

This is a merger of Article 22 and Article 29. The two articles had sections that were substantially the same but in different orders and with slight differences in word choices. The only significant differences between the two articles were the type of watercraft allowed and that Lake Ripple specifies a maximum HP for motors. Since Silver Lake only allows electric motors and non-trailerred watercraft, there is no need for a maximum HP on that lake. For that reason, the committee recommends that the two articles be merged, with the differences called out in the appropriate sections.

This document is in a different format than the rest of the committee recommendations. It first contains the entire proposed replacement text with no markup, followed by a section by section analysis of the current articles with the same proposed replacement text, for easier review of the changes. The sections are ordered based on the Silver Lake article, with the matching Lake Ripple sections that may have different section numbers.

ARTICLE 22

USE OF SILVER LAKE AND LAKE RIPPLE

SECTION 1. Watercraft used on Silver Lake are limited to boats that can be carried on car tops, and only electric outboard motors are allowed. Watercraft used on Lake Ripple are limited to motors with a maximum of five (5) horsepower.

SECTION 2. No person shall operate any watercraft or recreational vehicle at a speed other than reasonable and proper or in such a manner as to annoy or endanger occupants of boats, others using the lake or its facilities, lakeside residents, or their property. No person shall operate any watercraft or recreational vehicle at a speed greater than 20 MPH on Lake Ripple.

SECTION 3. No privately owned boats, motors, equipment and/or property may be beached, left, or docked overnight on property owned by, or under the control of the Town of Grafton. Private property abutters may beach or dock boats, motors, equipment and/or property on their water frontage, if they so wish.

SECTION 4. All acts which pollute or litter the water supply and/or any part of the property of the lake are prohibited. No litter or refuse of any sort may be thrown or left in or on any land or water within the lake.

SECTION 5. All acts which damage the property of the Town of Grafton are prohibited. No persons shall damage, deface, destroy, remove or carry off any property, real or personal, under the care and control of the Town of Grafton.

SECTION 6. Drinking alcoholic beverages, being drunk, breaching the peace, profanity, or other disorderly conduct offensive to the general public is strictly forbidden while using the lake or its facilities.

SECTION 7. Except in an emergency, no person shall cause any aircraft to descend upon or land on the lake.

SECTION 8. All persons using the lake or its facilities shall obey the lawful directions of Police Officers, persons in charge, Federal, State or Local Wardens, Rangers or Enforcement Officers and all regulatory signs.

SECTION 9. No open fires will be permitted on Town or Conservation Commission owned land and property abutting the lake without prior written permission from the Fire Chief, and from said Commission for Commission-owned land.

SECTION 10. No diving or swimming from the dam will be permitted.

SECTION 11. Whoever violates any provision of this Article of the By-Laws shall be liable to a penalty of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Each day on which the violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

ARTICLE 29

Repealed, see ARTICLE 22

Analysis of current articles

What follows is an analysis of the two articles that was used to create the combined article above and shows the changes between the current and proposed articles. It is solely informational and will not be part of the by laws. The article number is listed before each section. Where the section numbers are different between the two articles, the sections are ordered based on Article 22.

22 SECTION 1. Only canoes or boats that can be carried on car tops are to be on said lake. No trailored watercrafts are allowed. Electronic outboard motors but no others may be used on said lake. (T.M.10/20/03)

29 SECTION 1. Watercraft used on the Lake is limited to a maximum of five (5) horsepower motors.

Combined: SECTION 1. Watercraft used on Silver Lake are limited to boats that can be carried on car tops, and only electric outboard motors are allowed. Watercraft used on Lake Ripple are limited to motors with a maximum of five (5) horsepower.

22 SECTION 2. No person shall operate boat at a speed other than reasonable and proper or in such a manner as to annoy or endanger the occupants of other boats or others using the facilities of the lake.

29 SECTION 2. No person shall operate any watercraft or recreational vehicle at a speed greater than 20 MPH or in such a manner as to annoy or endanger lakeside residents, their property, or other recreational users of the lake or its facilities.

Combined: SECTION 2. No person shall operate any watercraft or recreational vehicle at a speed other than reasonable and proper or in such a manner as to annoy or endanger occupants of boats, others using the lake or its facilities, lakeside residents, or their property. No person shall operate any watercraft or recreational vehicle at a speed greater than 20 MPH on Lake Ripple.

22 SECTION 3. All privately-owned boats, motors and other equipment must be removed from the property of the Town at Silver Lake each day.

29 SECTION 3. No privately owned boats, motors, equipment and/or property may be beached or docked overnight on property owned by, or under the control of the Town of Grafton. Private property abutters may beach or dock boats, motors, equipment and/or property on their water frontage, if they so wish.

Combined: SECTION 3. No privately owned boats, motors, equipment and/or property may be beached, left, or docked overnight on property owned by, or under the control of the Town of Grafton. Private property abutters may beach or dock boats, motors, equipment and/or property on their water frontage, if they so wish.

22 SECTION 4. All acts which pollute the water supply of Silver Lake are prohibited. No litter or refuse of any sort may be thrown or left in or on any land or water within Silver Lake.

29 SECTION 4. All acts which pollute or litter the water supply and/or any part of the property of Lake Ripple are prohibited.

Combined: SECTION 4. All acts which pollute or litter the water supply and/or any part of the property of the lake are prohibited. No litter or refuse of any sort may be thrown or left in or on any land or water within the lake.

22 SECTION 5. All acts which injure the property of the Town of Grafton at Silver Lake are prohibited. No person shall injure, deface, destroy, remove or carry off any property, real or personal under the care and control of the Town of Grafton at Silver Lake.

29 SECTION 5. All acts which damage the property of the Town of Grafton at Lake Ripple are prohibited. No persons shall damage, deface, destroy, remove or carry off any property, real or personal, under the care and control of the Town of Grafton at Lake Ripple. (10/20/03)

Combined: SECTION 5. All acts which damage the property of the Town of Grafton are prohibited. No persons shall damage, deface, destroy, remove or carry off any property, real or personal, under the care and control of the Town of Grafton.

22 SECTION 6. Drunkenness, breach of the peace, profanity or other disorderly conduct offensive to the general public is strictly forbidden. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is forbidden.

29 SECTION 6. Drinking alcoholic beverages, being drunk, breaching the peace, or other disorderly conduct offensive to the general public is strictly forbidden while using Lake Ripple or its facilities.

Combined: SECTION 6. Drinking alcoholic beverages, being drunk, breaching the peace, profanity, or other disorderly conduct offensive to the general public is strictly forbidden while using the lake or its facilities.

22 SECTION 7. No person, except in any emergency, shall bring, land or cause to descend on Silver Lake any airplane.

29 SECTION 9. No person, except in an emergency, shall bring, land or cause to descend on Lake Ripple any aircraft.

Combined: SECTION 7. Except in an emergency, no person shall cause any aircraft to descend upon or land on the lake.

22 SECTION 8. All persons using Silver Lake shall obey the lawful directions of regulatory signs, Police Officers, persons in charge, or of Federal, State or Local wardens, Rangers or enforcement officers.

29 SECTION 10. All persons using Lake Ripple or its facilities shall obey the lawful directions of Police Officers, persons in charge, Federal, State or Local Wardens, Rangers or Enforcement Officers and all regulatory signs.

Combined: SECTION 8. All persons using the lake or its facilities shall obey the lawful directions of Police Officers, persons in charge, Federal, State or Local Wardens, Rangers or Enforcement Officers and all regulatory signs.

22 SECTION 9. No open fires will be permitted on the land of the Conservation Commission at Silver lake without prior written permission from said Commission and the Fire Chief. (T.M. 5/21/84)

29 SECTION 8 No open fires will be permitted on the Town owned land and property abutting Lake Ripple without prior written permission from the Fire Chief.

Combined: SECTION 9. No open fires will be permitted on Town or Conservation Commission owned land and property abutting the lake without prior written permission from the Fire Chief, and from said Commission for Commission owned land.

22 SECTION 10. No diving or swimming from the dam will be permitted.

29 SECTION 7. No diving or swimming from the dam will be permitted.

Combined: SECTION 10. No diving or swimming from the dam will be permitted.

22 SECTION 11. Whoever violates any provision of this Article of the By-Laws shall be liable to a penalty of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Each day on which the violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. (T.M.10/20/03)

29 SECTION 11. Whoever violates any provision of this Article of the By-Laws shall be liable to a penalty of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each offense. Each day of which the violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. (T.M. 10/20/03)

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