

On Wed, 19 Jul 2017 10:43:31 -0400 (EDT), Elizabeth Hicks wrote:

Fellow neighbors:

A number of residents attended a meeting of the Fayette selectmen on July 17 to express concerns about a recent DEP letter (attached) regarding an impoundment on the north side of David Pond. The impoundment in question is a two foot high rock barrier which has served to maintain water levels on David Pond by impeding the flow from David Pond to Parker Pond. Recent damage to the impoundment has caused the water levels to drop and may cause the lake to drop considerably more. Residents cited serious concerns about the impact on wildlife, recreation, ecology, declining property values and the resulting losses to the town tax base.

A few things are clear from our meeting:

- Town officials are sympathetic, but have no jurisdiction in this matter.
- The Fayette code enforcement officer will call the DEP ASAP and try to set up a public hearing. WE NEED YOUR HELP WIH THIS. Please call or write your state representative identifying yourself as a taxpayer/resident using your local address. Fayette - House District 76 -Gary L. Hilliard(R-Belgrade) - Senate District 17 -Thomas B. Saviello(R-Franklin) If you are in a different district find your rep here:<http://legislature.maine.gov/house/hbiolist.htm>. Request that the state DEP hold a public hearing. Ask for their help in preserving the historic water levels of David Pond for the sake of the environment, recreation and property values.
- Residents need to form an organization to advocate for our common interests. We have been offered the school for our meeting. Addie and I will be in contact soon to set up a organizational meeting.

Richard Hicks has offered to do a web site for us which will have a forum for comments, suggestions, and ideas. We can share data, news, historic information, photos, maps, strategies. Info to follow. In anticipation we have set up a drop box for anything anyone would like to share. If you have something for the group go here and follow the prompts. Thank you for getting involved and for being willing to continue. All we have is an email

list. No names, addresses or phone numbers. Please respond to my request for contact information when we send out the meeting announcement.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding this to my neighbors in Lakeview Estates. Please forward this to any person or group who may want to collaborate with us.

Looking forward to working with you,

Liz Hicks and Addie Taylor