STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY NOTICE OF HEARING

PURSUANT TO RSA 270:43, A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PETITION TO PROHIBIT AND/OR RESTRICT RAFTING OF BOATS BY RESCINDING A PRIOR 1993 ORDER WHICH ALLOWED RAFTING AND ANCHORING WITHIN 75 FEET OF SHORE IN BRAUN BAY ON LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE IN MOULTONBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024 AT 9:00 AM. THE HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE MOULTONBOROUGH TOWN HALL, ERNEST DAVIS ROOM, 6 HOLLAND STREET, MOULTONBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03254.

THE SPECIFIC RESTRICTION REQUESTED IS TO ADOPT A RULE PROHIBITING RAFTING IN BRAUN BAY BY REVOKING A 1993 ORDER MODIFYING A PRIOR RAFTING PROHIBITION IN THE ENTIRETY OF BRAUN BAY, WHICH 1993 ORDER ALLOWED THE ANCHORING OF BOATS WITHIN 75 FEET FROM SHORE, AND TO RESTORE THE PRIOR RULE.

TESTIMONY WILL BE ALLOWED THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

- (1) THE SIZE OF THE BODY OF WATER OR PORTION THEREOF FOR WHICH RULEMAKING ACTION IS BEING CONSIDERED.
- (2) THE EFFECT WHICH ADOPTING OR NOT ADOPTING THE RULE(S) WOULD HAVE UPON:
 - (A) PUBLIC SAFETY;
 - (B) THE MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENTIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND SCENIC VALUES;
 - (C) THE VARIETY OF USES OF SUCH BODY OF WATER OR PORTION THEREOF;
 - (D) THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER QUALITY;
 - (E) THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES.
- (3) THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFECTED, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY ADOPTING OR NOT ADOPTING THE RULE(S); AND
- (4) THE AVAILABILITY AND PRACTICALITY OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE RULE(S).

PERSONS WISHING TO TESTIFY ARE URGED TO COORDINATE THEIR TESTIMONY TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OR REPETITION OF TESTIMONY. WRITTEN COMMENT MAY BE SUBMITTED. INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENT MAY DO SO WITHIN A PERIOD OF SEVEN (7) DAYS AFTER THE SCHEDULED HEARING BUT ANY COMMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAIL OR EMAIL BEFORE 4:15 PM ON JUNE 12, 2024.

AUTHORITY FOR HEARING: RSA 270:12, RSA 270:43, SAF-C 407 AND SAF-C 409.

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