

One Green Ridge Road
Pittsford, New York 14534
October 10, 1979

TO: Dave Warren
Ann Conklin
Betty and Graham Davis
Pete Buechner ← 

Dear Eagle Lake Executive Committee:

I am enclosing a letter received from Tom Higgenbotham, the gent who took the samples of Lake water just before Labor Day Week-end. As you can see, he is no further along than he was then, in determining what the "alien beings" in the Lake are.

As a result, I have taken additional samples to a gentleman who is doing his graduate thesis on lake water conditions at N.Y.S. Ag. School at Cornell, and have asked him to have his department look into this. As he has only had the samples for a week, I have no answer yet, nor do I expect one shortly.

I direct your attention, however, to the other two items in Tom's letter. The main purpose of a water district would be to have tax money, (not voluntary contributions), available to maintain the lake level. I think this should be discussed by the Executive Committee. (I think that it would take a referendum of all Lake residents to put it through, although it might be able to be done by a petition of the majority of the owners. You would have to check the law on this.)

In regard to the second item, I also feel that the Executive committee should take whatever action is necessary to get the septic system inspection under way. As you know, the State has agreed to train two or three of our residents in the method, and the cost of materials is not over \$10.00 for a year - at the outside. I think that we should do it.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Stevens

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Ray Brook, New York 12977



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Commissioner
Robert F. Flacke

October 1, 1979

Mr. Robert Stevens
One Green Ridge Road
Pittsford, NY 14534

RE: Eagle Lake, Ticonderoga (T), Essex (Co)

Dear Mr. Stevens:

I received the photographs you sent me and have included them in the Eagle Lake file. I have not received any identification of the organism collected as yet; however, as soon as I do I will forward it to you.

I have spoken with other personnel in the department concerning the formation of an improvement district. Among other benefits are the ability to raise money for maintenance and improvements of structures, e.g., public docks and dams, ability to receive federal and/or state grants, ability to regulate water levels and watersheds. I am enclosing a copy of the section which concerns improvement districts in the New York State Town Laws.

I hope this will give you enough information to determine the pros and cons of such a district, if not the town attorney may be able to help.

With reference to a possible dye testing program of the septic systems of the various camps, I am enclosing a copy of the inspection form which was used at Mt. View/Indian Lakes, Town of Belmont, Franklin County. As I mentioned when we spoke last, this department would be available to train a few personnel from the Lake Association on the proper techniques for dyeing and inspecting individual wastewater systems. We would also be able to take action if some individual refused to correct a faulty system; however, we would prefer to have any problems resolved at a local level, that is, through the Lake Association or the town. Also, an excellent publication entitled, Individual Wastewater Systems can be obtained from the NYS Department of Health, 11-15 St. Bernard Street, Saranac Lake, NY 12983. This booklet describes the proper way to install a wastewater system and will help to find problems in existing systems.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning these matters or if you would like me to meet with the Association. I'll keep you informed of any new data concerning the "alien beings".

Sincerely,

Richard McCormick, P. E.
Senior Sanitary Engineer



By: Thomas Higginbotham
Engineering Technician

RM:TH:bb
Encl.

INDIVIDUAL CAMP REPORT ON DYE-TESTING

FOR SEWAGE LEAKS INTO THE LAKES

Date 7/23/70

Save-Our-Lakes Committee
Mountain View Association
Mountain View, New York

CAMP REPORT

overflow pipe too close

Demographic Data

to stream, couldn't tell whether it was used

1. Owner's name and address and telephone number.
Also, any way of identifying the camp's location on the lake

overflow from cesspool 123 Franklin St. not been corrected was dripping from at this time 7/24/70

tell him to close up pipe, if not tell Tom

2. How often is the camp used and when? How many people live in it?

not there but be contacted July & August, about 3 or 4

3. List all possible sources of pollution, ie washing machines, etc.

- / shower*
- / toilet*
- / sink*

4. Are there any straight outlet pipes?

/ overflow pipe from truck

5. Does all the piping run into the septic tank? If not, what doesn't?

yes

6. Septic tank condition- describe how the area around the tank looks and your estimate of its condition. (briefly)

just cleaned

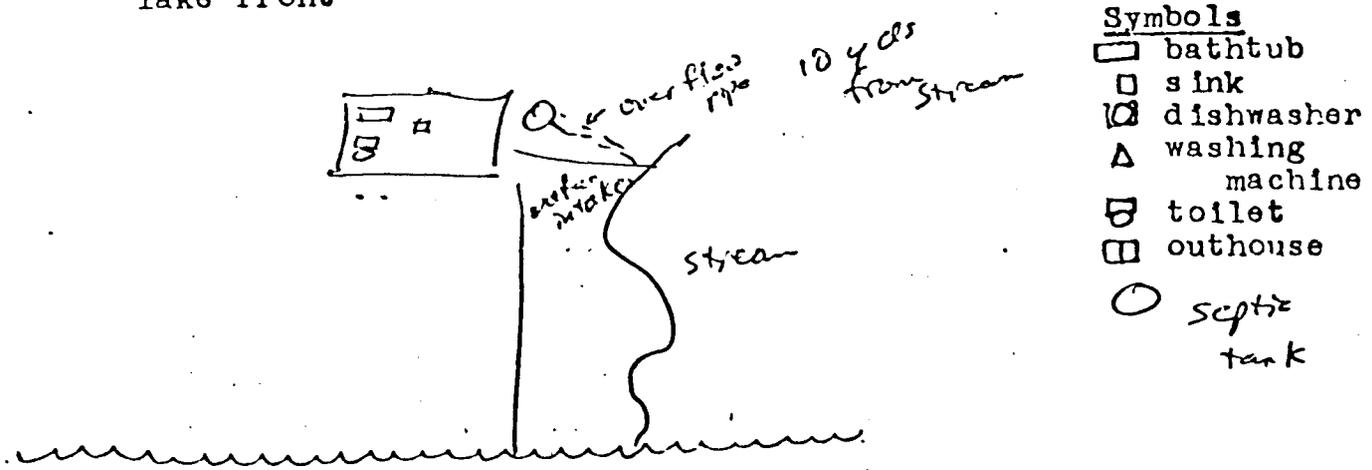
7. When was the septic tank last cleaned? How old is the tank?

30 years old, first time cleaned.

8. Lake front- describe any abnormal conditions, strange pipes, etc.

Stream running out

9. Sketch- Draw in approximate positions of septic tank, camp and all waste sources. Give distances if too close for comfort to lake front



10. Did you find any dye in the lake?

no dye

Check when each dye search is completed

After dyeing _____ Return Loop _____ Next Morning _____

Tester's Signatures

Thomas L. Hyde

Greg Walsh