



## **TOWN OF MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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### **Mendon Conservation Commission Dock Licensing Guidance**

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection requires that all docks and other structures in Commonwealth waters (including Lake Nipmuc) have a Chapter 91 License. In addition, all such structures also need approval from the Conservation Commission under the Wetlands Protection Act and Town of Mendon Wetlands Protection By-law. Many residential docks can be approved under a simplified license process. Additional information about this permit requirement can be found at: <https://www.mendonma.gov/conservation-commission>

Accordingly:

- No new permanent or seasonal dock, pier, float or decking may be placed in or on resource areas (including Lake Nipmuc) without prior permit approval by the Mendon Conservation Commission and DEP.
- No existing unlicensed permanent or seasonal dock, pier, float or decking may be *reconstructed, enlarged, or relocated* without prior approval of the Mendon Conservation Commission and DEP.
- Conservation Commission approvals for water dependent uses (retaining walls, stairs, etc.) on lots that contain existing unlicensed docks, piers, floats or decking will include a permit condition that the docks be properly permitted and licensed prior to issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

**Owners of all unlicensed docks, piers and floats are advised to seek approval for these structures.**

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