

Dear Tim,

Following our co-signature of Molly Flannery's recent correspondence, I am writing to elaborate on our strong support for a hybrid solution: permitting existing docks under a new licensing structure while simultaneously establishing new community docks.

We believe this hybrid model thoughtfully addresses the important issue of equitable access for all residents. While there are varied perspectives on private riparian access, the addition of well-planned community docks would resolve any concerns about exclusivity by providing designated, safe, and high-quality access points for every member of the neighborhood, regardless of their proximity to the shoreline.

Furthermore, from a conservation standpoint, this solution offers a significant environmental benefit. Currently, residents seeking to access the lake without a private dock must find their own way, which can lead to shoreline erosion and impact sensitive wetlands. By "channeling" lake access to a few designated community docks, we can centralize and manage the neighborhood's environmental footprint, effectively preventing new "desire paths" and protecting the fragile wetland ecosystem from further, unmanaged impact.

The end of Dogwood Road presents an ideal, logical location for the first community dock. This area has long served as an informal, all-season access point for residents launching paddleboards, ice fishing, or skating.

The existing, deteriorating structure at that location, which the Conservation Commission correctly identified as unsafe, is a result of the regulatory uncertainty residents have faced. We are eager to resolve this.

To that end, we—the residents—are prepared to partner with the Commission and the Town. We are willing to volunteer our time, contribute to funding, and commit to the ongoing maintenance of a new, safe, and environmentally-sound community dock at this location. We would welcome the establishment of clear guidelines from the Commission that we can build and maintain.

The Long Lake neighborhood has always been defined by a mutual respect for the land, the lake, and each other. We believe this hybrid solution is a balanced, constructive path forward that respects all interests and, most importantly, protects the integrity of the lake we all cherish.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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