TOWN OF HARTLAND

SHAWANO COUNTY

WHITE LAKE: SLOW-NO-WAKE

ORDINANCE NO. 96-08

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1.04 INTENT. The intent of this Ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests, and the capability of the water resources.

1.05 STATE BOATING AND SAFETY LAWS ADOPTED. State boating laws as found in ss. 30.50 to 30.71, Wisconsin Statutes, are adopted.

1.06 DEFINITIONS.
   a. "Slow-No-Wake" means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

1.07 CONTROLLED AREA. No person shall operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake in the waters of White Lake at any time.

1.08 POSTING REQUIREMENTS. The Town of Hartland shall place and maintain a copy of this section at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Town of Hartland.

1.09 PENALTIES. Wisconsin State boating penalties as found in ss. 30.80, Wisconsin Statutes, are adopted by reference.
1.10 SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town of Hartland Town Board would have passed the other provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

1.11 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section will become effective upon passage and the day after publication.

Adopted by the Town Board this 20 day of AUGUST, 1996

Vote: For 3 Against 0

TOWN BOARD OF HARTLAND

[Signatures]

Town Chairperson

[Signatures]

Town Supervisor

[Signatures]

Town Supervisor

Filed in the Office of Town Clerk
This 20 day of August, 1996

[Signature]

Town Clerk

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WAYNE MOERICKE
TOWN OF HARTLAND
N3422 S BROADWAY RD
BONDUEL WI 54107-9301

IN REPLY REFER TO: 8520

SUBJECT: Boating Ordinance Review

Dear Mr. Moerick:

Upon review of the attached ordinance, our number 490, we find it to be consistent with ss. 30.50 to 30.71 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Department rules adopted to implement those sections. As outlined in s. 30.77(4), Wis. Stats., no ordinance is valid until it is prominently posted at all access points within your jurisdiction.

Please note the posting requirements outlined in NR 5.15, Wisconsin Administrative Code, which require a sign with a minimum of three inch lettering be posted at each public landing outlining all regulations more restrictive than state law.

If you have questions regarding this review, please feel free to contact your District Law Enforcement Safety Specialist Jeff Dauterman at (715)627-4317, or this office.

Sincerely,

Diane L. Crawford
Boating Safety Specialist
Bureau of Law Enforcement
(608) 267-5035

Enc.

cc: Jeff Dauterman - NER
    Rick Herzfeldt - Warden
    JoAnn Thiede - Clerk, Town of Lessor
January 15, 1997

Mr Jeff Dauterman  
Department of Natural Resources  
P O Box 310  
Antigo WI 54409

RE: Slow-No-Wake for White Lake, Shawano County

Dear Mr Dauterman:

The Town of Lessor and Town of Hartland in Shawano County are requesting the DNR to declare White Lake as a Slow-No-Wake lake.

Enclosed please find the required condition report and copies of ordinances which our Towns have already passed. The condition report was put together with the help of Mike Dresen with the UW-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources. A sign for the public access meeting the DNR criteria is ready to be put in place as soon as weather permits.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Thiede, Clerk  
Town of Lessor  
715/758-3056
CONDITION REPORT REGARDING WATERCRAFT OPERATION ON
WHITE LAKE
IN THE TOWNS OF HARTLAND AND LESSOR, SHAWANO COUNTY

White Lake is a 190 acre lake located in the Towns of Hartland and Lessor in southeastern Shawano County. It's maximum depth is 11 feet and 35% of the lake is less than 3 feet deep. It is a seepage lake with no well defined inlet or outlet and minimal artesian recharge. Consequently, nutrients and pollutants transported to the lake remain there for long periods. The watershed is 50% cropland and 29% woodland with the remainder more or less equally divided between water surface area, vacant lands and residential development. White Lake has remained relatively undeveloped until very recently when land has been sold and plans made to develop several parcels. Several homes have been constructed. Concerns of the residents and land owners led the Towns of Hartland and Lessor to place moratoriums on the lake and to enter into contracts for the development and updating of a land use plan for the White Lake Watershed area.

One of the biggest concerns was the preservation of natural shoreline buffer areas and natural habitat of the Lake. The land use plan which was prepared and adopted by the Towns included restrictions on vegetation removal, maintaining natural shoreline vegetation, etc.

The littoral zone (less than 5 feet deep) has a mucky bottom and significant emergent vegetation. Littoral emergent vegetation and peripheral wetlands support local nesting and migrant waterfowl and other wildlife that are highly valued by the community along with the natural scenic beauty of White Lake. The fishery is limited by chronic oxygen depletion and winter kills.

The small open water area, slow flushing rate, agricultural watershed and littoral zone consisting of mucky bottom sediments and emergent vegetation make White Lake valuable for its scenic beauty, wildlife and less intensive forms of water recreation. High speed boating activity disturbs mucky bottom sediments and redistributes nutrients in the water column increasing nuisance algal blooms and aggravating low oxygen conditions which further limit the fishery and wildlife potential of the lake. In addition, high speed boating threatens the safety and enjoyment of other users of the lake. Limiting periods or areas of high speed boat operation would not resolve the associated problems for this small, fertile seepage lake. For these reasons the Town Boards of Lessor and Hartland have adopted a slow-no-wake ordinance for the entire lake. (See copies attached.)
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Vote: For 3 Against 0

TOWN BOARD OF LESSOR

Chairman

Supervisor

Supervisor

Attest:

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