

Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District

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March 2013

Notice of Public Hearing

The Leicester Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:30 P.M. on April 10, 2013 to act on a Notice of Intent filed by the Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District to extend its annual draw down and dam maintenance program three years. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection requires that members of a watershed district, abutters to the lake or pond, be notified by newsletter or other first class mail of Conservation Commission hearings regarding planned work or programs effecting their lake or pond.

The District's current draw down permit approval expires in June. In addition to the annual Fall five foot draw down for weed control and dam maintenance purposes, and as recommended by the Conservation Commission, the current Notice of Intent has been expanded to include dam maintenance including the application of grout by hand and under pressure and exploratory digging or boring under the crest of the dam.

The work described in this Notice of Intent was approval as part of the District's 2012 - 2013 Action Plan at the May 2012 Annual District Meeting.

Dam Repair and Lake Draw Down Update

The lake level was successfully dropped the desired five feet last Fall and early Winter to expose unwanted weeds to freezing conditions. The interior core wall of the dam was also successfully repaired and supplemented in December as planned. Voids within the interior of the dam were discovered during construction. Current plans call for filling these voids with grout under pressure sometime during the first first two weeks in April. By Order of the Office of Dam Safety, the lake level must be held down to four feet below the spillway elevation until this work is completed. The start of the Spring refilling of the lake will therefore be delayed until the third week in April.

Your Elected Officials Want To Hear From You

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

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