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From: Water Resource Services, Inc.

Date: May 27, 2018

Re: Notification of filing an NOI for OWL Pond

Anticipated date of submission: June 29, 2018

Proposed Project: This project seeks to control aquatic vegetation in OWL Lake in Otis and Sandisfield, MA, through annual drawdown, mechanical control of peripheral growths, and application of herbicide to the lake as needed. The lake spans two towns, so each conservation commission will hold a hearing on this project. The drawdown is used annually to expose shallow areas, controlling aquatic plants, but also providing important flood control. Mechanical control of peripheral vegetation is done rarely and in small areas, and only when emergent plants encroach substantially into the open water of the lake. Herbicide treatments are also rarely conducted, and then only if submergent growths interfere with boating lanes, but recent projects at the lake have induced some instability that may require such management until a new equilibrium is reached.

Reviewing Conservation Commissions:

Otis Conservation Commission, One North Main Road, Otis, MA 01253, 413-269-0100, ext. 208. Open 1st Wed of month, 6-9 PM.

Sandisfield Conservation Commission, 66 Sandisfield Road, PO Box 663, Sandisfield, MA 01255, 413-258-4901. Open by appointment.

Copies of the NOI may be examined at the office or acquired electronically from the Conservation Commission or by contacting the applicant's representative, Water Resource Services at kjwagner@charter.net. See the Conservation Commission websites for the meeting schedule for exact dates and agendas, at <http://www.nantucket-ma.gov/326/Conservation-Commission>. The expected hearing date in each town is July 17, 2018.