



Nabnasset Improvement Association Newsletter 2021

N.I.A. News Corner

Happy New Year! We hope this newsletter finds you and your family safe and healthy. Thank you for your support, cooperation, and understanding during our 2020 season. With the changing guidelines and precautions, we appreciate your help in having made it a successful summer and hope you found time to enjoy Nabnasset Lake. As stated in the 2020 Annual Meeting Letter, in hopes to improve communication and your experiences at the N.I.A. properties, we will be updating the format of our annual newsletter. This Opening Newsletter will provide an introduction to the season and our priorities. We hope to conclude with a Fall Newsletter to recap the season and provide updates on our goals. We would love to hear from you and get your feedback. Please email us at niawestford@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Registration

Registration will be available both online and via mail for the 2021 season. Last year, for the first time, we provided an online registration option. Hopefully you found this format helpful. Registration will be available beginning January 2021 through our website at niawestford.org under the “Join Us” tab. We have updated the look of the registration page in an effort to make the process more user friendly. If you prefer to register through mail, please download the application from the website and follow the instructions to mail the application and check to our PO Box. Boat keys will begin being mailed out the week of March 14, 2021. Please submit your request and payment early to receive your boat key the week they become available.

Communication

In lieu of the 2020 annual meeting, a letter and ballot question were mailed to the members. The vote was to amend the by-laws to include the option of electronic voting for the future. The vote passed in favor of amending the by-laws. Previously, all voting was conducted at the Annual Meeting in August. We hope this new format will allow for greater participation from the membership.

We've made efforts to regularly update the website throughout the year to provide the most current information. If you are looking for information about events, rules, or general questions, you are encouraged to visit our website at niawestford.org. Additionally, look for us on social media, including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. We are NIA Westford on these platforms. We can also be reached at our email address, niawestford@gmail.com.

COVID Updates and Calendar of Events

We are all very excited and looking forward to a vaccine being available. All mitigation guidelines will be addressed at the beginning of the season and will be communicated via the website and email. If social distancing and policies allow, we hope to continue the tradition of our member events.

Scholarship

The N.I.A. scholarship will once again be available to a graduating high school senior. For students who do not attend Westford Academy, please be on the lookout for an email with the application in February 2021. WA seniors can apply through the school's website when the application window opens.

N.I.A. Goals

In addition to our regular beach and association maintenance costs, we plan to invest in the continued physical improvement of the four N.I.A. beaches. Specific attention will be focused at North Beach. We are working closely with the Conservation Commission to provide updates of the grounds while preserving the integrity of Nabnasset Lake and the waterfront properties.

About the N.I.A.

The constitution of the Nabnasset Improvement Association states that it is a “non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement and betterment of the properties owned by the N.I.A. on Nabnasset Lake.” The organization is run by a Board of Directors, including officers and directors from around the lake.

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Requests and Reminders

SHARING OR LENDING OF BOAT KEYS will result in **loss of boat key for the season.**

Each boat key is assigned to a household, and sharing of boat keys with other members or non-members is prohibited.

GET INVOLVED! We need help to make the N.I.A. activities fun and successful. If you are interested in working with the N.I.A. Board of Directors or becoming one yourself, **please email us** at niawestford@gmail.com for more information.

PLEASE CONTACT the Westford Dog Pound directly at 978-692-4574 to report leash law violations on any of our N.I.A. properties.

NO GLASS CONTAINERS of any kind are allowed on any of the N.I.A. beaches. We ask that all members help to keep this rule enforced.

BOATERS AND SWIMMERS should respect No Trespassing of our abutters and stay within the N.I.A. fenced in areas.

PARENT or GUARDIAN SUPERVISION is required for all children under 12 years of age, and those with inner tubes.

SMOKING IS NOW PROHIBITED ON ALL NIA PROPERTIES. Your cooperation is appreciated!

PLEASE STOP the spread of nuisance freshwater organisms. Clean organisms off boats, anchors, motors, and trailers before leaving ANY boat launch access area.

PARKING OF BOAT TRAILERS at the Sandy Beach parking area or along the access road leading to the beach is not permitted. Members are encouraged to bring their trailers home after launching their boat.

Thanks for your support on these issues.



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2021 N.I.A. Newsletter and Membership Application

****** Boat Key requests take at least a week to process- Please Plan Ahead! ******