

SABATTUS POND DAM COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

WHO: Sabattus Pond Watershed Residents & Stakeholders from Greene, Sabattus & Wales

WHAT: Public Hearings to Address Sabattus Pond Dam Reconstruction and Safety Upgrades

WHERE / WHEN:

Wales Town Office	01 MAY 2024 @ 6:30 pm
Sabattus Town Office	02 MAY 2024 @ 6:30 pm
Greene Firehouse	23 JULY 2024 @ 6:30 pm

WHY: Sabattus Dam is Classified by Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as a “Significant Hazard”

Background

- In 2014, an inspection of the Sabattus Pond Dam led Maine DEP to classify the dam as a “significant hazard”
- DEP recommended the issues be addressed as further degradation could lead to an order to open the dam fully and permanently – lowering the water level by **at least 8 feet** – effectively leaving only a narrow water channel from north to south

Funds Required

- Reconstruction/safety upgrade costs are **estimated** at \$1.155M (or \$385K from each town of Greene, Sabattus & Wales)
- Current plan is to secure a bond to fund the reconstruction effort with the total cost to be split equally between the towns of Greene, Sabattus, and Wales
- State & federal grants have been and will continue to be pursued

How can you help?

- Attend any of the public hearings to understand the critical nature of the reconstruction/safety upgrade effort and have your questions answered
- Inform other stakeholders to ensure they are aware of the project and the potential negative impacts to the lake and watershed if not pursued
- Vote “YES” to support the bond during your FY-24 Town Meeting