

Village District of Edelweiss
1680 Conway Road #1027
Madison NH 03849

POND LEVEL MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

1. **AUTHORITY** This regulation is adopted by the VDOE 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/comprehensivesurface-water-resource-management.pdf>

The VDOE Board of Commissioners manages the at Little Pea Porridge Pond and follows the following guidelines:

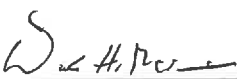
3.1 The VDOE is to have one 5-inch board (cap) and four 11-inch boards (or varying sizes for an equivalent height of 49-inches of boards).

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.

Adopted March 30, 2025, at the Annual Meeting by the Legislative Body
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