

9-22-2015

Attorney Christopher Casco
Department of Safety
Bureau of Hearings
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305

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9/25/15

Dear Attorney Casco,

Per our discussion this morning, please find attached our petition to ban rafting in Springfield Cove, Wolfeboro, NH.

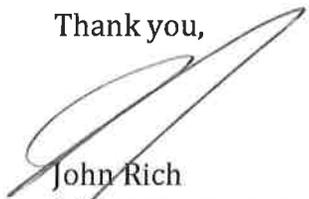
Each of the forty-two signatures have been electronically submitted. Pertinent contact information for those who have endorsed the petition is listed on the second and third pages of the document.

This cove is very small and has not been named to our knowledge. Therefore, the residents arbitrarily named the area "Springfield Cove" as the main road leading to the lake is Springfield Point Road.

On the two pages following the petition we have highlighted the area in red where we feel a ban is necessary. This is where there have been recurring problematic rafting issues documented by residents, the Marine Patrol and the Wolfeboro Police.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,



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Petition to Ban Rafting in Springfield Cove, Lake Winnepesaukee

We the undersigned, as neighbors with waterfront property in the vicinity of Springfield Cove, have signed this petition in an effort to ban rafting there. This area has no official name on the Lake Winnepesaukee charts, but we have labeled it Springfield Cove due to its proximity to Springfield Point. The shoreline of this cove includes property in South Wolfboro and East Alton. See the attached map. Very often, we see up to seven boats tied side by side in the cove. We ask the New Hampshire Legislature to ban rafting in this area and to make this ban permanent and legally binding.

We claim that rafting poses a pollution risk and safety hazard in Springfield Cove. Much of the area is less than 6 feet deep and less than 150 yards wide. The shallow warm water and fertile sediment provide ideal conditions for milfoil, the growth and spread of which is enhanced by the repeated dropping and hauling of anchors from boats. The cove provides ideal nesting sites for loons as well as habitat for other species of wildlife. The rafters bring in boatloads of people and engage in activities that degrade the restful environment that the homeowners and wildlife enjoy. Disposal of trash in the lake is a big problem. One property owner picked up over 50 cans, 11 bottles, and numerous bags of chips after the Fourth of July. Such littering is disrespectful to the environment and the public. The sun lotions, beer, carcinogens, gasoline, and trash are detrimental to the natural environment and the wildlife that we are preserving for future generations.

Regarding safety, children from the boats swim and dive close to where other boats are moving, and there are no markers to indicate where the swimmers are located. One neighbor refuses to leave his dock by powerboat on a weekend for fear of injuring another person.

The noise pollution is absurd, as sound carries very well over water. Property owners are subject to the rafters' often-offensive conversation, screaming, air horns, and loud music. The rafters bring kayaks, grills, floats, and jet skis and have been spotted sitting on one neighbor's raft and repeatedly looking into the house windows with binoculars and cameras. Family members and friends are subject to being filmed and are uncomfortable going into the lake while being watched. The Wolfboro Police Department has documented nude sexual acts in the cove while neighbors (and their children) are in the line of sight.

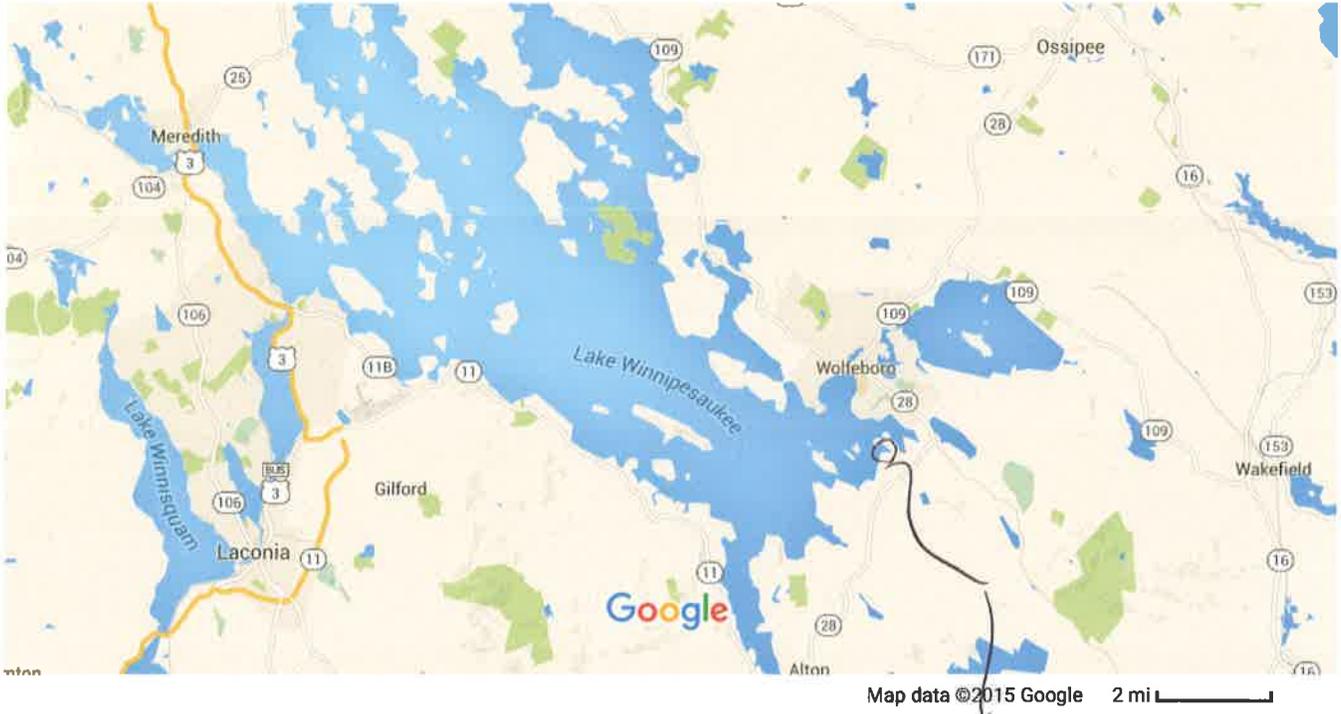
It seems that when the rafters get together they try to outdo each other's obnoxious behavior. We maintain our properties to enjoy them at peak times and are forced into our homes to wait it out until the rafters leave. We understand and appreciate that the lake is for everyone, and we encourage everyone to enjoy the lake if they respect the environment. Some modicum of respect and distance to protect the property owners and minimize the pollution is all we ask.

We, the undersigned wish to designate Springfield Point Cove a non-rafting area. All signers of this petition are property owners and at least 18 years old.

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE
1. Martha Peters	159 Springfield Point Rd	9-19-15
2. Rae Ann Puff	5 Puff,s Point	9-18-15
3. Arthur Bruno	19 Viewpoint Dr	9-15-15
4. Rick Parent	53 Springfield Point Rd	9-17-15
5. Patty Luff	77 Worcester Island Rd	9-18-15
6. Edward Kammler	77 Worcester Island Rd	9-18-15
7. Laurie Kammler	77 Worcester Island Rd	9-18-15
8. Randall Rust	11 Worcester Island Rd	9-17-15
9. Mary O'Conner	83 Worcester Island Rd	9-17-15
10. John Rich	144 Springfield Point Rd	9-16-15
11. Erin O'Brien	144 Springfield Point Rd	9-16-15
12. James Pitts	220 Springfield Point Rd	9-15-15
13. Noreen Pitts	220 Springfield Point Rd	9-15-15
14. Janice Girard	179 Springfield Point Rd	9-15-15
15. Spencer Johnson MD	7 Puffs Point	9-17-15
16. Ken Peters	159 Springfield Point Rd	9-15-15
17. Mona Flanagan	11 Wooster island Rd	9-15-15
18. Laurel Parrish	184 Springfield Point Rd	9-15-15
19. J Robert Campbell	10 Fishermans Cove Rd	9-15-15
20. Cheryl Campbell	12 Fishermans Cove Rd	9-15-15

21. Elizabeth Goral	Gould Rd lot 266-2	9-15-15
22. Tony Polimeno	119 Springfield Point Rd	9-15-15
23. Susan Maus	7 Delings Cove	9-15-15
24. Ken Coleman	23 Viewpoint Drive	9-15-15
25. Sue Morelli	23 Viewpoint Drive	9-15-15
26. Timothy Taussig	207 Springfield Point Rd	9-15-15
27. Jim VanDerpoel	6 Fishermans Cove Rd	9-15-15
28. Joann VanDerpoel	6 Fishermans Cove Rd	9-15-15
29. Michele Walker	107 Springfield Point Rd	9-15-15
30. Steve Shotland	147 Springfield Point Rd	9-15-15
31. Diana Scott	4 Worcester Island Rd	9-15-15
32. Gregory Jonas	4 Worcester Island Rd	9-15-15
33. Joe Bresnahan	50 Worcester Island Rd	9-16-15
34. Karen Bresnahan	50 Worcester Island Rd	9-16-15
35. Joe Bussichella	3 Puffs Pt	9-16-15
36. Steve Berg	205 Springfield Point Rd	9-16-15
37. Shaun Marie Berg	205 Springfield Point Rd	9-16-15
38. Michele Perkins	21 Viewpoint Dr	9-21-15
39. Derrick Perkins	21 Viewpoint Dr	9-21-15
40. Lucy Hancock	69 Worcester Island Rd	9-15-15
41. Arthur Hancock	69 Worcester Island Rd	9-15-15
42. Beth Smith	19 Worcester Island Rd	9-22-15

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This Cave



The cove is from 100' to almost 400' wide. ASKING FOR THE AREA MARKED WITH Red X's TO BE A NO RAFTING AREA