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Board Members Thomas Pond Improvement Association PO Box 209 South Casco, ME 04077

Re: Maintenance of Thomas Pond Water Levels

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to you on behalf of Laurie Polland. Laurie is a member of the Association.

Laurie wants to be on record that she believes that it is critically important that the water levels at Thomas Pond and Dingley Brook should be maintained in a manner and at levels that do not adversely impact the houses, cottages and properties located around the Pond and Dingley Brook.

To ensure that, the Association must engage an experienced engineer to document the existing water levels at the Pond and to perform an elevation survey of the existing dam structure. (The dam structure is the <u>approved</u> reference point for determining water levels as set forth in the recorded Water Management Plan at the time of transfer from the DEP and the State.) The elevation determination must be made prior to commencing repairs to the Dam, and a follow-up elevation survey should also be performed after the repairs are completed for comparison. This work is needed to make any adjustments for mounting of the measuring gauge to be compliant with the requirements for the Dam. This engineering work should also document other conditions that are relevant to the ongoing maintenance plan.

There have been many periods when the water levels have been maintained in a manner that causes flooding and/or soggy conditions in the community. Laurie is certain that if those conditions are allowed to continue it will have a significant, negative impact on the eco-system, Dingley Brook and the values of all properties at the Pond.

Please be certain to keep this letter as a record of Laurie's position regarding these issues.

Sincerely

Leslie E. Lowry

cc. client