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22 January 1973

Department of the Army
New England Corps of Engineers
424 Traveler Road
Waltham, Mass. 02154 EXT 351

Mr. Charles Miller
Navigation Branch

(NR100-P)

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have just returned from the January 17th meeting of the Goose Pond Reclamation Society.

Having not heard from you or a representative of your navigation branch concerning a decision on the performance of a survey of the toxic siltation problem at Goose Cove on Goose Basin I would like to ask what the present status of the situation is as far as the Corps is concerned?

An estimate has been obtained by Mr. Fred Beck of the Callahan Corporation from the Northeast Dredging Co. of Portland, Maine on the removal of the silt in the cove at a figure of \$ 11,250.00 at \$ 4.50/cubic yard.

There is however a concern that the funds that may be made available to the GR&B by the Callahan firm will not be able to cover the cost of dredging the silt when combined with the cost of grading and revegetation of the tailings and remaining spoil areas at the site.

In our telephone conversation you made mention of the Corps having the necessary equipment to perform the dredging if your survey indicated the need. I would appreciate your and the Corps consideration and decision at your earliest convenience.

Favorable consideration for the Corps removal of the silt would be of great help in our committees stretching what funds are made available to cover the costs of reclamation of the land areas.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Albert E. Sandeck
Vice Chairman

cc: CNF

January 22

Dear Frank:

Could not resist going to the GPHS meeting last week and am now paying for it by being behind in my work here. Some incidental points first: The mill has been sold and is to be removed by Dec 31st 1973. AQUACULTURE project is going full bore 3 million oyster spats on order for this spring along with 140,000 salmon fingerlings. A surprizingly large expenditure and effort going on at the mine buildings for the aquaculture experiments, huge fiberglass vats for the rearing of salmon fry, and new plastic oyster rearing trays. All in all I was really amazed at the size of the project.

Fred Beck has obtained an estimate for the dredging of Goose Cove from the Northeast Dredging Co. of Portland, Maine \$ 11,250.00 on an approximate estimated area of 300' X 300' by 3' depth at 4.50/cubic yard. The waste to be trucked to the tailings area. In Beck's "proposal" of the loan of \$ 16,000 for reclamation did not encompass the cost of dredging, but was computed for the cost of revegetating the areas that were not done by the hydroseeder this past fall. I requested he approach the board of directors at Callahan for funds to cover the total cost of dredging the cove area, he said he would.

Callahan has also seemed ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{HAUL} decided to remove the dam at their expense at the appropriate time. (Corps of Engineers permission is necessary)

I have enclosed a copy of the paper presented by Beck at the meeting concerning the land turn over proposal, according to the maps he brought to the meeting the proposal covers all of the land callahan owns and leases with the exception of the Elwin Dyer property along the Southwesterly edge of the pond and a small piece of land purchased from Linwood Farr, near

When we finally got to the land turnover proposal there were a good many questions much along the lines of those you wrote to me about. Sherm Greene had added to the list I sent to him and frequently brought Beck up short on some of his generalizations. Greene made a telling point concerning the future sale of the property as home lots as being rather doubtful considering the new land use legislation that is to be imposed by the State on July 1st. The EIC representative at the meeting also jumped on this point.

The question of liability could evidently be spelled out in a land transferal agreement, but not as simply as Fred put it. The members of the committee requested a warranty deed. Greene seemed to think this was a must "that is if Callahan has a clear title from Penobscot"

I asked about the liability extending to Members and officers of the GPRS Beck replied that as long as Callahan was lease they would carry the necessary liability coverage. This led to Greenes making a statement that this is applicable as long as Callahan is present Beck made mention of a holdharmless clause in the deed. At this point I lost track because of several legal points Greene went into. The consensus seemed to be that a binding comitment could be developed in the agreement. ^{ON THE POINT OF LIABILITY} Beck did allow that Penobscot's reasons for making this donation was that the land represented too much of a headache for them to be involved with, (I almost fell off my chair)... As I understand from the Corps of Engineers the Tailings area if not properly graded and revegetated represents a potential death trap by its quicksand like qualities. this rattled Beck a bit and the conversation centered on it for quite a while. His proposal for drainage of the tailings area varied somewhat from the proposal of this past summer. The area will be posted until it is stabilized and planted.

There was a curious change in the attitude of Kip in his assesment of the towns attitude towards having the land turned over to them. Beck met with Kip just prior to the meeting I don't know what was discussed but Kip did mention the desire for town access to the pond area by a ramp facility etc. Beck seemed to give the impression that he wished he had not made the proposal to the committee and ^{TOWARDS THE END OF THE MEETING} leaned towards the desireability of the towns having the whole package. This is an impression that I got and I may be wrong.... Without sounding too proud of it Sherm Greene and I were loaded with some sharp questions and I think we caught Beck by surprize.

ANYHOW,, Beck is to draft a firm proposal and submit it to the officers of the committee and Sherm Greene for our consideration. (I think it will take a while) Beck has also ^{HAS} realized the imbalance in the membership of the committee and has started to bring in some pro Callahan members. I asked about the memberships right to vote concerning this land turn over proposal and other such matters. Beck replied in somewhat of a irritated manner that "the officers will make the decisions" I think at that point the meeting ended and I was very glad to have made the trip of 12 hours up and back.

I'll let you know of any further developments.

Bob Dow was there but did not seem to say too much, the Maine Parks & Recreation Commission was there (at my invitation) but had no desire to become involved and lastly the EIC representative was of little help except to say there would have to be the necessary permits applied for to dump the dredgings on the tailings pile and also the development of house lots was going to be rather remote considering the character of the area and the new land use rulings (LAST WEEKS AMERICAN had a fine article

Goose Pond Reclamation Society

January 17, 1973

-Agenda-

Secretary's report ✓

Treasurer's report ✓ 640.64

Aquaculture report ✓

Water sampling report

Dredging report — 914

Goose Falls Dam status — ✓

Penobscot Mining Company offer

Other Business

Adjourn

Introduction

Callahan Mining Corporation presently leases the former Redman and Dyer properties from The Penobscot Mining Company, a Toronto-based Canadian mining company. The terms of the lease stipulates that Callahan may lease the property for 60 years at no rent, but that the Penobscot Mining Company shares in the profit of the operation.

As a goodwill gesture to the town, Penobscot has offered to give their property to the Society with no strings attached-- provided their tenants (Callahan) are satisfied with any new lease arrangements.

It is important to note that acceptance of ownership does not mean acceptance of responsibility for past, present or future actions of tenants. In other words, if sometime in the future it is determined that the Tailings Pond is causing pollution, any liability does not rest with the owner, but with the operator, i.e. Callahan.

The advantage of ownership to GPRS rests in the fact that the full value of the property can be used by the GPRS for reclamation. A recent appraisal lists the property at \$42,800. If the GPRS does not accept the property, Penobscot Mining Company will in all probability sell the property to the highest bidder and retain the funds for its own use.

The Callahan representative to the GPRS therefore makes the following motion:

MOTION

The GPRS agrees to accept the gift of land comprising some 107 acres bordering on Goose Pond being offered by The Penobscot Mining

Company. The shoreline length is 7150 feet. This acceptance is conditioned by the simultaneous lease of said lands which lease will have the following provisions.

1. Lessee to pay all taxes.
2. Lease to be on a yearly renewable basis.
3. Rent to be free to CMC. *AGRICULTURE?*
4. Lessor to be able to sell or lease portions of land not used by Lessee, providing sale does not jeopardize Lessee's operations. Permission must be obtained from Lessee but shall not be unreasonably withheld.
5. ~~All buildings and other equipment remain the property of CMC. CMC has six months to remove buildings and equipment after termination of lease. If not removed, they become property of GPRS.~~

GPRS may sell all of the property but property remains subject to terms of lease. GPRS may raise money for reclamation by subjecting property to mortgage. CMC agrees to loan \$16,000 at no interest on a first mortgage to GPRS repayable as and if the property is sold. ↗

GPRS agrees to spend at least \$6,000 on reclamation of Tailings Pond as recommended by Bureau of Mines, University of Maine, and CMC. ↘

CMC agrees to remove Goose Falls Dam if and when the Corps of Engineers gives permission. CMC agrees to remove all mill and crusher buildings and grade mill area.

GPRS being a non-profit organization will use any surplus funds available after sale of the property and retirement of mortgage for the benefit of the town of Brooksville at Goose Pond and Goose Cove-- the decision of how it is to be used to be determined by the Society.

FMB/cm

DATE _____

To:
From:
To:
Subject:

Dear Albert

I hasten to reevaluate the information that I gave you in my letter. I stated that due to flooding of the ponds, the marsh areas had been eliminated. That is true as far as I know the area, but in talking to several people, they have pointed out to me that the marsh areas are about the same as before the mining company started operations, therefore there would be slight differences in the land areas adjacent to the ponds.

My comparison was before and after the flooding process. I hope this clarifies the situation to some extent.

Sincerely
Jack

January 10, 1973

John:

I called Charlie Sneed yesterday and I had not received the draft of the land turn over proposal as promised. Sneed, Beck and Bill Nicely attorney for Callahan have decided not to submit a draft in writing to the Committee.

As I understand it after much discussion concerning the proposal and the rather involved complicated points they reached the decision to let Fred Beck present the proposal orally to the GPHS at the meeting on the 17th.

I still plan to attend the meeting, weather & other circumstances permitting but see little chance of anything being decided. Also have mixed feelings of making a 1200 mile round trip to hear Fred ask the GPHS for its feelings towards a proposal that doesn't seem to be very substantive or committal at this time.

An interesting point came up while talking with Sneed concerning the State Park & Recreation Commission, he said Callahan had offered the land to them but was turned down flat by the director Lawrence Stuart. I would be curious about the reasons they did so.

So I guess my letter to Mr. Stuart was a waste of time and the more I think about the tax situation in the Town with Callahan leaving the more it seems not such a good thought. I really was concentrating on that increased shore line credit arrangement, as opposed to the land reverting to a wild land use.

On this point of taxability of the land... Is it not so that the GPHS is a tax exempt organization? Would this cause problems? I am sure the Town Selectmen would not look favorably of this point.

It might be a worthwhile thing to bring up at the meeting.

I did contact Sherr Greene and asked him to attend the meeting and he said he would. I have offered to cover his fee as I still have some money left from the donations I had refunded from the Callahan 1000 dollar committee fund.

Take care.

January 10th 1973

Wm. Sherman Greene, Jr.
Sunset, Maine 04683

Dear Sherman:

I tried to reach you by telephone last night and will try again tonight. In the meantime I want to send you this as a backup note.

I called Charles Sneed on the 9th as I had not received the draft proposal promised to me by the 4th. He, Beck and attorney Bill Nicely at Callahan in New York have decided not to submit a draft in writing to the committee.

After much discussion concerning the proposal and its rather complicated points the decision was reached to let Fred Beck present the proposal orally to the GRS at the meeting on the 17th.

I see little chance of anything being decided at this meeting and have mixed feelings of making a 1200 mile round trip to hear Beck ask the GRS for its feelings towards a proposal that is not substantive or committal.

An interesting point came up when I asked Sneed if Callahan had considered the possibility of turning the land over to the State Parks & Recreation Commission as a means enlarging the Holbrook Sanctuary. He said he had turned down that by Lawrence Stuart the director. It seems Callahan is in a bind to unload their (or Penobscot's) liabilities at the nine-mile.

I still plan to attend the meeting, weather & circumstances permitting and should be up by the 15th. Possibly we could get together (if you think it necessary) sometime on the 16th before the meeting. If for some reason I cannot make it I would like to send some questions to you that I have for Beck. I'm sure you could put them in a letter from than I.

I do not have a copy of the present lease between Callahan & Penobscot (in answer to your question) It may be on file in Augusta at Bob Doyle's office.

QUESTIONS

What would be the state of financial liability of committee officers and those individuals holding membership if suit for damages was instituted by anyone injured at the property or unforeseen legislated environmental action taken against this property now or in the future?

Why does Callahan want to lease the property after the Penobscot donation to the GRS?

Is Callahan going to retain responsibility (liability insurance etc.) through part ownership or negotiated agreements as lessee after title transfer by Penobscot?

Assuming that Callahan and Fenobscot are currently insured for liability would there be changes or limitations brought about by the proposed land turnover? Name of the insurer and details of the policy should be available to the GPRS.

Who will pay taxes and insurance on the property after title transfer? (I don't think the Town would be favorable to an agreement of no taxation on the basis of ownership by the GPRS as a tax exempt organization.)

Reasons for State Parks & Recreation Commission's refusal of property.

With the termination of the lease with the State on the pond and areas where does the liability and obligation rest for environmental problems, monitoring and removal of silt in Goose Cove?

Can the GPRS have copies of the present lease between Callahan & Fenobscot for consideration prior to land turnover proposal?

In consideration of Fred Weeks statement at the public meeting on reclamation at the Brooksville Community Center on August 17th, 1971 concerning the amount of money to be made available for reclamation at "under a 100,000.00 dollars" how much of this money has been spent to date?

What amount of money will be made available to the GPRS for reclamation procedures, committee expenses and under what if any conditions.

As this meeting (Jan 17th) has been announced as a GPRS meeting what is the situation concerning absentee proxy voting? (if any voting is required at this meeting or any future meetings)

Well, I have probably gotten carried away and as a layman maybe some of these questions seem pretty strange or badly put out it's the only way I have of getting them known to you. As I said you no doubt can put them to back far better and more clearly than I could.

I want to express my confidence in you and appreciation for your agreeing to attend this meeting. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Albert Vandeeck

cc: CNP

Wm. Sherman Greene, Jr.
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
Sunset, Maine 04683
207-348-2881

January 2, 1973

Dear Albert:

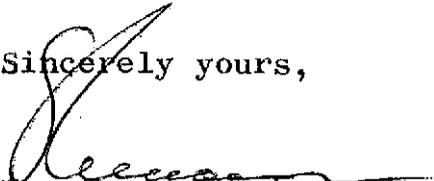
We have just returned to Deer Isle and Callahan sent me the October 22, 1972 State report, which you also have, as well as a copy of the notice of the Society meeting, about which you telephoned me.

As soon as you have any further correspondence, please let me have a copy, as we agreed.

I shall be glad to attend the meeting, but hope that you will be here beforehand, so that we can go over the proposition. Do you have a copy of the Penobscot-Callahan lease which we should have to compare with the proposed lease to Callahan?

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,


Wm. Sherman Greene, Jr.

WSG:RL

Mr. Albert E. Sandecki
50 Tanner St.
Haddonfield, N.J. 08033

Mining Company Offers Land To Goose Pond Citizen Group

The Penobscot Mining Co. of Canada, owner of most of the land used by the Callahan Mining Corp. at Harborside, has offered its property to the Goose Pond Reclamation Society.

Fred Beck of Callahan, secretary of the society, says the parcel adjoining Goose Pond consists of roughly 65 acres. Callahan owns another 30 acres. The land beneath the pond, which was drained to become an open pit mine six years ago, belongs to the State. Callahan leased it during its mining operation, but notified the State last August that it would not renew the lease, which expired at the end of 1972.

The Goose Pond Reclamation Society, a quasi-official body composed of mine officials, Brooksville town officers, state representatives, and local citizens, will consider the offer of land at its next meeting on Wednesday, January 17, at the Brooksville Town Hall at 7:00 p. m. The society has nine directors and five members. Selectmen John Gray is chairman, Albert Sandeck is vice chairman, and Beck is secretary.

"It's really a matter of whether the society wants to become Callahan's landlord or have the Penobscot Mining Co. remain the landlord," said Beck when telephoned at Calla-

han's office in Portland. "The society has not yet accepted the offer and may not because of the responsibilities entailed by land ownership."

Beck reports, incidentally, that the salmon being reared in nets at Harborside are still feeding and don't seem to mind the five degree centigrade temperatures of the water.

"But we are putting tanks inside the shop building, and we will put most of the fish inside, where they will be in a controlled temperature. We will leave some in the nets outside to see how well they survive the natural temperatures this winter." 1/4/73 EA.

January 8th 1973

John:

I have taken the liberty to invite Mr. Lawrence Stuart, Director of the State Parks & Recreation Commission to the next meeting of the GPHS. Hope you don't mind.

My reason for doing this is as follows: The Parks Commission now administers the Holbrook Island Sanctuary and as an adjoining land owner might be (should be) aware of proposed property transfers as Mr. Stuart has in the past expressed an interest in the disposition of the land after the fishing activity ended. The main point I had in the back of my mind was the interest he expressed in an expanded Park facility..... now don't get me wrong... I'm not pushing for more tax exempt lands in Brooksville, don't forget I pay taxes too.... As I recall the Parks & Recreation Commission pays to the town in which parks exist a certain percentage of revenue taken in by the commission on a yearly basis and this allotment is figured on the amount of shoreline that a park has within ^{OR AROUND} its boundaries. So many credit points per shore foot as I recall. What I was getting at is there would be a heck of an increase in the credit points if the Goose Pond Shoreline were added to that of the Holbrook Sanctuary. This does not mean that the land would be put on a restricted use basis as I'm sure not all State Park land is as limited as Holbrook (I know it isn't)

By the way do you know how much Brooksville realized from the State Parks people for the Sanctuary? I remember giving Kip a note ^{about 2425.00} on this after I had talked with Mr. Stuart and as I recall it should have been about what Miss Harris

was paying in taxes prior to the turn over to the State.

At least that was what I was told but the bureauerata might have got their hands on it somehow. ^(IF THE TOWN HAS NOT REALIZED THIS MONEY FROM STUART IT MIGHT AFFORD A CHANCE TO FIND OUT WHY NOT)

Maybe I'm all wet on this at least being kept in mind as an alternative.... Quite frankly, if the Aquaculture project flops (and I hope it doesn't) I don't see much of a value to the land as an area to be developed for home sites or manufacture, considering the water table problem as it is now. Of course this might change but I doubt it will be soon enough for the Town to benefit by new tax rates.

Doubtless Callahan will be soon giving up the lease arrangement with the State on the pond areas and they will revert to State ownership so why not consider the possibility of a state park facility? That could be of some benefit to the town especially if the shoreline credit point arrangement is tied to it.

Well, just thought I would pass it along for what it's worth and maybe it's not worth anything, but I thought it worth trying to get Mr. Stuart to come to the meeting and feel him out on the parks commission position?

I have hopes of getting to the meeting, hopefully the weather will not be bad as it's a long drive. If for some unforeseen reason I could not make it I thought I should let you know I had contacted Mr. Stuart and you might consider developing some questions along the lines of what I have just written you about. Put it down as a last resort alternative for the land use if you like.

Sincerely,

50 Tanner Street
Haddonfield,
New Jersey 08033
December 8, 1973

State of Maine
State Park & Recreation Commission
State Capitol Room 714
Augusta, Maine 04330

Mr. Lawrence Stuart
Director

Dear Mr. Stuart:

We met last at the Governors conference on the reclamation problems at the Callahan Mining Corporation's mine-site on Cape Rosier.

I would like to make you aware of the next meeting of the committee involved with the reclamation of the Goose Pond area. It will be held at the Brooksville Town Office on January 17th at 7pm.

I'm sure this meeting will be of interest to you as it concerns the property adjoining that of the Holbrook Island Sanctuary now administered by your department. The abutting waters and lands are now held by the Callahan Corporation under lease from the State of Maine and the Penobscot Mining Company of Canada and will be the major subject of this meeting.

The Callahan Corporation is proposing a land turn over arrangement of its holdings leased from the Penobscot firm to the Goose Pond Reclamation Society. As a member of the GPRS and the Board of Directors of the Holbrook Island Sanctuary, I would like to invite you to attend this meeting to ascertain the Parks & Recreation Commission's position on the disposition of these adjoining water & land areas.

As the majority of the Town of Brooksville's Selectmen are involved with the GPRS as members of the committee or as interested participants there will be great interest in the areas future and any potential for offsetting the tax loss when the Callahan Corporation withdraws from the area.

You and your departments consideration and participation would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely


Albert E. Sandecki

Tel.#
609-429-1310

The Ellsworth American

ELLSWORTH, MAINE 04605

667-2545

Dec. 2, 1972

Albert:

Thanks for the news.

I will be in Ireland then, but I trust someone will cover that meeting. I think the society should accept the land and then turn it over to the state, like Anita's sanctuary.

Jack Wiggins

Goose Pond Reclamation Society

Minutes-meeting of Oct. 5, 1972

The meeting was held at 7:00 P.M. at the Brooksville Town Library. Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Gray and was attended by:

Malcolm Richards	Jack Wiggins
Paul Veno	Bob Mant
Florine Black	Clifford Leach
Seth Blodgett	
Bill Barthelman	
Bill Hunter	
Bob Howard	
Fred Beck	
Shannon Blodgett	

The minutes of the last meeting were discussed and amendments as requested by Bob Dow were mentioned. The amended minutes were approved.

Mr. Leach reported that \$387.00 had been paid to Albert Sandecki and a balance of \$613.00 remained in the treasury. A checking account has been opened at the Liberty National Bank.

Bob Mant reported on water sampling in Goose Cove and Goose Pond. He stated that:

- (a) copper and lead levels are similar in Goose Pond to those in Blue Hill Bay and elsewhere. In August this was 0.065 PPM for copper, 0.200 for lead.
- (b) zinc levels in the Goose Pond were double those in Blue Hill Bay--0.930 PPM vs 0.467 PPM. Bob reported that this was not detrimental to growth of oysters and that zinc was less toxic than copper or cadmium.
- (c) the salinity of the top ten feet in Goose Pond was minimal--essentially fresh water. Below this at 5' 6 parts per thousand (PPT), 10' 17.5 PPT, 15' 20.2 PPT, and at 20' 24 PPT. Goose Cove had an average 27.4 PPT.

Considerable discussion followed concerning water levels.

Moved by Bob Howard and seconded to fix the water level in the dam at 1004', equivalent to the mean high water level in Goose Cove. Passed.

Beck reported on the seeding progress, stating that 21 acres had been seeded to date at a cost of \$695 per acre. The grass is growing well despite the late date (Sept.) of seeding. Beck also reported on the mine auction, mill sale plans, watchman, etc.

Bob Mant reported on oyster and salmon growth progress; stating that the oysters were 1½ to 2" in size already and that half the salmon had reached marketable size. The first restaurant to serve the salmon will be Jed Prouty's, probably beginning in mid-October.

Moved by Shannon Blodgett, seconded by C. Leach, to open the membership in the Society to anyone. Membership fee is to be \$5.00 per year, with the membership running from annual meeting to annual meeting, and memberships be retroactive to the last annual meeting. Voted

There was some discussion as to whether the GPRS Directors should be required to pay for a membership. There was no definite decision on this suggestion.

Paul Veno brought up the subject of salt buildup in Goose Cove and the desire of local residents to have a good open harbor as before mining. Mr. Beck stated that he will look into the cost of dredging. Core samples were taken by Callahan and Sea & Shore Fisheries and results analyzed by the Corps of Engineers. Results have not yet been interpreted.

Three new members were voted in to the Society; Bill Hunter, Bob Mant, and Seth Blodgett.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Submitted by:
F. M. Beck, Secretary

GOOSE POND RECLAMTION SOCIETY
MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Penobscot Mining Company, owners of the land presently under lease to Callahan, have offered to donate their properties to the Goose Pond Reclamation Society. Inasmuch as Callahan would like to continue leasing certain portions of this land, it is suggested that a meeting be held on January 17, 1973, at 7:00 P.M. at the Brooksville Library to discuss the offer by Penobscot, and the relationship of Callahan as lessor in such a transaction.

A draft lease is being prepared which will be mailed to the Society for consideration, since any consideration of the land by the Society would be based in part on the terms of existing leases. The draft lease should be mailed out early in 1973 but before the meeting.

CALL - 2:15 PM 1/9/73
SNDAD - CALL (ON DRAFT OF PROPOSAL)
NO DRAFT WILL BE DRAWN FOR
DISCUSSION - JUST KICK AROUND POSSIBILITIES
OF PROPOSAL - STATE PARKS - FLAT TURN DOWN (RECENT) BY STUART
NOT TO ANXIUS AT THIS POINT TO DRAFT ANY
FORM OF COMMITMENT. FOR LAND.

RECO!
1/2/73

50 Tanager Street
Haddonfield, Ne
New Jersey 08033
December 28, 1972

State of Maine
Department of Sea & Shore Fisheries
State House Annex
Augusta, Maine 04330

Mr. Robert L. Dow
Marine Research Director

Dear Mr. Dow:

I understand Fred Beck has sent notice of the next meeting of the GRS to the committee members, but, to be sure I thought I would let you know it is confirmed for January 17th . 7 pm. at the Brooksville Town Office and Library.

I am making plans to attend and realize that the inconvenient hour makes it a long day for you but I hope you and Mr. Hurst will attend.

Sincerely,

Albert Sandeck

50 Tanner Street
Haddonfield,
New Jersey 08033
December 28, 1972

Department of the Army
New England Corps of Engineers
424 Trapelo Road
Waltham, Mass. 02154

Mr. William S. Muzzo
Operations Branch

(NEECOD-P)

Dear Mr. Muzzo:

The date for the next meeting of the Goose Pond
Reclamation Society (Callahan Corporation mine-site
reclamation) is confirmed for January 17th, 1973 at
the Brooksville Library & Town Office.

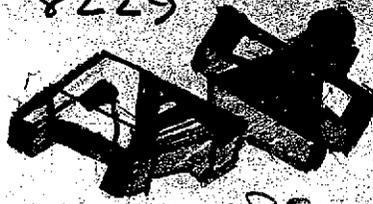
Sincerely,

Albert S. Samieccki
Vice Chairman GFRS

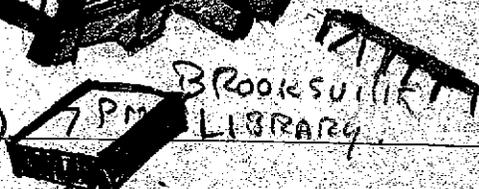
cc: CFF

JOHN GRAY - 207 326 8229

MONDAY
GREEN PCTIONS



MEETING ON JAN 17 (EVENING)



HAVE YOU OR KIP CONSIDERED RETAINING LEGAL COUNSEL AT

THE MEETING CONCERNING THE LAND TURN OVER PROPOSAL?

GREENE WILL ATTEND

LEGAL SERVICES OF TWO ATTORNEYS IN PORTLAND
AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF MR. LEE ROGERS GENERAL COUNCIL
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND (NH.) ATTORNEYS

JOHN WUESTOFF

HUGH CALKINS

PHONECALL

EXCHANGE ST.
PORTLAND.

DEC/21/82

GIVEN TO
JOHN GRAY

PTENOB

DONATE

G.P. RS.

DATE _____



To:
From:
To:
Subject:

Dear Albert:

In reply to your inquiry regarding conditions in the pond areas, the filling of these areas eliminated the marshes. The water level in the ponds during the time of filling had reached what I thought was a reasonable height that would preserve most of the marshes. I believe the depth in the diggings section was somewhere between eight and nine hundred feet. It remained at this depth for several weeks and then it was decided to increase the depth to over a thousand feet. The water in Stink cove comes to within three feet of the roadway and about two feet below surface of road.

I agree that in the spring run off, there is a possibility of some flooding. I am not sure what damage would occur other than to the road but it is assumed that the gate at the bridge would be removed to siphon off excessive amounts from the ponds if the present arrangement is to be continued. The water in the ponds would find its own level depending on the tides if the concrete dam under the bridge is to be removed, however as you mentioned the silt would be agitated and flow back and forth into the pond and the bay. I hope the above information will be of some use in your discussions in the upcoming meetings.

A belated Happy Holiday to you all,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jack", located at the bottom right of the letter.

50 Tanner Street
Haddonfield,
New Jersey 08033
December 15, 1972

Mr. Jack Butler
Warden
Holbrook Island Sanctuary
Harborside, Maine 04642

Dear Jack:

I am writing in reference to the condition of the flooded ponds at the Callahan operation. Hayward told me last night that the ponds are the highest he has ever had occasion to see them, he also said the water level at Stink Cove is about two or three feet (high or below) I'm not sure on this, the level of the road bed.

I have been concerned about the rising water level since this fall in regard to the condition of the marshes along the upper end of the Goose Pond estuary along the shoreline of the sanctuary.

There is a meeting in mid January of the Goose Pond Reclamation Society and I'm sure the disposition of the concrete dam under the bridge will be a main point. I am in hopes you might be able to tell me something about the ~~MARSHES~~.

Perhaps there is too much snow cover by now to reach any conclusions, but I think it's an important factor to be considered at the next meeting. The spring thaw may cause quite a flooding condition.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has, as of Nov 2nd has given permission to remove the top three feet of the dam as requested by the Maine Highway Department. This I'm sure will be a sensitive point with the Department of Sea & Shore Fisheries as they would like to avoid or minimize any tidal exchange until the water in the pit area tests as safe and the silt is removed to keep the toxic silt from dispersing into the bay.

All in all it is a bit of a bureaucratic tangle.

I had drafted a rather long letter to be sent to either Miss Harris or Lawrence Stewart concerning this matter but decided to write to you first in hopes that you might have some firsthand knowledge of indeed a flooding condition does exist. I did not want to cause Miss Harris unnecessary concern or create a situation over the agreements with the State that are in the deed.

Wishing you and your wife an enjoyable Christmas season and a pleasant New Year.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Nuzzo:

The tentative date for the next meeting of the G.P.R.A. concerning the Callahan reclamation efforts is Wednesday, January 17th (in the evening). This date is subject to possible change for the convenience of your organization, the Maine E.I.C. and other members of the committee.

Thank you for the copy of Mr. Andrellunas's letter of the 28th. Hope to see you in January.

Sincerely,

Albert E. Santecki

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