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Dear Basin-David-Tilton Ponds Association Members and Prospective New Members,

As you know, we failed to hold an annual meeting last summer due to the loss of our pond association president amidst the turmoil caused by the outlet dam issue. Although the landowners (Dillers and Cayer) adjacent to the dam did not create the structure, they received a letter from the DEP stating that they were liable and must remove it or create an engineered plan for a dam acceptable to the DEP.

About 40 landowners, both pond association members and non-members, attended a meeting in August to seek a solution that would prevent the drastic lowering of the water level on the pond that occurred last spring. As a result, a committee was formed to work with the DEP towards a solution. The committee has done an enormous amount of work this summer and fall, working closely with Cayer, the Dillers and myself.

We have met twice with the DEP and are optimistic that the proposal that has been created will result in a positive and permanent solution that is pleasing to the vast majority of lakeshore owners. However, much work and significant financial expense lies ahead in the next several months. Since the outlet landowners (Dillers and Cayer) did not create the problem, they are unwilling to bear the costs to resolve the issue and since the resolution, as discussed with the DEP, will greatly benefit all pond landowners' property values and usage of the pond, the pond association needs to step up. The pond association currently has a nominal amount of funds and the Board has just voted to authorize the usage of these funds for the purpose of a positive resolution of the water level issue. This is where you come in.

It is URGENT that all past and new members pay their \$25 dues for the 2017/2018 fiscal year (Jun 1-May 31) to establish their membership and that you contact non-member friends and neighbors and urge them to join the Basin, David, and Tilton Ponds Association as soon as possible. We need dues payments to help with the expenses that will lead to a positive solution to this issue. All dues paying members will have a vote at next summer's annual meeting when the plan for resolution of this issue must be ratified.

I have agreed to serve as President until that meeting and the board voted to accept that. I helped Barbara Kinney found the Association and Deb and I have served on the Board from the beginning, but I turn 76 next month and need to cut back come August. This fall we lost a dedicated past board member, Mary Lynch, to cancer. Also, Misty Beck, who has done a fine job under very trying circumstances, is unable to serve in any capacity for the time being. Earlier, the association had voted to research the dam question because it didn't have enough information to address the water level issue at that time. The plan for a resolution of the issue, as discussed with the DEP, will be voted on at next summer's annual meeting and, hopefully, will be a desired outcome for the vast majority of members.

If the proposed plan is to become a reality, our pond association MUST HAVE NEW LEADERSHIP! We need you and your friends to step up. The first step is to pay your dues to become a voting member. Please send your \$25 dues payment, at your earliest convenience, to Monique Longtin, 330 Shore Rd., Fayette 04349, along with your contact info. If you can help with an additional donation to help defray costs for a positive outcome of the water level issue, it will be greatly appreciated.

In the meantime, you can keep up with events by visiting the website that was set up for this purpose at <http://richardhicks.org/david-pond-water-level.html>.

Sincerely,

Bill Dunham  
President  
Basin-David-Tilton Ponds Association

**P.S.** PLEASE add your email to our list so that we can save on postage. Go to <http://richardhicks.org> and use the pull-down menu to select "Update Contact Info". Thanks!