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Box 188  
Bradford, New Hampshire 03221  
November 14, 1982

Dear Lake Todd Property Owner:

After many frustrating months, your dam repairs have been completed. Your project manager, purchasing agent, straw boss, dunning clerk, and general roustabout can now go home. This job could not have been accomplished without the aid and assistance of the following Who merit special mention: Charles Hirshberg, professional engineer; Smith Construction Company; Clarence Hall; Bob Pagley; Dickie's Bait Shop; R.I. Lodge Hardware; Wayne Wheeler Construction Company; Brackett Scheffy, attorney; Lon and Joan Carmen; Barbara Sullivan; and last, but not not least, my wife, Ruth. All of the above gave unstintingly of their time, money, materials and, when appropriate, charged us for about 50% of salary, equipment or labor costs. I can only thank them for their outstanding support.

As expected, some property owners contributed more than the amount requested; others recognized their obligations by paying what they could or they used the installment route to meet these obligations. to these individuals and to those who provided monetary support without being begged, I offer my warmest kudos. Other who had to be brought into the fold, kicking and screaming as it were, I still thank you. Without your contribution the project would have had to be abandoned. To those who could have a contribution but didn't (and for the most extraordinary reasons) I think the less said the better. I can only hope that you, too, have the opportunity to serve in a position where you must solve problems without the support and cooperation of many of those you are trying to serve.

I wish to take this opportunity to correct one popular misconception concerning my salary for the work I performed on this project. My payment is, and should be, the many new friends and acquaintances I have made during this period. On the negative side – but let's not dwell on that.

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The costs for this project were gratifying low. You will recall that the lowest project bid we received was \$75,000, a figure which did not include materials. It is interesting to note that the contributions barely covered our expenses even though the people who did our work cut their costs to the bare minimum. Fifty nine of the sixty eight property owners contributed. An additional \$250 was donated by Dickie's Bait Shop. However, we cannot expect to sit back complacently for another 23 years without performing maintenance on the dam. The association must build a maintenance fund to meet anticipated costs relating to the up-stream training wells of the dam. Let us never again find ourselves in an emergency situation where the spector of not being able to meet contracted obligations can drive a project manager to near panic. Again, we ask each and every one of you to help with this fund by making your annual contribution of \$25. in 1983. The receipt of the 1982 outstanding accounts is essential as a basis for building this fund.

In line with your August resolution, I have requested the towns of Bradford and Newbury to donate, on a one time basis, the sum of \$50 per littoral property owner to a maintenance fund. This article will be placed on the town warrants for the March 1983 meetings.

Attached is an account of our income and expenditures with the exception of a few miscellaneous items for which we have not yet been billed. A complete listing of individual contributions as well as an explanation of all expenditures is available in our files.

Your lake is alive and filled. Maintenance is necessary to protect your investment and provide an enjoyable facility. My best to all of you in your future support of Lake Todd.

Sincerely yours,  
(signed by William O. Gall)  
William O. Gall  
President, Lake Todd Association  
(also signed by Barbara Sullivan)