

## 2024 POND LEVEL MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

### 1. AUTHORITY

This regulation is adopted by the VDOE Annual Meeting 2024 Legislative Body pursuant to RSA 52:1 and RSA 675:3.

### 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure balanced pond water level standards for managing Pea Porridge Pond dam gate levels for all users.

The 7 Guiding Principles of the NH Department of Environmental Services

COMPREHENSIVE SURFACE WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

document were followed where applicable.

<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/comprehensive-surface-water-resource-management.pdf>

### 3. REGULATIONS

The VDOE Board of Commissioners 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).

3.2 The emergency water level is 7 inches above the top of the concrete of the dam. If the water level is higher than the emergency water level, or if it is near the emergency level and the forecast calls for heavy rain, the VDOE may remove boards. When the water level is below the emergency water level, all boards should be in the dam from April 10 to October 10.

3.3 The Fall Pond Level Drawdown of either one 5-inch board or one 11-inch board if necessary, shall be performed prior to October 15th, as recommended by the NH Department of Environmental Services.

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

The VDOE Board of Commissioners may NOT amend this ordinance.

This 2024 Pond Level Management Ordinance replaces all previous versions of Pond Level Management Ordinances in their entirety

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Adopted March 30, 2024, at the Annual Meeting by the Legislative Body