

**MASHPEE & WAKEBY LAKES
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
NEWSLETTER**



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**"In nature there are neither rewards or punishments-
there are consequences."**

R.G. Ingersoll

MASHPEE & WAKEBY **LAKE 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 and safety 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 Thursday of each month, at 7:30 PM at the 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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Vacancy



Beach Water Quality Testing

Four seasonal employees of Barnstable County conduct testing of lakes and salt water beaches weekly during the swimming season for Enterococcus in marine waters and E.coli in fresh water. These pathogens are found in the intestines of warm blooded animals and may cause disease; the most common is a mild gastroenteritis. This sampling has been done for 14 years now, funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency through the Mass. Dept. of Public Health. It takes 24 hours to run the tests. When the beach was closed for the first test, most repeat tests have been negative. If repeat test is positive, the Health Agent in Town would be notified to close the beach. Mashpee was tested at both Attaquin beach and Camp Farley between June 2th and August 31st. All tests have been negative for bacteria.

Storm water runoff is the dominant cause for elevated levels of bacteria. Fecal contamination from pets and wild animals such as geese, ducks, seagulls and fox can also cause contamination.



Harbormaster Al Turner,
his wife Meaghan, and
their two children
Madison and Logan

The new Harbormaster, Alec Turner, began serving the Town on July 25th. He attended our meeting on July 28th, and introduced himself. He has a Criminal Justice degree, lives in Plymouth, and has worked in both Plymouth and Falmouth. Al is also a graduate of the Police Academy and a part-time police officer.

He stressed that he was particularly concerned with violations affecting the safety of boaters. He feels that boating rule signs should be written in Portuguese, which may lead to better compliance.

Motorized wakeboards are now available, which present a new problem for the Harbormaster as there are no rules. Boards should be registered if they have a motor. Larger boats are being launched at the ramp. Boat length Cannot be regulated without the cooperation of Mashpee, Sandwich and the State.

To reach the Harbormaster with problems or concerns, citizens should contact the Department of Natural Resources.

Committee Vacancy

Mashpee Wakeby Lake Management Committee has a vacancy. If you are a Mashpee resident and have an interest in serving on the five person committee, apply through the Selectmen's office and express your interest. Anyone is welcome to attend meetings. We meet monthly except during December, usually on the fourth Thursday of the month in Town Hall at 7:30 PM. Meetings last about an hour. Help is also needed on our twice a year newsletter, which contains articles of news from around the lakes.

The Lake Level

For the past year, the lake level has been between 55.0 feet above sea level in the summer months up to 55.6 feet above sea level on April 15, 2016. Minor adjustments were made in the boards of the fishway near Mill Pond to allow herring to get up river in the spring and back down river in October. The increased precipitation during the fall/winter months brings the lake a bit higher than the ground water of the spring fed lake in the summer months. Levels above 55.5 feet may cause erosion along the shoreline and damage to shore front property.

Looking back four years at the levels on March 1st, the lake has been at 55.6 ft. above sea level in 2013, and 55.5 in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Recreational Mooring Rules and Regulations

The following information is taken from the Town of Mashpee website and is not the full listing. We are listing the highlights to answer the most frequently asked questions regarding moorings, their use and misuse. This information applies to both fresh and saltwater locations. The entire listing of the rules and regulations (11 pages) can be found at the Mashpee website “www.mashpee.ma.gov” under “Recreational Mooring Rules and Regulations”.

1.0 Permit Holders

Private mooring shall mean any mooring permitted by the Town of Mashpee to an individual. The only vessel allowed on that mooring shall be the one registered to that mooring.

1.1 Transfers

There is no relationship between property ownership and the mooring permit. Mooring permits are not transferable when a property is sold. Moorings may be transferred to immediate family members as allowed in CMR 310, 90.7,d.

1.2 Use, Lack of

If a permit holder discontinues use of the mooring permanently, he or she shall notify the Harbormaster within 10 days.

1.3 Renewal

Mooring permits are renewable each year and must be renewed by April 30th. If a renewal application is not received by April 30, it will be automatically revoked.

1.4 Mooring Fees:

Fees are based on boat length or float size. The fee for all boats or floats up to 20’ or less is \$200.00. Boats 20’+ to 25’ = \$250.00. Boats 25’+ to 30’ = \$300.00 and boats 30’+ and up = \$400.00.

1.5 Temporary Mooring Permits

A mooring holder may loan his/her mooring for no more than seven days

2.0 Dates of Occupancy

Mooring permits are issued for a period of one year on a calendar-year basis. They expire December 31st unless revoked earlier by the Harbormaster for good cause.

2.1 Winter Spar Buoys, Sticks

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

3.0 Billing

Bills will be mailed after January 1st each year for the upcoming calendar year. Payment must be received by the Town no later than April 30th of that same year of use.

4.0 Specifications

Mushroom Anchor Size Requirements

Boat Length Weight of Mushroom Anchor

<8’ – 100 lbs 18-22’ – 150 lbs 23-28’ – 200 lbs

4.3 Required Equipment

Allowed Mooring Anchors: Steel (or cast iron) mushroom, DOR MOR ,helical screw.

Not Allowed Mooring Anchors: Cement blocks, granite blocks, radiators, engine blocks, etc.

6.0 Inspections

Mooring equipment (excluding steel or cast iron mushroom, DOR MOR, helical screw) will be replaced every three years.

10.0 10A Floats

10A Floats within the Town of Mashpee shall have a mooring permit as outlined in this regulation.