



TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN / HARBOR MASTERS  
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## TEMPORARY MOORINGS, FLOATS, RAFTS AND DOCK APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

**In Sturbridge, the Board of Selectmen serves as the Harbor Master governing the five (5) lakes that can be found in Town. In order to place a temporary mooring, float, raft, or ramp for a water craft, the Board of Selectmen must first issue a permit. The Harbor Master (i.e. Board of Selectmen) only issues permits for temporary structures.**

Pursuant to Section 365-6.3 of the Town Bylaws: Any person placing a float, raft or mooring into anybody of water within Sturbridge must apply for and obtain a permit as follows:

- A. Any floats, docks or rafts secured to the bottom of the lake either through piles or other permanent measures must obtain a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection, Worcester, MA. Additional permitting must be obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers, if the project includes any filling or dredging at any level. This includes adding stone or removing bottom soils.
- B. Any temporary or seasonal floats, rafts, docks or moorings must be permitted through the Board of Selectmen as Harbor Master under the Massachusetts Public Waterfront Act (MGL c.91,§10A).
- C. All docks, floats, moorings or rafts which require excavation of any type for installation of footings or other means of securing the structure must be brought before the Conservation Commission for permitting using the permit application appropriate to the scope of work involved.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date for use: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Float/Raft/Dock: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Float/Raft/Dock: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Float/Raft/Dock: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose and Description of Float/Raft/Dock: \_\_\_\_\_

All applicants must provide one or all of the following: scale drawing, plot plan, GIS diagram of their property that includes property lines and location of any dock(s) in relation to the shoreline. Permits must be renewed yearly with any/and all changes.

*Under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 91, Section 10A, I am applying for a permit to establish a temporary dock, float, mooring or raft.*

*I certify that the information supplied above is the best of my knowledge and believe to be accurate.*

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Use Only:**

APPLICATION RECEIVED IN SELECTMEN'S OFFICE ON: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSERVATION SIGN-OFF: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO (if no please provide reason)

Reason for Conservation Denial: \_\_\_\_\_

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION:**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

(If approved please keep this original application with signatures for your records)

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Board of Selectmen

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DENIED: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON(S): \_\_\_\_\_

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