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February 27, 2013

Janice Roy, President Friends of Wolcott Pond 242 Keeler Pond Road Wolcott, VT 05680

Re: Petition for Wolcott Pond

Dear Jan:

I am writing you to confirm I have received your petition materials seeking a prohibition on internal combustion motors on Wolcott Pond dated February 22, 2013 by mail. I have reviewed the materials and found that there are a few additional items I need from you before we can officially accept your petition submission and begin our technical and legal analysis:

- 1. A statement identifying the potential social impacts of making Wolcott Pond a quiet pond. Please list the categories of people, enterprises, and government entities potentially affected by making Wolcott Pond a quiet pond.
- 2. A statement identifying normal uses (e.g., swimming, fishing, etc.) that would be affected by making Wolcott Pond a quiet pond. It is implied that fishing by internal combustion motor powered boats would be affected, but it would be helpful if you would explicitly state how that use and other normal uses would be affected.
- 3. A statement identifying how normal uses conflict. This statement should be related to the one above, but should focus less on how making Wolcott Pond a quiet pond would affect other uses and more on describing the nature of the current use conflicts on Wolcott Pond in a general sense.
- 4. A statement describing any efforts that have been made to resolve these conflicting uses. For instance, it would be helpful for us to know if you or anyone else has been in contact with law enforcement officials seeking speed limit enforcement.
- 5. A certification that notice has been provided to the president of any lake or property owners association having an interest in Wolcott Pond and the Department of Public Safety, c/o the State Boating Law Administrator. You should send copies of the petition materials to these parties and any other interested parties of which you are aware, including a page (or more) listing all parties, including mailing addresses, on which you

served noticed. Please include a signature block certifying that notice has been provided.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need clarification about these items. I look forward to receiving your petition addendum.

Sincerely,

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Attorney, Watershed Management Division