



Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission

Heather Hunter
City Administrator, City of Lewiston, Maine
27 Pine Street
Lewiston, Maine 04240

April 14, 2022

Dear City Administrator Hunter:

I address this letter to you on behalf of the Commissioners of the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission, the Lake Auburn Watershed hereafter being referred to as "LAWPC", in response to your Letter of Demand to the Commission dated March 31, 2022, hereafter referred to as the "Letter of Demand". The Commissioners of LAWPC acknowledge receipt of the Letter of Demand, having been delivered by certified mail to Mike Broadbent, LAWPC Secretary, on April 4, 2022. The Commissioners of LAWPC take seriously their commitment and obligation to protect the water quality of Lake Auburn in accordance with the agreement between the Auburn Water District, referred to hereafter as "AWD", and municipalities of Turner and Lewiston dated June 29, 1993, this agreement hereafter being referred to as the "Interlocal Agreement".

It is LAWPC's understanding that the Letter of Demand lays out the following requests of LAWPC:

1. That LAWPC study to determine the effects of development in the Watershed, including the property recently rezoned by the City Council of the City of Auburn during Its March 22, 2022 regular meeting consisting of approximately 148 acres, and to recommend to the AWD that it prohibit all development, including additional housing and other associated developments, in the Watershed until the completion of the study and the State Department of Health and Human Services has determined, after a review of the study, that development will not have an adverse effect on the conditions for maintaining a waiver from the filtration requirements. The Letter of Demand further clarifies this request to state that the study should review the effects of both surface water run-off and seepage of water through the ground to ensure that neither could possibly contaminate lake water.
2. That LAWPC recommend to the AWD to adopt suitable and appropriate restrictions on development in the Watershed should some development be deemed acceptable by the

study and the State Department of Health and Human Services, after consultation with AWD and the City of Lewiston, so that the waiver from the filtration requirement provided by the Department of the Health and Human Services is not jeopardized.

3. That you, Heather Hunter, be advised by April 15, 2022 of the actions LAWPC will take in response to requests numbered 1 and 2 above in this letter.

In accordance with your request, cited as request number 3 in this letter in reference to the Letter of Demand, that LAWPC respond to you by April 15, 2022 describing the actions LAWPC will take in response to requests numbered 1 and 2 above in this letter, having been presented initially in the Letter of Demand, I offer the following response on behalf of the Commissioners of LAWPC.

LAWPC Commissioners will seek legal counsel to clarify their rights and responsibilities as outlined in the Interlocal Agreement. Further, the Commissioners of LAWPC will determine all subsequent actions with regard to your Letter of Demand after they have had the opportunity to discuss the Letter of Demand with legal counsel.

Sincerely yours,



Mike Broadbent
Board Secretary
Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission