

# TOWN OF CHARLTON MASSACHUSETTS

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Lakes & Ponds Committee

Tuesday, July 26

6:00

Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Town Hall, 37 Main Street

6:00 Call meeting to order

Discussion:

## Stormwater Management

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- Discussion with DPW on MS4 Permit Compliance
- Review SOP with DPW, Lake Associations are requesting:
  - Priority street sweeping in proximity of lakes.
  - Priority catch basin cleaning.
  - Identification of new catch basin or culvert locations.
  - Reduced salt use near lakes.
- Review Lake & Ponds Nutrient Report and Recommendations

## Taxation

- Property owners on lakes pay a premium.
- As an example in 2018 South Charlton owners paid 38% more, or \$414,000.
- This extra has not historically been available to lake associations to help maintain the lakes, and therefore maintain the tax value.
- From 2015 – 2021 lake associations paid \$232,000 in weed control.

## Funding

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- Would like a better mechanism to access Municipal Waterways Maintenance and Improvement Fund (Boat Excise Tax).
- Currently requires Town Meeting Approval
- Will the cost of Town-owned dam maintenance and repair be covered by the Town in the future?

- Would like budgeted items using excess tax money to be set up for annual and long-term maintenance.

#### Lakes and Ponds Committee

- Coordinated pre-treatment surveys last several years
- Performed water quality testing during recreational season