

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING USING ZOOM

July 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM

EMERGENCY MEETING

Join Zoom Meeting:

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

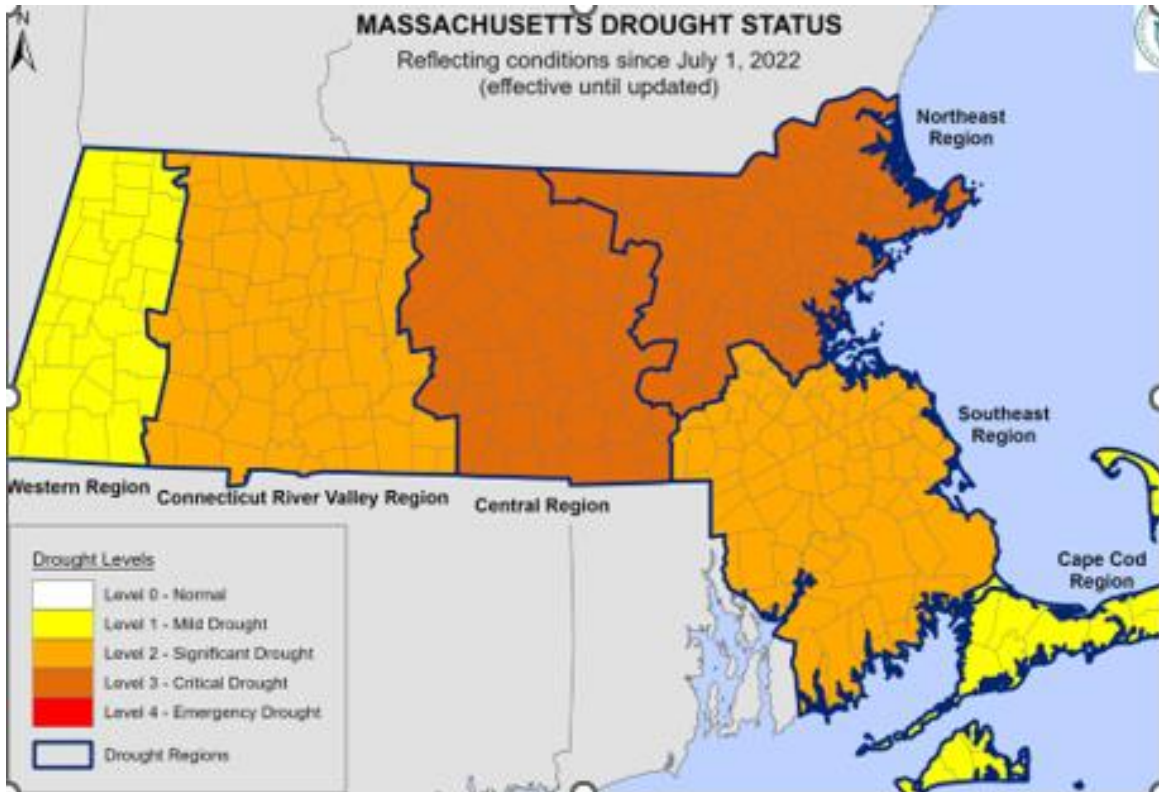
- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- II. PUBLIC HEARING
- III. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:
- IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT
- V. DECISIONS
 - A. **Drought Status: Level 3 - Critical Drought**/Vote to adopt and implement the state's non-essential outdoor water use restrictions for drought Level 3, which calls for a ban on all non-essential outdoor water use.
- VI. DISCUSSIONS
- VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
- VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS
- IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
- X. CORRESPONDENCE
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Town Clerk: 2 Hard copies

Web: Post time-stamped copy

DROUGHT STATUS

LEVEL 3 - CRITICAL



For Regions in Level 3 – Critical Drought Residents and Businesses:

- Minimize overall water use.
- Stop all non-essential outdoor watering.

Immediate Steps for Communities:

- Adopt and implement the state's nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought; Level 3 restriction calls for a ban on all nonessential outdoor water use.
- Provide timely information on the drought and on water conservation tips to local residents and businesses.
- Enforce water use restrictions with increasingly stringent penalties.
- Strongly discourage or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.
- Establish or enhance water-use reduction targets for all water users and identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

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Examples of "Nonessential" outdoor water uses include:

- * irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems;
- * washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety; and
- * washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

Examples of water uses that may be allowed:

- * irrigation to establish a new lawn and new plantings during the months of May and September;
- * irrigation of public parks and recreational fields by means of automatic sprinklers outside the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and
- * irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose.

Examples of water uses NOT subject to mandatory restrictions:

- * for health and safety reasons;
- * by regulation;
- * for the production of food and fiber;
- * for the maintenance of livestock; or
- * to meet the core functions of a business (for example, irrigation by golf courses as necessary to maintain tees, greens, and limited fairway watering, or irrigation by plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock).