

Report to the Rainbow Lake Association

August 2016

The dam is presently in great shape. Maintenance this year included trimming trees and branches around the dam fencing to protect the dam and repair the barbed wire. Some touch up on the painting will also be accomplished.

After the heavy thaw and rain of 2011, we are planning modification to the dam to protect the dam and sides from heavy flooding. This will include some type of device to quickly remove the center boards or other emergency relief. We are also looking at reinforcing the sides of the dam to prevent breeching. We attempted to obtain money through the NYS Sandy Relief Fund but Franklin County is not a disaster area eligible for funding. We are working on cost estimates and hope to have a better concept in the near future. Most of the money needed will be raised through taxes.

We are waiting for approval from the DEC-Albany. Our engineer has been asked to provide some modification estimates to Albany. The DEC has lost 2 engineers from Raybrook and 2 from DEC Central Office which delayed our review from October to May.

Present members of the Rainbow Lake Water Protection District include Ralph Bennett, Charles Gibbs, Peter Geertz, Peter Shrope, Jim Hauber, Jeanette Tummons (Franklin County Rep), and Les Eggleton (DEC Rep). Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 17th. All are welcomed. Presently scheduled for the Brighton Town Hall at 1:00 PM.