley sites are tested. If E.coli is present, it may indicate the presence of a condition that has potential to cause illness, usually a mild gastroenteritis. This year, four bathing beach sample analysts have collected and analyzed the samples in Mashpee Wakeby. The Camp Farley site Tested negative from June 6th through August 29th. Attaquin Beach site tested negative except for August 29th and passed the retest on August 30th. Storm water runoff is the dominant cause of elevated indicator levels. Animal waste from pets may contribute, as well as other wild animals.

Mary Traverse, Program Coordinator, may be reached at 508-375-6844. More information may be found at www.barnstablecountyhealth.org/programsandservices

Sandwich does not participate through Barnstable County, but testing is done through the Sandwich Board of Health.

Lake Levels



On October 1 st., after a dry summer, the lake reached its lowest level at 55.3' above sea level. It had increased to 55.8' and 55.9' in April and May, when we had a very wet spring. Levels for the summer held at 55.6-55.7, higher than usual. Levels above 55.5' cause erosion and damage to the shoreline.

Minor adjustments of boards which help control water level for the herring migration are managed by Drew McManus in Conservation and the Mass Department in Marine Fisheries.

The committee, which checks the lake level every two weeks, has asked the Town to replace one of the gauges which is becoming worn.

This picture of the gauge in the cage by the outflow of the Mashpee River is where the lake level is measured.

Lowell Holly Reservation

Winslow Dresser, stewardship manager for the South Coast, which includes Lowell Holly Reservation, reported a quiet summer. Ranger staff maintained operations at the beach and seasonal parking area with few issues. Again, the beach area was open only to non motorized boats. Water testing continued with Barnstable County, producing good results for the season and only a solitary exceedance (not repeated in subsequent testing).

Typical stewardship work was completed on the property, including blowdown clearing on the trails, installation of more water bars for erosion control and brush clearing at the So Sandwich Rd. parking area. As always, they invite everyone's support through membership with the Trustees of Reservations. Plans for the winter include repairing wash-outs on the seasonal drive, regrading the parking area and updating the trail maps.

The area is posted No Hunting and no fires. Please alert Winslow Dresser of any issues you see on the property through the Westport office at 508-636-4693 at ext. 5011.





Mashpee Harbormaster

Committee members were pleased to meet Mashpee's new Harbormaster at our July 23rd meeting. Jeffrey Smith has over 20 years' experience with the Coast Guard. He is married with two children.

Jeff attended our August 27 meeting and gave us a summary of his first summer on the job particularly on Mashpee and Wakeby lakes. He was working with nine assistants this year and the added coverage on the lake lead to a much quieter boating season. There were over 224 hours logged on the lake and verbal warnings and citations were issued. Several PWC owners were sent off the lake after the 7 PM deadline. Most boaters followed the rules of navigation with the additional harbormaster coverage.

Jeff also enforced the 15 minute stay on the beach by the boat ramp. It is to be used strictly for launching or removing boats from the lake. He will begin tagging moorings soon.

Moorings

Moorings permits are issued for a period of one year
And expire on December 31st.
All mooring permits must be renewed by April 30th.

Winter sticks must be painted white, numbered and float upright at all times at not less than a 45 degree and have a minimum exposed length of 18" above any tide level.. Winter spar buoys may be used only from October 1st to May 31st.

For a complete set of Mooring Rules and Regulations,, go to the Town of Mashpee web site under Recreational Mooring Rules and Regulations.

