

# Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District

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Newsletter - March 2017

## Mark your Calendar and Plan Join Us at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2017 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 18, 2017, 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

A permanent ice-out has not yet occurred as of mid-March. Upon ice-out, the upper channel will be closed by installing the flash boards. The lower gate valve will be opened to 1/4 to simulate Spring brook conditions.

Last summer, the lake visibility was reduced to approximately 4 feet due to the presence of blue-green algae. It was hypothesized that algae growth in the lake had been exacerbated by hot and dry conditions, but the algae growth could also be related to nutrient-rich water. ESS Group did remind the District Proprietors to use only eco-friendly phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer to help keep the water at nutrient levels that will deter the growth of algae. The District continues to monitor 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 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](http://www.cedarmeadow.org), or the MA website at [www.boat-ed.com/ma/handbook](http://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](mailto:moisan_j@charter.net)) for information on joining the club in 2017.

### **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	<a href="mailto:tommyjoelee@gmail.com">tommyjoelee@gmail.com</a>
Paul Dufresne, Vice-Chairman Management Committee	508 868-7301	
Tom Forsberg, Management Committee	508 832-3249	<a href="mailto:tforsberg15@gmail.com">tforsberg15@gmail.com</a>
Michele Cospers, District Clerk	508 439-2443	<a href="mailto:clerk@cedarmeadow.org">clerk@cedarmeadow.org</a>
Terry O'Coin, District Treasurer	508 347-6863	<a href="mailto:theocoins@charter.net">theocoins@charter.net</a>

### **Looking Forward to Seeing YOU the Annual Meeting!**

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