

June 7, 2011

Representative William Straus
State House
Room 134
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Straus:

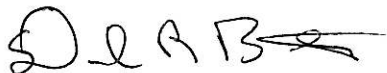
I understand you are interested in our position relative in the removal of Hathaway Dam in Rochester. Beaton's Inc. owns 50 acres of producing cranberry bogs off Mary's Pond Road in Rochester and has deeded water rights to the pond created by Hathaway Dam. Beaton's Inc. has met with the Coalition for Buzzards Bay and various Town of Rochester officials regarding the removal of Hathaway Dam for several months. Our position remains the same as it was when we were first approached by the Coalition for Buzzards Bay. We want to maintain continuous access to the water of Hathaway Pond in support of our cranberry operation.

We have been told by the Coalition for Buzzards Bay that they would not remove the dam or impede our access to water until a plan has been developed that will ensure we have access to Hathaway Pond. In the late winter of 2011 the water level was lowered to conduct an inspection of the Hathaway Dam. The level was never returned to its original state and has remained at a level preventing us from accessing our deeded water throughout the critical spring frost protection season. We have enhanced the on-site water capacity of our property to provide irrigation and frost protection water during the growing season; however we have not been able to supplement this water supply due to the inability to access Hathaway Pond. Fortunately we had a "light" frost protection season in 2011. If we had a serious frost season as we did in 2010, with over 30 frost nights, we would not have had sufficient water to protect our crops and subsequently put our farm in jeopardy of losing the 2011 crop.

We believe that a compromise can be reached that will allow us to access to Hathaway Pond, enhance the passage for herring and ensure public safety. We are willing to meet with you, the Coalition for Buzzards Bay, state and local officials to work on such a compromise.

Thank you for your interest. Please contact me if you have any further questions. I can be reached at 508-273-6766 or by email drbeaton123@aol.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Doug Beaton' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Doug Beaton