

<p>Town of Barrington Highway Department</p> <p>PO Box 660 333 Calef Highway Barrington, NH 03825</p>	 The seal of the Town of Barrington, New Hampshire, is circular with a red border. It features a central illustration of a landscape with a sun, a river, and a dam. The text "TOWN OF BARRINGTON" is at the top, "INCORPORATED" is on the left, "NEW HAMPSHIRE" is at the bottom, and "1722" is in the center.	<p>Phone: (603) 664-0166</p> <p>Website</p> <p>www.barrington.nh.gov</p>
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September 22, 2020

Attention: All Swains Lake Residents,

Subject: 2020 Swains Lake Drawdown UPDATE

Dear Swains Lake Resident,

On August 11, 2020 we advertised our anticipated drawdown plans for the 2020 season. The primary goal of the early drawdown was to bring the lake to a level which would allow necessary repairs to the dam spillway. Mother Nature has done most of the work for us this year. This letter serves to provide an update of what has happened so far and how we will manage the lake level for the remainder of the year.

The gate at the Swains Lake dam has been closed since January 2020. The Town had previously scheduled a start to the yearly drawdown on September 21, 2020, targeting a full drawdown by October 15, 2020. Due to the drought conditions, the lake level is already approaching the targeted drawdown level without opening the gate. As measured from the top of the spillway, the lake is currently at 12 inches; full seasonal drawdown is 24 to 30 inches. The level is currently low enough to accommodate the necessary repair work. In order to conserve the water already retained in the Swains Lake, the Town does not currently intend to manually reduce the lake level. We expect that the drought conditions will continue to naturally lower the lake level through the fall season. Manual adjustments will be used to respond to changing conditions in order to keep the lake level at or below its current level. As we approach freezing weather, the Town will manually adjust the lake level in order to achieve full seasonal drawdown (24 to 30 inches). Full drawdown may happen later in the season this year in order to conserve the water in the lake. Thank you for your patience and understanding through this serious water shortage.

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