



STATE OF VERMONT
WATER RESOURCES BOARD
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November 8, 1983

RE: Petition to Regulate the Use of Public Waters 10 V.S.A., §1424
To the Friends of Greenwood Lake:

After careful deliberation, the Vermont Water Resources Board by unanimous vote at its meeting on November 8, 1983, decided not to propose rules regulating the use of the public waters of Greenwood Lake as requested by the petition filed on August 22, 1983.

The Board has reached this decision after consideration of the hearing referee's preliminary findings of fact, as well as the many written comments which have been filed since the hearing. In electing not to propose regulations, the Board is not suggesting that the concerns which prompted the petition, and which were discussed at the public hearing and in writing, are without merit. Indeed, it seems clear from the record of this proceeding that, considering the intensity and variety of the uses which are made of this relatively small body of water, a great deal of effort will be needed to insure that any one use of Greenwood Lake does not unreasonably interfere with another.

At this time the Board feels it is appropriate to allow the Greenwood Lake Association and others using Greenwood Lake the opportunity to resolve any conflicts and safety problems which may exist in an informal manner. A substantial number of those individuals who participated in this proceeding suggested that further efforts to achieve an informal resolution of these matters is warranted and the Board agrees.

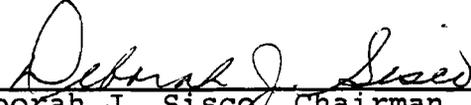
Finally, the Board would note that it is free to reconsider its current position on this matter in the future if efforts to rely on mutual cooperation and the enforcement of existing safety regulations prove inadequate. However, the Board feels additional regulations should be seen as the solution of last resort. Accordingly, the petition to initiate rulemaking is denied.

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If there are questions or comments regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the Water Resources Board at the above address.

For the Water Resources Board



Deborah J. Sisco, Chairman

Board members concurring with this decision:

Deborah J. Sisco, Chairman
Catharine B. Rachlin, Member
William D. Countryman, Member
William Boyd Davies, Member

Board members opposed:

None

Board members not participating:

W. Byrd LaPrade, Member