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Select Board
Town of Sudbury
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Dear Honorable Select Board Members:

Here is information I have received as an update related to Sewataro from our Conservation Coordinator, Health Director and the Camp Operator.

Conservation Coordinator

I believe additional water testing was conducted to obtain baseline water quality data upstream, downstream, and within the ponds for pH, Turbidity, Total Phosphorus, Total Alkalinity, Dissolved Solids, Dissolved Oxygen/Temp Profile, Soluble Reactive Phosphorus, Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, and Nitrate. I have not received any results from these tests. At the site walk on December 8, the Camp indicated that they are in communication with Solitude to develop a Notice of Intent to be filed with the Commission in January. This Notice of Intent would seek permission from the Commission to manage water quality in the ponds which may include algaecide, aeration, charcoal filters, and introducing bacteria to digest the soft sediment on the bottom of the ponds. But I have not heard anything regarding this filing or what it will contain, since the site visit.

Health Director

Sewataro tested the lower pond for bacteriological quality last month and the one sample was favorable for bathing beach standards. I understand more comprehensive testing is being conducted but no results or reports at this time.

Camp Operator

We are actively working with our consultant to prepare an operating plan for both ponds that addresses all updated standards. We anticipate having that in hand in the next few weeks. We will also be drafting and filing a NOI for any provisions of that plan that require such a filing for implementation. We have a shared understanding with Comm Con that we will consult with them to obtain their input as these plans are finalized to be sure that we fully address all issues to their satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Henry L. Hayes, Jr.
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