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DCR SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING ON REHABILITATION OF THE UPPER MYSTIC LAKE DAM

WHAT: The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a public meeting to talk about the full rehabilitation of the Upper Mystic Lake Dam, which divides Upper Mystic Lake and Lower Mystic Lake in Arlington and Medford. The \$5 million project includes repairing the dam's existing spillway, outlets, and earthen embankment; adding a second spillway; and installing a new fish ladder to create additional fish habitat from the dam to the center of Winchester.

A contract for the construction is expected to be awarded this month, and work is expected to start shortly thereafter. The project is aimed at protecting public safety and public and private property by preventing flooding downstream along the Mystic River and Alewife Brook. It also will preserve and protect environmental and recreational resources in the Upper Mystic Lake, provide upstream and downstream fish and eel passage, and improve the ability to control water levels in the lakes, all while maintaining the historic character of the site.

WHEN: Thursday
September 24, 2009
6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

WHERE: Winchester Town Hall
71 Mt. Vernon St.
Winchester

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