

Local Funding is Needed to Support Your Local Lake Host™ Program!

Submit a warrant article to request town funding to protect your lake or pond from exotic invasive aquatic plants!

If your association or group is interested in securing town funds to support the local Lake Host™ Program, you should become actively involved NOW. Here's how:

1. Work with your selectmen/town council members and/or the town's budget committee on a proposed warrant article to set aside funds to support the local Lake Host™ Program. *(A warrant article template and example is provided below.)*
2. Have members of your group contact the selectman/town council members, offering their strong support for the idea.
3. Attend all public hearings related to the budget request, explaining the need for these monies.
4. Educate others, particularly the voters, about the need for the funding by publicizing the warrant article in your local paper and writing letters to the editor in support of the article.
5. On the day of the Town Meeting, just outside of the meeting area, set up an information table, post signs, and pass out flyers that explain the importance of passing the warrant article to support the local Lake Host™ Program.

For more information and to find out specific warrant article submission requirements in your town, please contact your local selectmen or town council members.

TEMPLATE

Town Warrant Article

Request for local funding to support the local Lake Host™ Program

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *[insert sum here by spelling out the sum and then include the numerical sum in parenthesis]* submitted by *[insert group's name]*, through a majority vote, for the purpose of conducting courtesy inspections of boats using the town boat launch at *[insert launch location]* on *[insert waterbody name]* to remove fragments of exotic invasive aquatic species and to educate the public on how to prevent the spread of exotic species from waterbody to waterbody. This would provide a Lake Host *[insert number of days or hours]* a week to conduct inspections and educate boaters from *[insert starting date or month]* to *[insert ending date or month]*, thereby minimizing the potential for an infestation of an exotic species, such as variable milfoil, that could make recreation on *[insert waterbody name]* dangerous, disrupt the ecological balance of the *[insert "lake" or "pond"]*, reduce the value of shoreline properties, and would be expensive to control and difficult to eliminate.

Note: NH LAKES has found that groups typically ask for \$1,000 to \$1,500 in funding the first year they request funds to support the local Lake Host™ Program. Groups that have received town funding have asked for up to \$7,000 in subsequent years.

EXAMPLE

Town Warrant Article

Request for local funding to support the local Lake Host™ Program

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) submitted by the Clear Lake Association, through a majority vote, for the purpose of conducting courtesy inspections of boats using the town boat launch at Otter Park on Clear Lake to remove fragments of exotic invasive aquatic species and to educate the public on how to prevent the spread of exotic species from waterbody to waterbody. This would provide a Lake Host 10 hours a week to conduct inspections and educate boaters from May to September, thereby minimizing the potential for an infestation of an exotic species, such as variable milfoil, that could make recreation on Clear Lake dangerous, disrupt the ecological balance of the lake, reduce the value of shoreline properties, and would be expensive to control and difficult to eliminate.



Members dedicated to protecting lakes