

My dear Mr. Hunt: - your letter of July 10 with the inclosures, ~~and~~ my letter to you of same date. I am glad you wrote to Mr. Lodge in the matter & hope he got your letter before going to St. as he planned doing about this time. Your letter to Lodge is all right & exactly explains the proceedings in this ~~and~~ situation.

As suggested in my letter of 10th if some or any of your living in my State such as you, Alden, Lodge, Wickes, Rump, Lansing & would enter suit vs No. 2 I believe there would be an advised invest into who had jurisdiction or at least as to what the rights of the property owners are within provision in the matter as to damage sustained.

Perhaps Lodge, yourself or Alden or Wickes or all of you in the various countries could see Mr. D.

I hardly believe that Lodge would agree to raising the level of the lake two feet, as it would injure his boat house. It is probable that he would not favor a raise secured by no means be induced to cede to more than a 6 inch raise. You may remember Wickes' statement to me in the matter of raising the level that it could not be done without the consent of every property owner if raised beyond present level whereas raised it would be liable for damages. In a similar manner that why would not the party who lowered the level be liable for damages? I agree with you not to bring up the question of raising the level of the lake for the present at all but just hold down the C. to its work.

It seems the C. never stated any reason for not accepting or approving an application plus plus plus remedy of the Dams Direct to Lodge several times to ask them this but heard no reply. I wish you could bring Lodge to some conclusion as to what action is best to take. He has the whole matter in hand as V.P. Hunt on the spot was the lake in his position to act. I believe if you talk after him with some of your letters he will get down to "brass talk". With the consent you had with the C. you have all the facts black on white I believe you should ought to work together in this matter.

Lodge would, I think, pay you has been for all any action. Hunt has a word from Wickes or Alden so do not know what their views are. I presume Lodge is in correspondence with both regarding from you of their views or findings in the case. No views from Hunt or anyone else kept they all open that the death of the Dam is an outage. If we would all together as we are in the summer we would be in better position to take up the matter with all the members and decide on some plan of action - which is almost impossible to do by consent. I trust you may soon have a reply from Lodge that you will all work together cooperate in the matter. Sincerely yours

I return your letters for your files as requested (over) Ed. L. Luthy Esq.

Accordingly Mr. McKim, Inspector of Docks and Dams, Division of Inland Waters, came to Eagle Lake last August and after looking over the situation carefully, told our Committee as we all stood by the dam at the outlet of Eagle Lake together, that what we needed there was not a fish way at all, but a new dam of concrete with very wide spillways which would prevent any high water at the outlet in Spring. Mr. McKim went on to point out most particularly how the pike and bass could be prevented from going over the new dam which he advised constructed JUST BELOW the old structure, leaving the old dam where it was to maintain the usual water level in the Lake until the new one should be completed. He told our engineering member, Mr. O. Runge of Plushing, N.Y. that if he would send the blue prints of a new dam, such as he described, to Albany, that he (Mr. McKim) would O.K. them, from his own personal knowledge of the facts and situation and return them to Mr. Luthy, our Secretary-Treasurer and thus enable us to get to work before frost set in.

Various letters passed between Mr. Luthy and your Division, but the blueprints, for some reason, were never sent to us and still remain as evidence of what I assert in your offices, or those of Mr. Luthy, Commissioner of Division of Inland Waters, Conservation Commission.