

**Vermont Agency of Natural Resources  
Department of Environmental Conservation**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF  
PETITION RECEIVED AND PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING BERLIN POND

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The Watershed Management Division of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) received a petition from the **City of Montpelier** to amend the **Vermont Use of Public Waters Rules'** Use of Public Lake-Specific Rules pertaining to **Berlin Pond** in the Town of Berlin to prohibit the presence or use of internal combustion motors on Berlin Pond, including tools powered by internal combustion, petroleum, and ice shanties. Specifically, the petition requests that the Department initiate rulemaking proceedings to replace the existing rule after its title and acreage as follows:

- a. The use or presence of internal combustion engines, including tools powered by internal combustion, is prohibited.
- b. The use or presence of petroleum-based fuels is prohibited.
- c. Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed 5 mph (VUPW Rule 3.2(a)).
- d. The use or presence of ice shanties is prohibited.

The Department received the petition on **July 25, 2013**. The Department is currently considering this petition and seeking public comments. A complete copy of the petition and supplemental materials are available for review at the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation in Montpelier and on the Department's webpage at <http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/rulemaking/htm/petitions.htm>. The Vermont Use of Public Waters Rules can also be found on the Department's webpage at <http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/rulemaking/htm/rules.htm>.

**A public meeting was held** to hear public comments on the petition on **Thursday, November 7, 2013** at the Berlin Elementary School Library, 372 Paine Turnpike North, Berlin, Vermont, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Written comments** on the petition will be accepted at the address below until the close of the public comment period on **November 30, 2013**. Comments may also be faxed to (802) 828-1544 or e-mailed to [leslie.welts@state.vt.us](mailto:leslie.welts@state.vt.us). All comments received by the above date will be considered in the formulation of the determination.

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