



October 17, 2024

Jim Rupert, Town Administrator
Town of Bolton
222 Bolton Center Road
Bolton, CT 06043

RE: Lower Bolton Lake Drawdown 2024

This letter is in response to the request to drawdown Lower Bolton Lake by 18-24 inches for shoreline protection from ice damage and maintenance repairs.

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has reviewed this request and approves the drawdown for Lower Bolton Lake for 18-24 inches.

The drawdown will commence on or about November 1, 2024, and will be managed until March 1, 2025, to restore the normal water surface elevation by early April 2025. With any drawdown and refill periods, there are risks that the desired level and timing of refill may not be achieved within the timeframes due to weather conditions and other uncontrollable events.

Drawdowns are conducted by available staff from the State Parks & Public Outreach Division. Park staff may be required to be available during major weather events to control the water level during the drawdown period. Staff availability is subject to change, and hourly rates may vary during the drawdown period. Invoices will reflect the hours spent attempting and maintaining the drawdown at the rate of the assigned staff. It is estimated that the drawdown will require approximately 40 hours of staff time. Please note that there have been years where weather has prevented the desired drawdown level, and if this happens, you will be charged for the time that was spent attempting the drawdown.

If you have general questions regarding this notification, please contact Linda Brunza of my staff at 860-424-3739 or Linda.Brunza@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

Katie S. Dykes
Commissioner

cc: David Buckley/ DEEP
John Guglielmoni/ DEEP
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