

**Lake Buel
Restoration / Preservation District
Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, May 28, 2022
10am**

**Monterey Fire Department
411 Main Road, Monterey**

Your Participation Is Critical:

EITHER

Send in your proxy vote

OR

**Bring this warrant packet
with you to the meeting.**

A **quorum** of district proprietors by proxy and attendance is **mandatory** to conducting business directly related to the weed harvesting program implemented on Lake Buel as well as management of the Lake Buel water control device and outlet.

LAKE BUEL
RESTORATION/PRESERVATION DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 236
MILL RIVER, MA 01244-0236

April 13, 2022

Dear Lake Buel District Proprietors:

As Clerk of the Lake Buel Restoration/Preservation District, I would like to inform you that the Annual District Meeting will take place as required in the By-Laws on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM. The annual meeting will be held at the Monterey Fire Department, at 411 Main Road, Monterey. Please try to arrive by 9:30 AM as it is necessary to register attendees and proxies to establish a quorum before the meeting can officially start.

If you are not able to attend this meeting, or if you are not positive that you will be attending, PLEASE return the enclosed proxy designating another district proprietor who will be present at the meeting to represent you. Please complete, sign, and return your proxy to the District Clerk at P.O. Box 236, Mill River, MA 01244, or email to lakebueldistrict@yahoo.com, at your earliest convenience.

You may choose one of the following members of your Prudential Committee to act as your proxy or any other district proprietor who will be in attendance.

Committee Member	Mark Amstead	413-528-1853
Committee Member	Wayne Dolby	413-446-0266
Committee Member		
New Marlborough Rep	Chris Hassett	413-528-2066
Monterey Rep	Kyle Pierce	413-528-9213

Enclosed are the following:

1. Cover Letter from District Clerk
2. News from the Prudential Committee
3. Financial Update from Treasurer
4. FY 2023 Warrant Notice - includes budget
5. Minutes of Fiscal Year 2022 Meeting
6. Proxy Form - Must be signed by a District proprietor

Respectfully,

Kathy Chretien
District Clerk

Dear Fellow Proprietors,

After a long, very cold winter without much snow, ice-out came early in late March, and now it's snowing in April! Can't wait for summertime weather, or at least springtime.

We have sorry news to report: Pete Hagen, who has served as our fearless Chair for many years has resigned from the Committee due to ill health. Pete is a lifelong Lake Buel resident and has been very active in the LB community all of that time. He has been a member of the Prudential Committee for year, mostly as Chair, and has presided over us with good humor, hard work and creativity. We are already missing him.

Pete's resignation creates a vacancy on the Prudential Committee; Pete's term was for two more years, and we need to nominate and elect a new member at the meeting. The Prudential Committee nominates John Halbreich, who is a many years fulltime Lake Buel resident, an active member of the New Marlboro Fire Department and works on the NM Capital Planning Committee. He says the lake is very important to him and is looking forward to assisting with our mission. This is an elected position and nominations may be made at the meeting.

Also, for years, Pete has been the Moderator, which is an elected position, too. We have asked Liza Catino to run and help out, which she has done before admirably. She and her husband Joe are newly full-timers after years of part-time residency.

We are continuing water quality testing for Cyanobacteria through LAPA-West, the association of lakes and ponds of western MA. So far Lake Buel has done well. We also did limited phosphate testing last year, in each "bowl" of the lake and it was higher in the southern end. This is something we can actually do something about: please don't use fertilizer on your lawns or phosphate-containing soaps, thanks.

Yes, we know the lake level is high- we are doing all we can about it. The outlet is clogged with debris from old beaver huts and the problem also lies further downstream, out of our jurisdiction.

Please, if you can't make it to the Annual Meeting on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at 10 a.m. at the Monterey Firehouse Pavilion, SEND IN YOUR PROXIES!! They can be given to any of the Prudential Committee members or any proprietor who will attend the meeting. We can't have a meeting without a quorum. No quorum, no meeting, no budget, no harvesting. Harvesting is scheduled to begin in the week before Memorial Day.

You may send in your proxy by mail to:

Lake Buel District

P.O. Box 236

Mill River, MA 01244 **OR** email to lakebuedistrict@yahoo.com or text a picture of your signed copy to anyone on the LBD Board. Board members' phone numbers can be found below:

Mark Amstead	413-717-0164
Kyle Pierce	413-329-3005
Wayne Dolby	413-446-0266
Chris Hassett	413-429-7405

Any issues or questions can be addressed to any board member.

Regards,

Lake Buel District Board

LAKE BUEL DISTRICT
BANK BALANCES

MONTH END 3/31/2022

General cash - Checking	8,188.07
General cash - Money Market	130,537.26
Stabilization	41,977.34
Equipment Replacement/Repair Account	53,444.49
Lake Level Control Assessment Account	10,244.92
Eutrophication Remediation Account	20,054.24
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Total on deposit	264,446.32
Estimated	
Bal of appropriation unspent	4/12/2022 39,020.06
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Total on Deposit	225,426.26

LAKE BUEL DISTRICT
TAX COLLECTION REPORT
 YTD FY22
 thru 4/19/2022

Tax Year	New Marlborough	Monterey	Fees\ Fines	Bank Interest	Interest From Collections	misc	Total
2021	50,033.06	38,567.91	65		316.98		88,982.95
2020	5,187.80	3,067.67	130		986.96		9,372.43
2019	1,070.54	1,040.07	110		626.83		2,847.44
2018	0.33				0.15		0.48
2017	0.62	285.31			0.37		286.30
Prior YRS	1,370.21	75	15.00	1,165.69	2,031		3,491.24
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Total	\$57,662.56	\$43,035.88	\$ 320.00	\$ 1,165.69	\$ 3,962.40	-	\$106,146.53

Article 5.

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the following for the purposes constituting proposed expenses of the District for the ensuing fiscal year by assessment upon land and improvements of the District Proprietors, or take any action relative thereto.

General Government	FY2021 FY19	FY2022 Budget	Estimated FY2022 YTD 3/8/22	FY2023 Budget	Budget Variance FY22 to 23
5001 Prudential Com.	500	500	230	500	
5002 District Clerk Salary	2734.2	2870.91	2153.16	3014.46	143.55
5003 District Clerk Exp.	1000	1000	70	1000	
5004 District Treasurer Salary	2734.2	2870.91	2153.16	3014.46	143.55
5005 District Treasurer Exp. Expense	670	670	97.4	670	
5006 Legal Counsel	700	700		700	
5007 Outside Consultant	100	100		100	
5008 Assessor's Salary	500	500		500	
5009 Insurance	6500	6500	6676	7000	
5010 District Collector's Salary	2266.74	2380.08	1190.04	2499.08	119
5011 District Collector's Expense	1000	1000	967.95	1000	
5012 Weed Harvesting Maintenance	6000	6000	2275.97	6000	
5013 Weed Harvesting Salary	37800	37800	24662	37800	
5014 Water Outlet Maintena Activity	15000	10000	2411.7	10000	
5026 Lake Recreational Activity	8500	8500	8500	8500	
5028 Record Storage Unit	1350	1350	1350	1400	
5029 Computer Tax Bills	2400	2800		2000	
5030 Reserve Fund	3000	3000		300	
5031 Lake Invasive Mussel M	1	1		1	
TOTAL	68098.69	88742.9	49722.84	85999	406.1
Unexpended			39020.06		

Article 6. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to borrow such sums as may be necessary in anticipation of tax receipts for the Fiscal Year 2023, and to issue District Notes therefore as provided under the Special Act.

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to accept gifts from proprietors or any other entity for the benefit of the District.


Article 8. To see if the District will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$3,000(three thousand dollars) to the Equipment Replacement/Repair Stabilization Account.

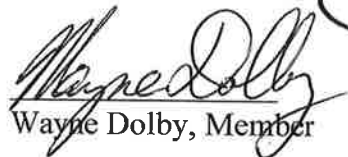
Article 9. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

Hereof, fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said District at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under hand and seal of the Lake Buel Restoration/ Preservation District on this 1st day of May 2022.



Mark Amstead, Chair


Kyle Pierce, Monterey Delegate


Wayne Dolby, Member


Chris Hassett, New Marlborough Delegate

Member

Respectfully,

Kathy Chretien
District Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL LAKE BUEL RESTORATION/PRESERVATION DISTRICT MEETING
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022
MAY 29, 2021**

The meeting was brought to order by Peter Hagen at 10:00 AM with 52.81% of the District area represented. In attendance: Prudential Committee members Peter Hagen, Mark Amstead, Kyle Pierce, Chris Hassett, and Wayne Dolby. Also present was the District Attorney Peter Brewer.

Article 1. To bring in their nominations and votes for the election of District Moderator for a term of one year. **Voted – Unanimous, Peter Hagen**

Article 2. To see if the District will vote to accept the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on May 23, 2020. **Voted - Unanimous**

Article 3. To see if the District will vote to accept the Report of the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) YTD. **Voted - Unanimous**

Article 4. To bring in their nominations for the election of the following officers:

	Prudential Committee Nominees
a. District Clerk for one year	Katherine Chretien
b. District Treasurer for one year	Katherine Chretien
c. Prudential Committee: one member for three years	Peter Hagen (incumbent)

Voted – Unanimous

Article 5. Motion to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 88,742.90 for the purposes constituting proposed expenses of the District for Fiscal Year 2022.

Mr. Hagen mentioned that the proposed budget is a decrease of \$4,413.24 over last year budget. A hold was placed on line 5012 for discussion. A voter inquired on why the increase. Mr. Amstead stated that there's always work on the truck, and the Harvester. A hold was placed on line 5014 for discussion. A voter inquired on what are the funds used for. Mr. Hagen mentioned that the funds are used for beaver control which is on-going. After the brief discussion on the hold lines a motion was made, seconded and so voted to unanimously approve the FY22 budget as presented.

Article 6. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to borrow such sums as may be necessary in anticipation of tax receipts for the Fiscal Year 2022, and to issue District Notes therefore as provided under the Special Act. **A voter questioned what does this Article mean. Mr. Hagen stated that the Article is authorization for the Board to borrow any necessary funds. After the brief discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #6 unanimous,**

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Prudential Committee to accept gifts from proprietors or any other entity for the benefit of the District. **Voted - Unanimous**

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars) to the Equipment Replacement/Repair Stabilization Account. **Voted - Unanimous**

Article 9. To see if the District will vote to have the Warrant package emailed instead of using the United States Post Office. **A motion was made, seconded and so voted to table this Article #9.**

Article 10. To see if the District will vote to transfer \$20,000.00 from free cash to the Eutrophication Remediation Account. **A voter inquired on what the funds would be used for, if approved. Mr. Hagen stated that the funds are to handle the future lake needs. Mr. Hagen also mentioned that this is the beginning amount to build up the fund account. Another voter stated they agreed the fund should be built up and the District should get more proactive. Another voter asked if the State would be able to assist the District with funds. Mr. Hagen stated that no the State hasn't been assisted the District on obtaining funds. Mr. Hagen also mentioned that the Board couldn't use any chemicals in the lake without the property owner's approval. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #10 as presented.**

Article 11. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting. **A voter mentioned that they are concerned about fishing and hunting. Another voter mentioned that they are concerned about what will happen if Camp Half Moon is sold. Another voter is concerned about the work the Harvester does. Mr. Amstead stated that the Board works with the contractor of the Harvester and will keep the Harvester informed of any concerns. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #11.**

Mr. Hagen announced that there was some people who would like the voters to stay and talk about Camp Half Moon when this meeting is dissolved.

Motion to adjourn the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual District Meeting at 10:31AM. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien, LBD Clerk

**LAKE BUEL RESTORATION/PRESERVATION DISTRICT
PROXY FORM**

The undersigned is/are the owner(s) of record of the property identified below.

1) Identify your property:

Owner(s) name(s): _____

Property number and street address: _____

Town: _____

2) Identify your Proxy (the name of the District Proprietor who will be authorized to vote on your behalf):

I/We appoint _____

(Print Proxy name clearly.)

to vote as proxy for the undersigned at the Annual District Meeting called by Warrant of the Prudential Committee of the Lake Buel Restoration/Preservation District acting under the authority of chapter 756, Act of 1985 of the Massachusetts General Court to be held at the Monterey Fire Department, 411 Main Road, Monterey, Massachusetts on May 28, 2022 at 10 AM, and at any or all adjournments thereof, and to cast any vote which the undersigned would be entitled to cast at said meeting if then personally present or otherwise represented, and provided under the Act, Chapter 756, including, but not limited to, the taking of such votes, either for or against adoption as my/our proxy shall determine with respect to each of the Articles set forth in the Warrant referred to above.

3) The undersigned owner(s) hereby authorize the above named Proxy and further acknowledge(s) receipt of a copy of the Warrant.

Signature	Print Name	Date
Signature	Print Name	Date

Please mail Proxy Form or email to:

District Clerk

Lake Buel District

PO Box 236

Mill River, MA 01244

lakebueldistrict@yahoo.com