

July 3, 2014

To: Wayland Recreation Commission  
From: Henry & Lesley Ormonde  
116 Lakeshore Drive, Wayland, MA  
Re: Mr. & Mrs. Carmine Pompeo  
119 Dudley Road, Wayland, MA

**Subject: Repair of collapsed retaining wall**

I am writing on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Carmine Pompeo and the beautiful resource our town is fortunate to enjoy – Dudley Pond. While my husband and I are not abutters in the usual sense of the word since we live directly opposite and across the pond from Carmine, we could be considered a “visual” abutter. In fact, we most certainly have the best view of the devastation of the wall collapse and threat to the pond from our living room and deck. I know Carmine from my many walks around the pond and he has proudly shown me his home and what he considers the best view of the pond!

It was shocking last spring to wake up after a night of intense rain and thunder to look out our window and see the collapsed wall. Our first concern was the Pompeo’s safety and went over to see how they had fared. They were naturally quite distraught. Despite his being upset Mr. Pompeo was eager to have the wall repaired and told us how he got permits to build it originally and would do so again. At 90 years old his desire to restore the wall to protect our lovely resource and to insure his wife’s and his safety was impressive – not too many of us would have that energy at that age. I saw him periodically and he was excited to have permission to repair/replace the wall. Men started working and we watched the daily progress until suddenly there wasn’t any. It seems he was told to stop working on it.

There are clearly many issues here but in my opinion (and my husbands) there are only two that matter.

1. The safety of our elderly residents. They cannot safely exit or enter their home in the manner they have for so many years. We believe it is imperative to be a “good neighbor” and request the town consider the welfare of these longtime residents who have contributed to the protection and enjoyment of our lovely resource.
2. Secondly, I don’t think the threat to Dudley Pond can be emphasized enough. The day in and day out observation of the rubble threatening the health of our pond has Henry and I very concerned. The money, time, dedication and effort of the various organizations and residents of the community should not be jeopardized by letting this matter linger unresolved.

Anyone who would like to visit our home to get a clear view of the collapse and its impact is more than welcome. We encourage you to do so.

In conclusion, we think it is unfortunate that this matter has been left unresolved for so long. Even more unfortunate is the stress Mr. & Mrs. Pompeo’s have experienced in trying to do the right thing. Please consider a quick and fair resolution to this problem.

Sincerely,

Henry and Lesley Ormonde