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To: Probasco, Matthew
Subject: Petition Letter from Pat Caron
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I am writing in regards to the petition of closing a portion of the water in front of Danforth Cove. I am very much against this petition and hate to see this happen. I do not have a problem with having the motor boats stay out of the area for a while but to close it, for all recreation, would be a terrible thing to do.

Let me start by saying why I feel so strongly about this. I have been coming to Danforth Cove ever since I was 6 or 7 years old. We had a camp on the cove and all of the neighbors in the cove were as close as family. Children went from camp to camp and all the neighbors had motor boats and row boats. We water skied and played in the water all the time. I feel it was used more back then than it is now. We never had any issues with closing this cove and no one would have thought to do so. We had seaweed back then and the water was always clear. I feel it is such a shame for what is happening to have this come to close off the area.

I also feel very strongly that the Bed and Breakfast in the cove has been targeted from the very first day of finding milfoil, by the Shadow Lake Association Board. Just how many milfoil plants are there in the lakes in Vermont and how many areas in those lakes are being closed down. I do know for a fact that Gwen Maynard was accused of this problem from the very first day of finding milfoil plants in front of Gwen's house and from then on it has only escalated to be more targeted on to her.

This area in front of the Bed and Breakfast has been so heavily bouied that it is ridiculous. The Association Board has put the bouys in so close that it has made it very hard for even children to come and swim. Something is so morally wrong with that! The Association patrols this area as if they were watching a Big Drug Case going on! I feel the Association Board is certainly not helping this matter in a FAIR WAY. If the lake Association Board has 3 meetings a year, first meeting around Memorial Day, second meeting first or second week in July, third meeting the end of August (which are not published but was told to me that they are open to the public). If the petition went in on April 22 2014 wouldn't that have been taken place before any of the Association Board meetings that they said they have? Also how could Association Board apply for a petition before the ice is off the lake and not knowing if milfoil was again growing? To me these questions are important and should have given this petition a great deal of thought before trying to get it passed and also have been viewed by ALL member of the Association.

How many of the campers on the lake knew about this or was told what was going on. Why wasn't even the Danforth Cove Families told about this, when we are the ones that was definitely going to be affected by this decision.

No wonder these families were very upset when they found out from someone just mentioning that there was a petition in place for the Cove just a couple weeks before the state was going to pass it. To me that is very undermining and everyone has a right to know just what is happening. At the meeting just recently at the town Hall in Glover we the campers were told they didn't let us know about the petition back in April cause the Association didn't want to alarm or get any campers panacking when they weren't sure what was going to happen with the petition. No we should have been notified when the petition was being written so that all campers in the Cove could have had their own say in how each person felt about this issue. I feel strongly that it would have never come this far had we have known. It has been hush hush from the start of the petition. The Association Board has kept all of this from some of the people on the lake especially Danforth Cove families! So no I do not think the Association Board has been fair only to the ones they want to know. How wrong!

The lake also has other areas with milfoil that only has one bouy no matter how many plants they have fouled and are not trying to close any of the other areas. Why is that? They have found 12 plants over on the shore across from Gwen's B&B and 1 bouy. Nothing was said about that area and also found just recently at the beach access and when someone asked how many plants were found nothing was said. The association likes to keep some information HUSH HUSH. This year no milfoil has been found in front of Gwen's B&B that I know of, and The Association wants to close down just in front of Gwen's and a couple of camps next to hers. What is wrong with that!! Why aren't the Lake Association going trying to close any of the other areas? Another question why did they find milfoil just a couple of camps down from Gwen's B&B and it was in front of their dock with a boat on the water right there? Why weren't they asked to keep their boat out of that area? They are only after one place!!! Just a little predatorist I think so. If the Association are having the milfoil pulled out of other areas and don't intend on closing those places, why don't they do the same for in front of Gwen's B&B? what is the difference? Why wasn't the families told about this petition from when it was applied or why wasn't the area campers or other camp member notified about this petition. The Association Board was going behind some of the campers back and having people just to sign the petition. I was told that someone was walking across the lake with a clipboard and the petition on Saturday August 31, 2014 and asking just anyone to sign this petition and if you have any questions about the petition to just call Chrissy Cano cause she knows all about what the petition is for. This same person also was telling people that the milfoil was growing in under the matts that the state put down in under the water.

How do they really know if that is true or not? The matts have not even been pulled up yet. Now isn't that a wrong way to go about getting signatures because just anyone could sign and not fully understanding all sides of this petition. Just how many

signatures does it take for the petition to pass? Is this really fair? No it isn't, and that's one more reason why this whole matter has been blown out of proportion. Some of the statements in the petition are false (NOT TRUE) and also down right targeting a lady who owns the B&B.

One of the Lake Association Board members and she is also a volunteer to help pull milfoil out of the lake her name is Chrissy Cano. So I hear that she is the one who has pulled out 90 % of the milfoil. She has been very rude to Gwen Maynard and her guests. Chrissy has even seen people on Gwen's lawn and told them to tell Gwen to keep the canoes and dogs and swimmers out of the bouyed area when the petition has not been passed. To me that is no way to handle any situation, I feel if there is a real problem that the President of the Association, Linda Gilman, should be addressing Gwen herself. Chrissy has gone so far as to take a blowup raft out of the bouyed area in front of the B&B and drag it across the {where the matts were put down by the state} and spoke very harshly to Gwen's guests. At that time Gwen had 4 families staying at her place and all of the families were very upset by the way Chrissy handled and spoke about keeping boats and swimmers and dogs out of the bouyed area. Chrissy has a dog herself who often comes with her as she pulls milfoil out and the dog runs and plays in the area that she enforces others to stay out of. I don't feel she should be the one to check the area in front of Gwen's B&B as I feel there could be some conflict. I do feel that because of all of the tension from Chrissy and the Lake Association Board checking should have been from the state themselves so we know just how many plants are being found. Everything that has been happening from finding the first milfoil has changed this lake so much already, it is tearing friends and families apart talking behind peoples backs it has upset some people so much and caused a lot of havoc. I'm very much afraid that things are going to get worse and not better just because of that petition. Just who are the people who wrote this petition paper? It sure is a shame for this wonderful Lake to all come to this. There has to be a compromising solution to this problem! I'm asking you Please to consider letting the Danforth Cove Families that are affected by this petition handle it ourselves. Possibly to have the matts removed and bouys and let us pay ourselves to have the Cove Vacuumed once if not twice a year to remove all milfoil. We already have families that are willing to get together and do this. I myself would like to see this end and this just might be the answer to all of our prayers. Danforth Cove can again someday be back to the way things should be!

Most of Gwen's guests have been coming to the lake for 12 to 16 years and loving it! They have put up with the milfoil and heavily bouyed area for 3 years now and have been so cooperative and wanting to help Gwen with staying out of the area. I feel this has put a lot of unnecessary stress on Gwen and her guests. Guests have come year after year to enjoy her place and Shadow Lake and why shouldn't they that is what Lakes and Vacations are for in Vermont! The people that come here are now all so much like family to Gwen and her family. Gwen has the most kind and wonderful guests. Everyone that stays are no riff raff people. Gwen has Doctors, nurses, lawyers, pilots, large construction owners, judge, police officers, service men and women and even a bodyguard for the governor of DC just to name a few.

Terrific people and they all help support the local businesses in the area. Currier's Store {one family alone spends a hundred dollars in food a day and they stay for 2 weeks} Kinney drug store, C&C market, gas stations many restaurants in this area and Newport, shops and tourists attractions Ben and Gerry's, Cabot Creamery, Museums ect. This B&B is not used in that way as Gwen does rent out her house to vacationing people for the week just as others do the same around the lake in the summer months. The only difference is that this is Gwen's income. If you were to close off the area the petition is stating it would be no different than to close off in front of any businesses doors so that their income would stop! How wrong is that! She is going on 82 years of age but you should also know that you would not be able to guess her age as she mows her own lawn, trims the grass and rakes {a large area I might add}, even rakes in front of the water all of the leaves that come floating in every fall. Cleans her house and cabin, works in her flower gardens, piles wood and many more tasks. She also takes care of her 95 year old aunt who has been living with her for about 10 years now. She even finds time to spend time to visit with each and everyone of her guest. This woman works very hard and has worked hard all her life. Her husband passed away several years ago and her home burned to the ground, but that did not stop this remarkable lady for she knew she needed an income some how so she started her own B&B and also still to this day is the hairdresser at the local nursing home.

Gwen has gone out of her way to cooperate with the state putting down the matts in front of her home and opening her home to the state workers and Lake Association directors use her home facilities. If you close this area down she will lose her income and would make it very hard for her. On another note there is a state senator who had said at one of the meetings that he worked for the state and he also knew people to push this petition through. I have a big problem when someone like that who works for the state feels they can do just what they want and so just what kind of chance than does all of the Danforth Cove camp families have at trying to stop the petition. What a Shame!

To sum everything up I do not want to see this area closed! Point Blank: {1} If you can't make it mandatory for boat washing and also watch 24 hours 7 days a week at the boat access who is going to keep milfoil out! {2} That you also have milfoil in other areas around the lake and no petitions for closing any of those! {3} How about the wildlife {birds} Ducks, Blue Herring and Loons especially that love Shadow lake that could bring it in as well? Who is going to stop them? Something to really think about! These are just a few statements that I feel should most definitely be considered in you making your decision to close Danforth Cove!

I am Gwen Maynard's daughter and will stand right beside her all the way to see the right justice come from this petition. I have been upset because I feel very strongly that this whole thing has been unfair from the very start of the milfoil problem! I am very

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proud of my mom and all of the Danforth Cove Campers and their Families for their friendship and kindness. I hope the right decision is made upon this petition as I care a great deal about Shadow Lake and Danforth Cove!

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From: [Patricia Webster](#)
To: [Probasco, Matthew](#)
Subject: Shadow Lake Association proposal
Date: Friday, September 05, 2014 4:08:14 PM

I support the efforts of the SLA as they attempt to control the rapid proliferation of invasive milfoil. The lake is a recreational treasure and SLA deserves a fighting chance to effectively combat this difficult problem.

Thank you.

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From: Paul A O'Leary <paulalistairoleary@gmail.com>
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Subject: Shadow Lake - Further Petition Comments
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Dear Mr Probasco

I attach a second letter containing some further comments on the Shadow Lake Association Petition for temporary closure of a designated area of Shadow Lake, Glover, VT, which was received by your department on 22 April 2014.

Yours sincerely

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For the attention of Mr Matthew Probasco

Dear Sirs

**Shadow Lake Association
Petition for Temporary Closure of a designated
area of Shadow Lake, Glover VT.**

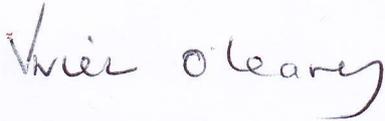
Further to my previous comments on the above petition, which were dated the 9 August 2014 and sent to yourselves by email on the 11 August 2014, I would like to add the following further comments, following my husband's and my arrival at Shadow Lake on the 18 August 2014, for our first visit since last summer:

- We have observed visitors to the BB and or its associated accommodation are continuing to boat, swim and stand on the mats in the restricted area marked out with buoys, and, on the occasions we have pointed out to them that they should keep away from the restricted area, they have told us that they were unaware of the significance of the buoys.
- We have also observed a number of people fishing in the restricted area and people throwing objects into the restricted area for their dogs to retrieve.
- On one occasion, when the owner of the BB was at the main house, we heard her warn somebody, who was kayaking in the restricted area, not to do so, and also heard them apologise and say that they had not been aware that the area marked out with buoys was a restricted area.

- We have further observed, on more than one occasion, a motor boat passing through the area marked out by the buoys, with its engine running.

I hope that these further comments will be useful in the formulation of a decision by the Department of Environmental Conservation in relation to the Shadow Lake Association petition.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vivien O'Leary". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Vivien O'Leary

From: [Penny Hannigan](#)
To: [Probasco, Matthew](#)
Subject: Shadow Lake
Date: Friday, August 29, 2014 11:23:26 AM

Hello,

I heard about the Shadow Lake petition to close a small portion of the lake to attempt curbing the growth of milfoil and wanted to email you in support of their request. I am writing as a native Vermont resident and not as an employee of the Vermont Land Trust (that's the only email I have).

For the last 35 or so years I have been going swimming in Shadow Lake (and other cold, clear, clean, northern VT lakes) by myself and then with my children and now my grandchildren. A very good friend of mine purchased the red camp closest to the public beach around 15 years ago so I have also spent a lot of time there as well.

As you know, it is a special place. The natives called it "Smoke Pond" for the way the mist rises in the morning. I've seen osprey, loons, ducks, bull frog tadpoles, dragonflies and many fish species there. But in the last few years the weeds have started to take over, more than I'd ever seen in any previous summer there.

The efforts have been great to check and wash boats, picking of the milfoil, and disseminating information to all, but more needs to be done and quickly. My family only camped at Lake Carmi once – which was due to the milfoil invasion there. Please do what is needed to save Shadow from a similar fate.

Thank you!

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