

**Housatonic River Project  
Shoreline Management Plan  
Answers to Questions Posed at June 27, 2006 Public Forum**

Question	Response
1. If I register early, will the registration fee be waived?	Yes
2. How would you charge if someone has a deeded right to a dock or boat?	The Project Owner would not charge for such rights. However, you will be required to register your uses and to pay an annual fee for the management of shoreline properties by the Project Owner.
3. Why aren't you charging other users, particularly day-boaters?	Boating activities are regulated by the State. The Project Owner and the stakeholder work group have endorsed a proposal to create legislation that would provide for a "sticker program" that would assess fees for day boaters so that costs can be spread equitably among all users. This program will not affect annual fees to be paid by lake residents for the administration of the licensing program (inspections, etc.). Residents are encouraged to participate in the sticker program development.
4. What's the basis for the proposed fees? Where did \$200 come from?	Fee estimates are based on the expected cost of administering the proposed licensing program. The costs were straight-lined over a six year period beginning in 2008 to smooth out year to year variations. The price for the first three years will reflect this straight-lining.
5. What will happen with excess fees?	Any fee revenues in excess of administrative costs would be used to reduce fees in subsequent years. Likewise, any fee shortages may be used to increase fees in subsequent years. The Project Owner is not allowed to profit from the fees associated with the SMP; therefore, the Project Owner will ensure a balance of costs and revenue for the licensing administration program.
6. What are the remedies with regard to future fee increases?	Fees will be reassessed on a periodic basis based on actual costs.

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7. Why has the financial burden been spread the way it has – entirely on homeowners?	Only those entities occupying Project lands are required to obtain a license for that use and pay applicable administrative fees for management of the Licensing Program. The fees that will be charged to those with structures on Project Owner property will be for the administrative costs associated with the uses and occupancies of the residents, only, and will not include costs related to the provision of access to others.
8. Will there be annual reports regarding costs and fees?	The Project Owner shall report costs and revenues annually to the Lake Advisory Committee (LAC).
9. Could fees go down?	Yes
10. How will fees at Lake Zoar be different?	Approximately 95 percent of the shoreline at Lake Zoar is owned by entities other than the Project Owner. There will be no fees for those entities that maintain structures on <i>lands they own</i> .
11. Is the power company still willing to give the CLA a year's notice regarding budget contribution?	Yes
12. What about pre-existing ramps?	Such uses will be allowed.
13. Where did the dock guidelines come from?	Based on existing guidelines currently in use and from discussions with the work group.
14. Will the power company provide assistance with licensing?	The Project Owner will be available to answer questions and provide information on the process for licensing existing and proposed new structures. The Project Owner will also be available to meet with applicants on-site to discuss proposed activities, conformance with development guidelines, and measures to reduce environmental impacts.
15. Will there be a notification regarding necessary renewals?	Yes
16. What's the incentive for buffers?	50% discount
17. Who's on the Lake Advisory Committee (LAC)	Local, State, and Federal agency representatives
18. How would buffers affect deeded rights?	They would not.

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19. Where is Exhibit H – Pro-forma zoning? Will this be required?	There will be no Pro-forma zoning recommendations in the SMP per comments received to date.
20. Why not just sell the land to adjacent property owners?	The Project Owner is required by the FERC to maintain control of the shoreline for project purposes.
21. Can I keep the public off my dock?	Yes, but the public is allowed to use Project Owner land.
22. Why did the power company wait until late November 2005 to do the drawdown at Candlewood?	Water could not be released from Candlewood Lake due to concerns about public safety in New Milford and downstream of the Stevenson Dam during the flooding that occurred around November.
23. Who’s responsible for fallen trees?	If an abutting property owner would like to remove a fallen tree on Project Owner property, they must obtain a license to do so from the Project Owner. If a tree on Project Owner land is endangering a residential structure (house), then the Project Owner should be contacted to evaluate the need for removing the tree. In all other instances on Project Owner land, the tree can remain as is, or if its removal is desired by the abutting property owner, the Project Owner must be contacted so that it can issue a license that would allow the abutting property owner or contractor to remove the tree.
24. Will the power company look at the deeds?	Yes
25. Will there be a Federal Register Notice and additional public comment period by FERC after the Plan is submitted?	To be determined by the FERC.
26. Do you intend to raise the water level at Zoar?	No
27. Can’t you change the operations to ensure more shoreline protection at Lillinonah?	Current FERC license requires protection of the shoreline.
28. Would the “early bird” special apply to the registration of community facilities?	Yes
29. Are you going to charge day-boaters?	See response to question 3.