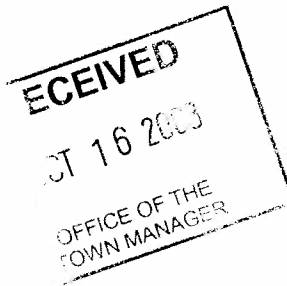




TOWN OF EASTON
MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Town Administrator



DAVID A. COLTON
Town Administrator

October 15, 2008

Mr. Mark Stankiewicz
Town Manager
Town of Stoughton
10 Pearl St.
Stoughton, MA 02072

Re: Long Pond Dam Phase II report

Dear Mr. Stankiewicz:

The Town of Easton has recently completed the Phase II inspection and investigation of Long Pond Dam. This evaluation was required by the Department of Conservation and Recreation in response to a Certificate of Non-Compliance. The Phase II report was completed by Amory Engineers on behalf of the Town of Easton and will be submitted to DCR on November 3, 2008.

In general, the Phase II report concurs with previous studies that the Dam is in poor condition. In addition, the report concludes that the Dam cannot adequately control a 100 year design storm event. Our consultant recommends that the Dam be kept, but several actions need to be taken to bring it into compliance including among others:

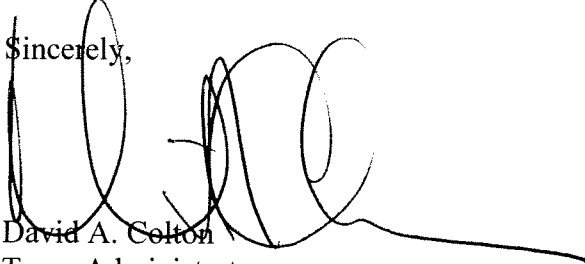
1. Lower the permanent normal pond level by removal of stop logs in the spillway
2. Remove all woody vegetation from the Dam and spillway
3. Armor the upstream face of the Dam
4. Repair the spillway concrete

The obvious impact of this to your community is lowering the water level of the pond since most of the pond is located in Stoughton. This action will affect the shoreline and capacity of the pond. It is my understanding that the watershed area for the pond includes Sharon as well as Stoughton. Therefore I am concerned that capacity issues relative to increased storm water run-off are also addressed as we move forward. It is also my understanding that Stoughton drinking water facilities are located at or near the pond. As a partially supplied MWRA community I know that any changes in your water supply could become a regional concern.

All of this taken together leads me to conclude that the Ames Long Pond Dam is a facility with potentially serious regional implications. The report will be presented to the Easton Conservation Commission on October 27, 2008 and to the Easton Board of Selectmen at their meeting on November 3, 2008. The report is available for review: <http://www.easton.ma.us/long%20pond%20dam/Complete%20Report%20including%20Appendices.pdf>

I would be pleased to meet with you and other interested parties after you've had a chance to review the report. Please contact me at (508) 230-0501 or if you prefer via email: dcolton@easton.ma.us.

Sincerely,



David A. Colton
Town Administrator

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