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Memorandum

DATE: August 13, 2020

TO: Kevin Sweet, Town Administrator
Cindy Thompson, Town Clerk

FROM: Mike Lavin, Superintendent of Public Works

RE: Declaration of Water Emergency/ Water Supply Conservation

At the meeting of 8/12/2020 the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force recommended a change in our Drought Status from a Level 0 (normal) to a Level 2 (Significant Drought). In addition, I have determined our Water Supply Wells' static groundwater level has fallen to a level of concern.

Due to these conditions under the authority of our General By-Law 6.30 Section 4, Water Use Restriction and the Board of Selectmen's Policy 14.4, Water Emergency I am declaring a Water Emergency/ State of Water Supply Conservation and issuing a **Mandatory Stage III Water Use Restriction**.

Stage III restrictions include:

No non-essential outdoor water use between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Non-essential outdoor water use is limited to one day per week on the resident's regularly scheduled trash collection day.

The policy and by-law state when mandatory water use restrictions are in effect, they shall be applied to the following categories:

Non-essential uses subject to mandatory restrictions: Irrigation of lawns and landscaping using sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems, washing of vehicles except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety, 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, and filling of swimming pools.

Uses not subject to mandatory restrictions: Uses required for health and safety reasons, uses required by regulation, uses for the production of food or fiber, uses for the maintenance of livestock, and uses to meet the core functions of a business such as a golf course watering of tees and greens and irrigation by plant nurseries to maintain stock.

Permissive uses which may be allowed outside the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. when mandatory restrictions are in place. Irrigation during the months of May or September to establish a new lawn or new plantings; irrigation of public parks and recreational fields by means of automatic sprinklers; watering of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a handheld hose; and irrigation using stored storm-water runoff.