

POND LEVEL MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

1. AUTHORITY

This regulation is adopted by the VDOE Annual Meeting 2023 Legislative Body pursuant to RSA 52:1 and RSA 675:3.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to follow best water management practices for the benefit of the fish, aquatic life, wildlife, and surrounding ecosystem, and for the benefit of recreational use of the VDOE residents and homeowners.

3. REGULATIONS

The VDOE manages the dam at Little Pea Porridge Pond and follows the following guidelines:

- 3.1 The VDOE is to have one 5-inch board (cap) and four 11-inch boards (or varying sizes for an equivalent height of 49-inches of boards) in place at all times.
- 3.2 Ponds are kept as high as possible, especially during drought conditions.
- 3.3 In drought conditions, the VDOE should seek suggestions on methods to maintain flow through the dam from the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) which actively manages dozens of its own dams.
- 3.4 The lowest level of pond water from the top of the concrete structure is 4 inches below the top to ensure proper operation of the dry hydrants (fire suppression).
- 3.5 If a fall drawdown of one 11-inch board is necessary, it shall be performed prior to October 15th, as recommended by the NH Department of Environmental Services.
- 3.6 Other than the fall draw down boards may only be removed in case of an emergency as declared by the NH Dam Bureau, DES, or by the emergency management director for the Town of Madison, or for maintenance/replacement of the dam after notifying the NH Department of Environmental Services at least two weeks prior to said lowering for dam repairs.

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3.7 In emergencies, potentially hazardous situations, and dam failure, the VDOE will follow the dam's Current Emergency Action Plan.

4. AMENDMENTS

4.1 The VDOE Board of Commissioners may not amend this ordinance.

5. MONETARY ALLOCATION

5.1 To bring the dam into compliance with DES recommendations, the VDOE will allocate \$1,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balances to purchase a new box grate to help prevent ice buildup and blockage from floating debris.

Adopted March 11, 2023, at the Annual Meeting by the Legislative Body