



Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District

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Newsletter - March 2019

Mark your Calendar and Plan Join Us at the

Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7:30 pm

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 99 Mannville Street, Leicester on Thursday, May 16, 2019, at 7:30 P.M. A quorum of proprietors is necessary for the Annual Meeting. If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please allow a friend a neighbor, or an elected official, to bring your proxy. A proxy form will be enclosed with the Annual Meeting Warrant that will be sent by mail 3 weeks prior to the meeting date.

Refilling the Lake & Water Clarity

The lake remained covered in ice until mid-March, and inches of water continually ran through the upper channel through the winter. After ice-out, the upper channel will be closed by installing the flash boards when there is low risk for potential shoreline damage. The lower gate valve will be opened to 1/4 to simulate Spring brook conditions.

Last summer, the lake visibility remained good throughout the summer months in 2018. The District continues to monitor to the lake water clarity. To achieve a properly balanced lake, the District urges (1) all Proprietors who use fertilizers to spread the low/no phosphorus fertilizer and (2) to be curb any

water from storm drainage that could potentially add nutrients to the lake. Furthermore, MA law has stated that fertilizer containing phosphorus can only be used on (1) lawns that show a phosphorus deficiency by a soil test or (2) newly established lawns. Please see the following link for further information: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/pesticides/plant-nutrient-management.html>

Boating Safety and Respect Reminder

- Please remember, it is illegal to operate a vessel at more than headway speed within **150 feet** of shorelines. Please be mindful of the safety of your fellow proprietors and our neighbors using the beaches.
- To review the full text of MA Boater Safety Handbook, go to the District's website, www.cedarmeadow.org, or the MA website at **www.boat-ed.com/ma/handbook**.
- Please be respectful of the buoys and signage at the Rawson Street Bridge as the buoys and cables are delicate. Therefore, no boats should be anchored to or floating upon cables, buoys or signage in this area.
- Please be respectful to any wildlife that also inhabits our beautiful lake and its shores.
- No trespassing signage has been posted at the dam and on the Charles Street gate.
- The Cedar Meadow Skiers were quite active last summer. If you are interested, please contact John Moisan (moisan_j@charter.net) for information on joining the club in 2019.

Your Elected Officials Want to Hear From You

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the lake and/or dam, please contact one of the following elected officials.

Tommy Lee Chairman Management Committee	508 892-3750 tommyjoelee@gmail.com
Brian Waterman Management Committee	774 272-5654 bwaterman@wda-dg.com
Michele Cospers District Clerk	508 439-2443 clerk@cedarmeadow.org
Terry O'Coin District Treasurer	508 347-6863 theocoins@charter.net

Looking Forward to Seeing YOU the Annual Meeting!

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