

July 13, 2002

Selectmen, Town of Washington
PO Box 473
Washington, NH 03280

Gentlemen;

Attached pursuant to RSA 52:1 (k) is a petition to establish a village district for the purpose of impoundment of water signed by in excess of the required 10 legal voters residing within the proposed Village District.

It is the intent of the petitioners that those properties that enjoy the benefits of access to Ashuelot Pond share in the cost and liability of ownership and maintenance of the pond and the dam. As such, the boundaries of the village district will include all properties with frontage on Ashuelot Pond and the Ashuelot River between 'the falls' and the Pond, and all properties that have legal access to the Pond across private property.

The LAE membership approved the following motion at the annual membership meeting on this date: "Moved that the LAE membership endorses the formation of a Village district to include all properties that have frontage on Ashuelot Pond and the Ashuelot River between "the falls" and the Pond, and all properties that have legal access to the Pond across private property; and that if a Village District is formed to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors be authorized to deed the Ashuelot Pond dam to the Village District."

Attached is a list of properties that we believe would comprise the Village District. If a property is not on the shore, or is not within LAE Association that is known to have access, deed research was done to determine if the property had access across private property. Only if a property could be shown by deed to have access was it included. You will see notes on properties researched that were not found to have access. The Assessors who were comfortable with the analysis have reviewed this list.

We are asking that a public hearing be scheduled promptly for August 3rd. To afford proper public notice, notice will have to be posted in two places within the district on Friday July 19th. There will have to be a current list of legal voters within the district prepared for this hearing. We suggest that you confirm our interpretation of RSA 654:1 I., in that a voter must be domiciled within the proposed Village District, and not merely a property owner in the district with a domicile elsewhere in Washington. You will also be asked if non-resident, non-voting property owners will be able to speak at the public hearing.

Of interest might be the enclosed article published February of this year in *Lakeside* titled "Granite Lake Village District - A Case Study". Village District Commissioner Dr. David Knight describes a situation in 1993 much like the one LAE Association finds itself in now with respect to dam ownership liability and insurance. LAE's situation is even more acute as Downstream Liability insurance is no longer available at any cost to private owners of Class B dams. Such insurance coverage is available to a Village District through the New Hampshire Municipal Insurance program at a significantly lower cost than when it was last available to LAE. Granite Lake Village District boundaries were set to include "all property with water frontage or legal access to the lake". Dr. Knight concludes that the District has "functioned as intended".

Representatives of LAE Association Board of Directors as well as petitioners will attend your evening meeting of July 18, 2002, to be able to answer questions that you may have pertaining to the petition and the intent of the petitioners.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay Collins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

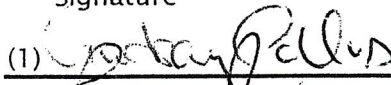
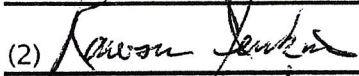
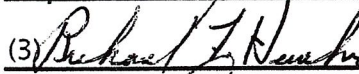



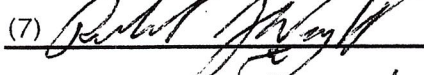
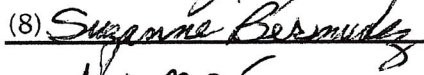
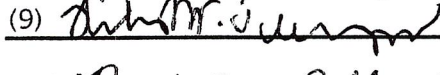
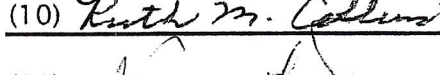
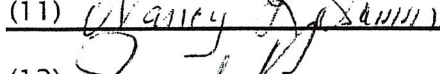
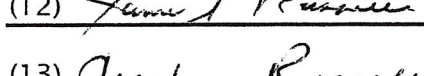
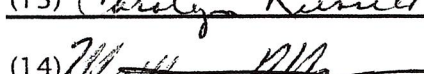
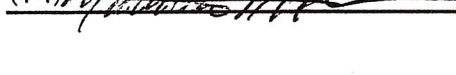
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- 5) To put forth a proposed slate of interim officers;
- 6) That the Village District Commissioners will promptly schedule, provide public notice for, and conduct a Budget hearing, and an Annual Meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, adopting a Village District Charter, accepting ownership of the Ashuelot Pond Dam from LAE Association, Inc., establishment of a budget, and fixing a date for the ensuing Annual Meeting.

Signature	Printed Name	Address
(1) 	Lindsay Collins	177 Ashuelot Dr
(2) 	RAWSON JENKINS	224 ASHUELOT DR
(3) 	RICHARD HUNIHAN	86 GARFIELD RD.
(4) 	PAUL CARRIERE	110 COOLIDGE DR.
(5) 	Mike Tuttle	53 Ashuelot Dr ⁴⁹⁵⁻ ₃₁₈₀
(6) 	S.P. MASCARO	188 MADISON DR
(7) 	ROBERT WRIGHT	67 HAYES RD
(8) 	SUZANNE BERMUDEZ	188 ASHUELOT DR.
(9) 	ROBERT W. THOMPSON	82 HARRISON
(10) 	Ruth M. Collins	177 Ashuelot Drive
(11) 	NANCY L DANIELS	147 McKinley Dr
(12) 	JAMES S RUSSELL	707 ASHUELOT
(13) 	M. CAROLYN RUSSELL	707 ASHUELOT
(14) 	Matthew A Averie	54 Coolidge Dr.

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Signature	Printed Name	Address
(1) <i>Cynthia Turner</i>	Cynthia Turner	132 Lincoln Dr Washi
(2) <i>Donald Pamm</i>	Donald Pamm	147 McKinley Dr. Wash
(3) <i>Donald Turner</i>	Donald Turner	132 Lincoln Dr Washing
(4) <i>Marcellus Liotta</i>	MARCELLUS LIOTTA	65 Ashuelot Dr. Washi
(5) <i>Bette Anne Tuttle</i>	Bette-Anne Tuttle	53 Ashuelot Dr Washin
(6) <i>Patricia A. Liotta</i>	Patricia A. Liotta	65 Ashuelot Dr. Washing
(7) <i>Karen Hunihan</i>	KAREN HUNIHAN	86 GARFIELD DR. WAS
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