



Town of Charlton

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Andrew M. Golas, Town Administrator

September 19, 2022

Kevin & Deborah Chambers 171 Sunset Drive Charlton, MA 01507

RE: Glen Echo Drawdown & Easement

Dear Mr. & Ms. Chambers,

At their meeting on September 13, 2022, the Board of Selectmen reviewed the proposed Order of Conditions for incremental drawdown on Glen Echo Lake. Your concerns regarding the well water recharge were considered and deliberated during the discussion.

Following deliberations, the Board voted to approve a drawdown in accordance with the proposed Order of Conditions including contingencies contained therein.

For winter 2022-2023, the drawdown will be limited to five feet from the mean annual high water mark.

In the event your well loses water during the drawdown, please notify the Glen Echo Lake Monitor and Glen Echo Lake Association Representative. The Glen Echo Lake Association (GELA) will be responsible for providing potable water during the period of well recharge.

Additionally, as conditioned by the Board of Selectmen, the GELA will be responsible for retaining a hydrological engineer to affirm the loss of water was a direct result of the drawdown depth. You must allow the appointed engineer on premises to evaluate the condition of the well. If the water loss is not affirmed by an engineer, the Board of Selectmen will not consider further requests for relief from the approved drawdown height.

As noted by the Board of Health, the existing shallow well may be deepened to better accommodate future lake drawdowns. If this is a solution you would be amenable to, please coordinate this effort with the GELA.

On a separate matter, I am in receipt of your documentation outlining the discrepancies between the deeded easement executed by yourself and the Town in 1996. While I recognize the discrepancy and noted change in wording, the revised language does not materially change the purpose of the easement or rights of either party. The language added affirms your right to construct a fence in the easement as long as the location of the fence does not defeat the intended purpose.

If you have specific reason to change the existing wording beyond just a difference from what was first agreed to, please provide documentation to that effect and we will work to make the correction.

I look forward to assisting you in addressing these matters.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Golas,

Town Administrator