

NOTICE:  
NEW BOATING ORDINANCE

**ORDINANCE NO. 122**

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE USE OF MOTORS ON MOOSUP POND, THE SIZE OF WATERCRAFT AND MOTORS ON MOOSUP POND, AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES ON WATERCRAFT IN MOOSUP POND, THE WASHING OF ANIMALS AND LAUNDRY IN MOOSUP POND, THE CONTAMINATION AND POLLUTING OF MOOSUP POND, FIRES ON MOOSUP POND, AND THE CLOSING OF MOOSUP POND AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS.**

Section 1. Purpose

Ordinance No. 69, enacted September 27, 1984, is hereby repealed, and this Ordinance No. 122 is hereby adopted in its place as part of a continuing effort by the Town of Plainfield to protect and preserve Moosup Pond and the properties around the pond. The Town has made improvements in the form of a sewer extension, the practice of modified storm runoff measures, and the treatment of invasive aquatic plants. However, it is necessary to continue to be vigilant in order to protect this natural resource. This necessitates the adoption of reasonable regulations that guarantee the future enjoyment of passive recreation, which includes boating, swimming, fishing and canoeing, in a healthy environment.

Section 2. Definitions

- a. Personal watercraft shall mean any vessel that uses an inboard motor powering a jet pump as the vessel's primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel rather than the conventional manner of sitting, standing, or kneeling inside the vessel.
- b. Watercraft shall mean any boat or vessel used for traveling on water.

Section 3. General Provisions

- a. The use of an inboard motor on any watercraft on Moosup Pond is prohibited. The use of personal watercraft on Moosup Pond is prohibited.
- b. The operation of an outboard motor in excess of ten (10) horsepower on any watercraft on Moosup Pond is prohibited. The launching or setting afloat of a watercraft with an outboard motor in excess of ten (10) horsepower is permitted, provided the outboard motor is kept above the surface of the water and is not operated.
- c. Watercraft in excess of eighteen (18) feet in length are prohibited on Moosup Pond.
- d. No person shall transport a watercraft, or any trailer used to transport such watercraft, to Moosup Pond without first inspecting such watercraft for the presence of vegetation and aquatic invasive species, as determined by the State of Connecticut Invasive Plants Council pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-381, et seq., and properly removing and disposing of any such vegetation and aquatic invasive species that are visible and identifiable without optical

- magnification from such watercraft or trailer. No motor craft shall be operated and no trailer shall enter Moosup Pond with vegetation and aquatic invasive species that are visible and identifiable without optical magnification.
- e. No person shall wash anything in Moosup Pond, including, without limitation, animals and laundry.
  - f. Fires are prohibited at all times on Moosup Pond and on all premises owned or maintained by the Town of Plainfield in the area of Moosup Pond, including without limitation the Town Beach at Moosup Pond and during ice fishing season.
  - g. No person shall deposit debris, litter, or garbage in or on Moosup Pond or on the premises at Moosup Pond that are owned by the Town of Plainfield, including the Moosup Pond Town Beach.
  - h. The Moosup Pond Town Beach shall be open to both residents and nonresidents of the Town of Plainfield. For purposes of protecting Moosup Pond as a natural resource, the Board of Selectman reserves the right to issue and enforce reasonable regulations pursuant to this ordinance regarding the use of Moosup Pond Town Beach and to assess a user fee for nonresidents.
  - i. With the exception of fishing, no activities are permitted between sunset and sunrise on the premises at Moosup Pond that are owned by the Town of Plainfield, including the Moosup Pond Town Beach.

#### Section 4. Enforcement and Penalty

Violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by removal from the premises and a fine of \$50.00 for an individual's first offense and \$100.00 a day for any repeat offense. If any such offense continues for more than five days, it shall constitute a new offense for each day it continues to exist thereafter. The Board of Selectman of the Town of Plainfield shall have the authority to permanently ban from Moosup Pond any individual who has violated the provisions of this section three or more times.

#### Section 5. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

Dated at Plainfield, CT  
The 3rd of May, 2013

Paul E. Sweet, First Selectman  
Albert E. Brunson, Selectman  
George Krecidlo, Selectman

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