

ARTICLE 15

That the Town rescind the vote of the March 11, 1969 Adjourned Annual Town Meeting relative to the formation of the Lake Management Study Committee; and

That the Town amend the name, structure and duties of the Lake Management Study Committee by renaming it the Lake Massapoag Advisory Committee and amending Chapter 12 of the Town's General Bylaws, Boards, Commissions and Committees, by adopting a new Article IX, entitled "Lake Massapoag Advisory Committee", exactly as printed on the Article 15: Amend Charge of Lake Management Study Committee handout for this Annual Town Meeting.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the name, structure and duties of the Lake Management Study Committee by renaming it the Lake Massapoag Advisory Committee and amending Chapter 12 of the Town of Sharon General Bylaws, Boards, Commissions and Committees, by adopting a new Article IX entitled "Lake Massapoag Advisory Committee", as follows:

§ 12-26 Establishment; membership; terms; vacancies; duties

There is hereby established within the Town of Sharon a committee to be known as the "Lake Massapoag Advisory Committee", replacing the former Lake Management Study Committee created under Article 47 at the March 11, 1969 Adjourned Annual Town Meeting. The Lake Massapoag Advisory Committee (LMAC) shall be made up of seven (7) members detailed as follows: one (1) member appointed by the Conservation Commission and one (1) member appointed by the Select Board, each for an initial term of three (3) years; one (1) member appointed by the Conservation Commission and one (1) member appointed by the Select Board, each for a term of two (2) years; two (2) members appointed by the Planning Board, one (1) for a term of two (2) years and one (1) for a term of one (1) year; and one (1) member recommended by the Recreation Advisory Committee to the Select Board for appointment for a term of (1) year. Lake Massapoag Advisory Committee members are appointed to terms ending June 30. Thereafter, each member shall serve for a term of three (3) years, with staggered terms. The Committee will elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary.

The Lake Massapoag Advisory Committee shall have the following duties:

1. Monitor and evaluate the causes of problems or issues with water quality, weeds, algal and/or cyanobacteria blooms, lake level, invasive species, and shoreline erosion.
2. Provide recommendations to the Conservation Commission, Select Board, Planning Board, Recreation Advisory Committee, and, as appropriate, other Town bodies, for short- and long-term solutions to such problems and promote resilience and sustainability in the face of climate change and more intense rainfall, runoff, heat and extreme weather.
3. In collaboration with other town departments and stakeholders monitor inflow areas and upstream water sources, as well as swimming and boat launch areas.
4. Work with the Conservation Administrator, Health Department, Recreation Department, Department of Public Works, and other stakeholders to develop collaborative online resources that are accessible, user-friendly, easy to search, and up-to-date with informative and educational resources.
5. Maintain and update the Town's official Lake Massapoag Advisory Committee webpage in a timely manner.
6. Educate and engage town departments, residents, organization and businesses to utilize best practices for lawn fertilization, weed control, septic systems, outdoor cleaning and animal waste to help safeguard a healthy and sustainable lake.
7. The Committee may, by majority vote, recommend to the Conservation Commission or Select Board, as appropriate, rules and regulations consistent with its duties.
8. Report to the Conservation Commission, Select Board, Planning Board, and Recreation Advisory Committee at least once a year on findings, activities and plans of the Committee.