

Exhibit J

Jan. 10, 2025

Good morning,

My name is Don Schassberger. I am a board member of the North Pond Association and the NPA Dam Committee. The NPA Dam Committee consists of one other board member, Eric Brown, and a lake front property volunteer, Mike Sullivan. Decisions regarding the dam management are made by the NPA Dam Committee with input from East Pond and Great Pond dam committees as well as community members and 7 Lakes.

Decisions regarding raising and lowering the dam beams are based on historical data, rainfall, predicted weather patterns and information from the upstream East Pond dam committee. Occasionally, water levels are adjusted based on the needs of Great Pond. The goal of the NPA Dam Committee is to maintain a consistent water level, realizing some lakefront property owners want high water levels to optimize water recreation and others want low water levels to optimize beach front property. We use a measuring gauge on the dam to keep the water level reasonably consistent. This level is checked once or twice a week depending on weather conditions. The dam beams are lowered each spring shortly after ice out to raise the water level back to summer norms and raised each October to lower the water level to help prevent erosion from winter ice. The beams are regularly adjusted throughout the summer season based on rainfall.

The NPA dam consists of two horizontal 30 foot steel beams 12 inches in height. These beams are raised(to release water) and lowered(to retain water) with hand operated chain come-alongs. Depending on water levels, spacers are sometimes placed between the beams to adjust water flow.

There are NO means of measuring the actual water flowing through the dam. Debris accumulating in the dam beams is cleaned regularly by members of the dam committee. For the last several years measurements on water levels have been kept by the dam committee.

Thank you for allowing me to present at this hearing.

Don Schassberger

I do hereby attest this submission in entirety and content thereof is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

DSchassberger
Signature

Donald Schassberger
Name

1-21-25
Date

Maine Notary Acknowledgements

State of Maine

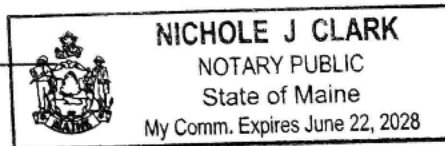
County of Somerset

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me the 1/21/25,
at Smithfield, Maine by Donald Schassberger
Name Date

to be his/her free act and deed.

Nichole J Clark
Notary Public Signature

Name



Notary Public, State of Maine

My commission expire _____
Date

