

Shoreline Tree and Vegetation Management Rules for Waterfront Properties Hosted by NH LAKES

Wednesday, October 6, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Chat Box Discussion

- 00:19:29 Lisa Hutchinson: Hi all! This is Lisa Hutchinson from Lake Kanasatka
- 00:19:56 Andrea LaMoreaux: Thanks for joining us Tom Edwards from Clough Pond. I think you have tuned into the most webinars over the past 18+ months!
- 00:20:11 Krystal Balanoff, NH LAKES: Hi Lisa!
- 00:20:24 Andrea LaMoreaux: Hello, NH LAKES Board Member Shirley Green!
- 00:20:28 Bree Rossiter: Hello Everyone!
- 00:21:21 Andrea LaMoreaux: And, hello to Krystal Costa Balanoff, our Conservation Program Manager!!
- 00:21:33 Krystal Balanoff, NH LAKES: Oh hey that's me! ;)
- 00:21:39 Andrea LaMoreaux: We love Grappone Automotive!
- 00:21:46 Raysel Martinez: Thanks grappone!!!
- 00:23:23 Raysel Martinez: Expect a call from us John!
- 00:30:16 Andrea LaMoreaux: And, welcome Gloria Norcross, NH LAKES Conservation Program Assistant!
- 00:39:45 Andrea LaMoreaux: Feel free to type in any questions as you think of them as John is presenting all this terrific information!
- 00:40:58 Raysel Martinez: How diameter of a Tree trunk counts as a tree vs a sapling?
- 00:41:49 Kerry Mcniven: What is a walk in beach?
- 00:43:48 Krystal Balanoff, NH LAKES: Great questions Kerry! To get points for trees, you take a measurement of a tree's diameter at around 4 feet of the ground. If the diameter is between 1-3 inches (like a sapling) it's worth one point. The point system goes up from there. You can see the table on page 2 of this NHDES factsheet! :)

<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/sp-5.pdf>

- 00:47:34 Raysel Martinez: It seems in the example of the home there is a deck within 50 ft of the accessory line. If you wanted to create stairs down to the ground level would that count as an accessory structure or part of the home?
- 00:50:05 Ann Haralambie: I have narrow paths, minimal effect on shoreline, but my wood stairs/railing going down to a path to access the lake need to be replaced. If I replace them with wood (same footprint) or maybe granite stair and metal railings, is that the kind of thing that needs a permit?

00:50:23 Krystal Balanoff, NH LAKES: A "walk in" beach is probably what you would picture when you think of a beach along the lake. It's flat and directly on the shoreline so that you can walk flat from the sand to the water - the sand makes contact with the water. A "perched" beach is entirely out of the water and you access the water via stairs.

You can read more about beach permitting and water quality on this NHDES factsheet:
<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/wb-18.pdf>

00:55:01 Andrea LaMoreaux: Find out more about LakeSmart at <https://nhlakes.org/lakesmart/>

00:55:21 Krystal Balanoff, NH LAKES: Hi Ann, that's a great question. The answer is "maybe" - it depends on a variety of factors such as whether or not the project requires any machines. We'll pitch this question to John so he can comment on some of the variables.

00:55:44 Lisa Berry: There are large rocks along our shoreline that were being used essentially as a retaining wall, keeping the land from sliding into the lake. This structure is old and starting to cave in. Is type of structure considered an accessory structure??

00:56:05 Laurie Gordon: Who is responsible for making sure work on any given shorefront is properly permitted and is following state and town rules and regulations. If a property owner is in violation of these rules, what are the consequences?

00:56:26 Lisa Hutchinson: great fall foliage color with lowbush blueberry sod too!

00:56:53 Ann Haralambie: I love my low bush blueberries and huckleberries--already turning red

00:56:58 Krystal Balanoff, NH LAKES: Looking to get your own blueberry sod? :)

nhlakes.org/wp-content/uploads/Turf-and-Blueberry-Sod-Fact-Sheet-2-1.pdf

00:58:46 Robin Saunders: Thank you!!!

01:00:14 Kerry Mcniven: What type of mulch can be used to decrease erosion?

01:00:18 Donna England: If you have a crack in a wall at the shoreline can you repair it yourself without a permit?

01:00:19 Krystal Balanoff, NH LAKES: If you're in Moultonborough or on Lake Winnepesaukee you can reach out to our wonderful LakeSmart partners at the Lake Winnepesaukee Association to get your free LakeSmart site visit!

01:01:51 Jen Orr: Thank you

01:02:55 Krystal Balanoff, NH LAKES: Looking for mulch to address an erosion issue? You want something called "erosion control mix"

<https://nhlakes.org/wp-content/uploads/Erosion-Control-Mix-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

01:04:57 Lisa Hutchinson: I really like Laurie Gordon's question!

01:09:23 Ann Haralambie: it doesn't even go to the lake or dock, just to a path

01:09:57 Krystal Balanoff, NH LAKES: Regarding Laurie's question, the New Hampshire Dept. of Environmental Services Land Resources Management is responsible for enforcing proper permitting along the shoreline. The homeowner is ultimately responsible and can incur fines or be tasked with restoring the area...or both!

01:11:08 Lisa Berry: not docking - just keeps the lawn out of the lake

01:11:47 Jen Orr: Are there minimum frontage requirements for any of these rules?

01:13:44 Fran Taylor: I know our conservation commission is pretty sharp about the rules.

01:17:34 Laurie Gordon: Thank you! This was informative and is appreciated.

01:17:43 Kerry Mcniven: Thank you very much this was very helpful

01:17:49 Lisa Hutchinson: thank you John and NHLakes!

01:17:55 Andrea LaMoreaux: Thank you for spending your evening with us John and everyone!

01:17:55 Donna England: thank you! 😊

01:18:00 Ann Haralambie: learned a lot about challenges to live free or die

01:18:03 Cathy Ahrens: Thank you, this was very helpful