



Bantam Lake Protective Association, PO Box 37, Morris, CT 06763

March 2, 2011

Honorable Leo Paul
First Selectman
Town of Litchfield
Litchfield, CT 06759

Dear Mr. Paul:

As you know, the Bantam Lake Protective Association has made some great strides in 2010 in its continuing efforts to remove the highly invasive fanwort from the lake and maintain water quality for its natural inhabitants. However, our fight is not over.

I think we are all aware that Bantam Lake is a true treasure to the Litchfield Hills. It attracts boaters and fishermen, vacationers, and other lake enthusiasts. All of these activities contribute to the community by patronizing local businesses, maintaining high real estate values and promoting tourism in our area.

The reality is Bantam Lake has a substantial input to the economics of our community, and without it, the adjoining towns will suffer.

We understand the hardships that each and every town is undergoing recently in attempting to cut and balance budgets; however, we must not ignore the hand that feeds.

In the past, the town of Litchfield has been a team player in helping to thwart the menace that threatens to turn our beautiful lake into a swamp if left unchecked. The town of Morris and the White Memorial Foundation have managed to see the importance of this fight, even in these difficult times, and we hope that you can too.

Without help from all three entities, our funds will be exhausted at the end of this year, as will be our abilities to maintain Bantam Lake as we know it.

We hope you will consider the tax dollar input that lies on the "Litchfield side" of the lake (as does the Fanwort), and reconsider a line item for the Bantam Lake Coalition Fund.

Sincerely,

Constance Trolle, President and Morris resident
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