

My name is Carol Ann Doucette and I am the president of the Little Sebago Lake Association. 2.5 years ago, I walked the Twin Brooks site with Mr. Haines and members of the planning board. Conversations on that day revolved around why the board was there and the conditions that were seen at that time. At the end of the site visit, then planning board head, Peter Gellerson, stated that the board was not there in regards to code conformance but were there to evaluate the possibility of a campground expansion. At that time, he also said to the representative of Twin Brooks, that there would need to be many changes made before that expansion would happen, given what we all discovered on that day.

Many of those conditions still exist and additional violations have occurred. As a board, the then 13 members of Little Sebago Lake Association began their own investigation, contacting state and town enforcement agencies. I personally met with Mr. Haines and Mr. Woodbury, Kinderly Hodgdon, then CEO in Gray, the group which became the Friends of Little Sebago, Al Frick, Andrea Malone and the late Calvin Austin. Tom Williams, our board liaison member to the Friends of Little Sebago, was deeply involved with the fact finding and investigative process, and later became a member of that organization.

The LSLA board's position has always been that Twin Brooks needs to be brought into compliance according to local and state codes and regulations in all areas. The Friends of Little Sebago and Mr. Haines have embraced this task and passionately given it their undivided attention and resources. We as a board applaud them for being advocates for Little Sebago Lake. If we had taken up this challenge our efforts to manage milfoil on the lake and obtain funding on a local, state, and federal level would have been diluted. This may have resulted in a lake overtaken by milfoil where no one would want to camp or swim.

This has been a difficult and complex situation as stated many times during meetings of the planning board, ZBA and the council. Attorneys representing both sides also have been overwhelmed at times by the amounts of information and its inconsistency in many situations. As a board, the Little Sebago Lake Association, represents the interests of the entire lake community and we are still looking for full compliance by Twin Brooks. The laws in place for the protection of the lake and its environment need to be enforced. Compliance must be demanded and fines levied as required setting an example for others who live on the lake.

The enforcement report by George Theborge goes a long way in clarifying and summarizing the current situation. The new campground regulations stated in Appendix 1 and the conditional use criteria in Appendix 2 offer a blueprint with which to measure expansion by all parties. Although a painful, expensive and lengthy process, the birth of a new plan for the benefit of all, especially the immediate Little Sebago Lake community, is well worth the effort involved. As a board, we would like to offer assistance, as we have in the past, to Twin Brooks to facilitate in the process of making the campground a better lake steward and neighbor in the process.

