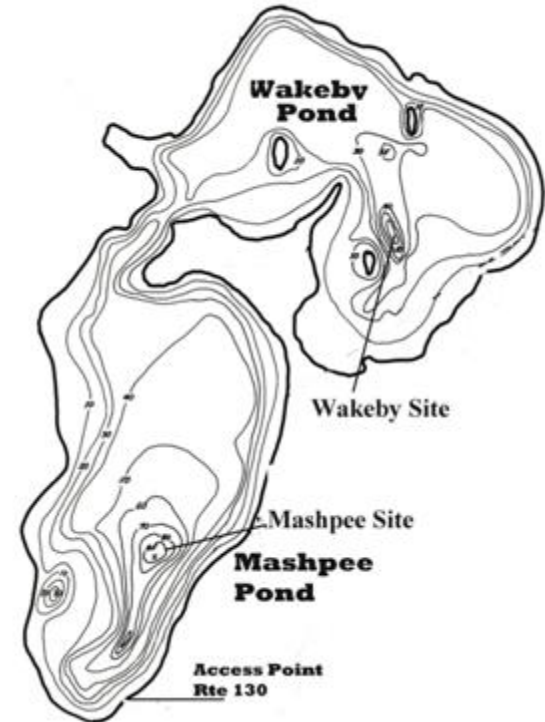


**MASHPEE & WAKEBY LAKES
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
NEWSLETTER**



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“When it comes to conserving wildlife and the environment, it’s more important to be outspoken than unspoken.”
Paul Oxtan

**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 Thursday 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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Do Not Feed the Waterfowl

We encourage folks around the lake not to feed the ducks, geese and swans with human food, especially bread, crackers and popcorn. This unhealthy food may cause Angel wing syndrome.

Angel wing is a developmental deformity which renders the bird unable to fly, causing them to starve, succumb to injuries or freeze to death.

Additionally, large numbers of waterfowl leads to pollution and degradation of the lake.

Please do your part in preserving the water quality in our lake.

Mashpee Wakeby Lake Management Committee has opening for New member.

Please read the mission statement for more information and let the Selectman's Office know if you are interested.

New Harbormaster Named

The Town has named a new harbormaster. Jeffrey Smith is expected to begin his position in early June. His background is with the Coast Guard. John Santangelo will continue as acting harbormaster until then. The Harbormaster serves under the Department of Natural Resources and has an office in the Town Hall.

Town Meeting Articles Passed

At the Special Town meeting on May 6th, voters transferred \$15,000 from the Waterways account to provide funds to be used for safe boating access at any of the salt or fresh water ramps. These funds for ramp scraping will help repair damage at the ramps caused by power loading.

An article also passed at Town Meeting to upgrade one part-time Waterways assistant position (30 hours /week with benefits) to a 40 hour full time position. This assistant will help implement the shellfish component of the Mashpee Comprehensive Watershed Nitrogen Plan and would also participate in water quality monitoring, and function as an Assistant Harbormaster and Deputy Shellfish Constable

Wakeby Islands Ownership Change

The three islands in Wakeby, previously owned by a CA trust, will be transferred to the Native Land Conservancy, a non profit launched in 2012 on July 1st. Although there is no formal connection with the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe, the Board of Directors is made up of tribal citizens. They will partner with the Trustees of Reservations on conservation restrictions.

Lowell Holly Reservation

Winslow Dresser, Stewardship Manager

The plans for Lowell Holly's season remain similar to last years. The swim areas will remain in place and we hope to continue encouraging respectful non-motorized recreation on the property.

The ranger staff will return to open and close the seasonal parking area and to monitor use of the property from Memorial Day to Labor Day. We've completed some more improvements to the seasonal parking area following the storm damage of 2018, and will be regrading the seasonal drive before opening weekend. Any inquiries may be directed to wdresser@thetrustees.org 508-636-4693x5011

Lowell Holly is a 135 acre reservation named for its donor,, Abbott Lawrence Lowell, a former Harvard University President. Along with its 250 native holly trees, Lowell added rosebay and rhododendrons to the grounds, The reservation is on the peninsular between Mashpee and Wakeby lakes.



2019 Bass Tournaments

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Max. Boats</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>
4/6/2019	Blackstone Valley Bass Anglers	13	7AM	3PM
4/13/2019	Mass Bass Nation	24	7AM	3PM
4/20/2019	Mass Bass Federation Youth	20	7AM	4PM
4/27/2019	Captain Bub's Bass Trail	24	7AM	3PM
5/4/2019	Weed Hawg Anglers	20	7AM	3PM
5/5/2019	Bass Burns	13	7AM	3PM
5/18/2019	Green Water Wizards	20	7AM	3PM
5/19/2019	RI Castaway Bass Anglers	13	7AM	3PM
6/2/2019	American Bass Anglers	24	7AM	3PM
6/8/2019	Happy Hookers Bass Club	18	7AM	3PM
6/9/2019	Baystate Rodbenders	22	7AM	1PM
6/23/2019	American Bass Anglers	24	7AM	3PM
7/12/2019	Team RI Bass masters	13	7AM	3PM
7/14/2019	East Side Sportfishing Club	19	7AM	1PM
7/17/2019	Tab	24	7AM	3PM
8/31/2019	All State Bass Anglers	12	7AM	3PM
9/15/2019	Baystate Rodbenders	22	7AM	1PM
9/21/2019	Nebassin South Shore Team	24	7AM	3PM
9/29/2019	Rod Jockeys	24	7AM	3PM
10/5/2019	South Shore Bassmasters	17	7AM	3PM
10/6/2019	Rod Jockeys of Cape Cod	25	7AM	3PM
10/12/2019	Nebassin Eastern MA	24	7AM	3PM
10/19/2019	Rod Jockeys	15	7AM	4PM