

Ossipee Lake Alliance

July 20, 2005

Mr. Les Babb
Board of Selectmen
Town of Freedom
Freedom, NH 03836

Dear Les:

Thank you for mentioning to Susan Marks that Ossipee Lake Marina was planning to dredge in Danforth Brook. You will want to know that we checked with DES and it does not have a dredge and fill application from the marina.

The state says that because there is milfoil in the brook, such an application, if filed, would have to be reviewed by its milfoil specialists as well as its wetlands specialists because in many cases dredging makes milfoil infestations worse. If an application is filed and approved, the marina will likely be required to ensure that fragments do not enter the lake. DES says it will advise us if an application is filed.

On another matter, we have been asked by a lake property owner to report to the town that the marina is now in its second year of berthing boats along the shoreline of Lot 42. I've attached one of the pictures sent to us.

You will recall that the special exception the ZBA granted in 2002 approved use of the bathrooms and parking lot while denying all other commercial uses and maintaining the lot's residential zoning designation. The berthing of boats there may also be a violation of the state law which limits the marina's boat slips.

I hope you will look into this matter as soon as possible and let us know the result.

Best regards,

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Executive Director

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Picture taken in August, 2004 shows 9 boats berthed along Ossipee Lake Marina's Lot 42 shoreline. This picture was sent to us by a lake resident who reports that the boats are berthed there again this year.