

Wellesley Residents:

Following the tragic death of Alexander Glennon of Manchester, New Hampshire at Morses Pond on June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Pond has remained closed to allow time for the Wellesley Police Department to complete their investigation. During this period the Town has also taken steps to ensure the safety of all residents and other guests who visit the Pond in the future. Most importantly, we have contracted with an aquatics safety professional to perform a comprehensive, independent review of all aspects of the Morses Pond beach operations, including:

- Policies and procedures relevant to the operation of the beach, including the Emergency Action Plan (EAP)
- Staff qualifications, job responsibilities and ongoing training programs
- Staffing patterns and placement of staff
- Site evaluation and inspection of beach infrastructure including safety/rescue equipment

This review is ongoing and Morses Pond will not be reopened until any issues or concerns raised by the review are fully addressed. An independent review of beach operations will also be conducted after the beach is reopened, to ensure the intended procedures and protocols are functioning properly.

On Monday evening, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Juliani Room at Wellesley Town Hall, the Board of Selectmen will be briefed on the results of the Police investigation, the status of the independent review and the process by which a decision to reopen Morses Pond will be made. The public is invited to attend this briefing.

We continue to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Alexander Glennon, and our gratitude to the lifeguards, Morses Pond Staff and first responders who participated in the search for Alexander.

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Chief of Police

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Executive Director

Terri Tsagaris  
Chair, Board of Selectmen