

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2021 – 288 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY IMPLORING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN GREENWOOD LAKE

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey owns and is responsible for the maintenance of the southern portion of Greenwood Lake; and

WHEREAS, Greenwood Lake is an invaluable natural resource that serves as an integral part of the water supply system for the northern portion of the State and is also utilized by many State residents for various recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the State does not allocate the necessary resources to ensure that the Lake is free of hazardous weeds and algae that hinder the enjoyment of the Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford regularly incurs a significant financial burden ensuring the safety of those enjoying the Lake as a result of the State's failure to maintain the lake; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford utilizes its own equipment and staff to remove weeds from the lake; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has assumed the responsibility of disposing the weeds that are regularly collected from the State-owned property; and

WHEREAS, local property taxes should not be used to maintain State-owned property; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is willing to enter into a contract with the State for the removal of weeds from Greenwood Lake if the State is willing to reimburse the Township for the costs incurred; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford has consulted with its representative on the Greenwood Lake Commission concerning this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford will be in contact with all property owners adjacent to Greenwood Lake in order to help ensure their concerns with the maintenance of Greenwood Lake are communicated to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford will seek the support and assistance of local and statewide community and environmental organizations in imploring the State to act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Michele Dale and the Township Council implore the State to allocate sufficient resources to ensure that Greenwood Lake can continue to supply safe drinking water and be used for various recreational activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of West Milford will not allocate resources for the removal of weeds on Greenwood Lake beyond the current year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Administrator is directed to contact all property owners adjacent to Greenwood Lake in order to help ensure their concerns with the maintenance of Greenwood Lake are communicated to the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Administrator is directed to contact local and statewide community and environmental organizations in order to garner their support and assistance in imploring the State of allocate the resources necessary to properly maintain Greenwood Lake.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Governor, Greenwood Lake Commission and our local representatives in the State Legislature.

Adopted: July 14, 2021

Adopted this 14th day of July, 2021
and certified as a true copy of an original.

William Senande, Township Clerk