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COMMISSIONER

May 19, 1970

Warren Heinzelmann, President
Property Owners' Association of Stocker Pond
41 Wood Street
Nashua, New Hampshire 03060

Dear Mr. Heinzelmann:

Upon receipt of your letter of May 12, I contacted both the Department's Division Engineer of the Lebanon Office and Mr. Palazzi relative to the matter. Actually, I was somewhat surprised to learn that Stocker Pond was still in a turbid condition inasmuch as I have personally been by on several occasions this spring and had thought that its coloration was pretty much natural.

In any event, the Department's Division Engineer reviewed the situation on the ground last Friday and is, today, moving in a sizeable amount of hay for mulch with which to repair the wash rivulets which have taken place on the big slope. The hay will be applied as soon as weather conditions permit. I think that this represents the most effective treatment possible at this time. You may have noted also that a number of trees have been set out by the top of the slope. While these trees are primarily to prevent drifting snow, they should also be of some assistance.

As concerns the so-called Palazzi Pond and the Pillsbury property, I should advise that contact has also been made with Mr. Palazzi. He advises me that it is his intention to take necessary steps toward stabilization of the Pillsbury Pit and the area around his pond in the immediate future. He plans to have this work done as soon as possible in order to take advantage of the present saturated ground condition which should be helpful in establishing growth. I should perhaps comment that the Department's people feel that but for the pond which the Palazzi Company created as a settling basin, the condition of the pond would be a great deal worse.

Warren Heinzelmann, President

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As an additional step, I have made arrangements with Mr. William Healy, Executive Director of the Water Pollution and Control Commission, to have a series of turbidity tests taken in the pond for comparative purposes. I am only able to assume that the extremely heavy rain of the past three days has been anything but helpful.

Sincerely yours,



R. H. Whitaker, P.E.

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Mr. John Palazzi

Mr. R. F. Townsend

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Dear Mr. Heinzelmann:

As you know, Commissioner Robert H. Whitaker of the Department of Public Works and Highways, in responding to your recent complaint concerning water quality at Stocker Pond, indicated that we would make appropriate investigation to evaluate the situation.

As a matter of general interest, it should be mentioned that ever since the turbidity problem developed at the pond because of highway construction, this agency has maintained a frequent sampling program in order to keep abreast of the rate of stabilization. Thus, it was appropriate for us at this time to utilize the same sampling stations which have been utilized in the past. These locations together with turbidity results of a sample collection made on May 20, 1970, are as follows:

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| (1) Stilling pond upstream of Stocker Pond in the former borrow area | - | 26 |
| (2) Stocker Pond inlet | - | 6 |
| (3) Cole's Dock | - | 3 |
| (4) Sawmill Dock | - | 3 |
| (5) Stocker Pond outlet | - | 2 |

With the exception of the stilling pond, all results fall within the acceptable limits for drinking water quality. The highest value of the entire series complies with our requirements for discharge into warm water fisheries.

It has also been indicated to us that further work is in process or scheduled for the land area tributary to the settling basin so as to further minimize any possible effects of any severe rainfalls upon water quality in the pond.

Mr. Heinzelmann

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In summary, we regard the situation as not at all serious but rather markedly improved over the condition which prevailed a year or two ago immediately following completion of the highway construction.

Very truly yours,



William A. Healy, P.E.
Executive Director

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c.c. Mr. Whitaker