

May 6, 1965

Mr. Fred B. Abele
27 Warren Street
McKownville, New York

Dear Fred:

Attached for your information is a survey-report on Church Pond dam, which the State Department of Public Works prepared at my request.

This report confirms conditions which are well known to you and to the other members of the McKownville Water Advisory Board. The following conditions constitute a dangerous hazard to the public water supply. I understand the Water Advisory Board has already recommended to the Town Board that steps be taken to correct these conditions:

- a. ~~The gate valve is probably defective; i.e., if opened, it is doubtful that it could be closed again. It is not protected from vandalism or tampering by unauthorized persons.~~
- b. The overflow shaft is clogged with debris and may not be able to take care of heavy storm overflow. Under such storm conditions a heavy overflow could wash out a section of the earth dam.
- c. The 2 inch plastic pipes for siphoning water are not securely fastened and are not safe from vandalism. The concrete parapet could also be demolished by vandals, but the earth dam appears adequate to protect the water supply.

Since Church Pond is the public water supply, particularly in summer, the removal of debris there should be made a specific duty of the Superintendent of the McKownville Water District. It may also be advisable to do something to prevent algae that will result from a stagnant summer condition.

Also, it is suggested that the Town Board confer with the Trustees of the McKownville Methodist Church to secure their permission to ~~(1) erect barricades to prevent tampering with the gate valve and the plastic piping (2) place signs "Public Water Supply" of the type used at Lake George.~~

Sincerely yours,

President, McKownville Improvement Association