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A Message from the Town Supervisor to Roaring Brook Lake Residents

As you know, the Roaring Brook Lake Dam is in need of repair. Over the past few years, WSP, the engineering firm for the dam, has been working closely with the RBL community and prior town administrations to design the project.

In 2022, I began working with the RBL community, WSP and the New York State DEC to secure approval of WSP's design plan. In 2023 design plans were approved and contractor bids were submitted shortly thereafter. In May 2024, Doyle Contracting submitted the lowest bid and was officially awarded the project in 2025.

Per DEC regulations on tree removal, the project is expected to begin in September *if* WSP receives an early tree removal permit. If not, construction will begin in November as outlined in the bid specifications. The lake level should begin to drop no later than September, with a maximum drawdown of 4 feet. In the coming weeks, Doyle Contracting may begin staging equipment and marking areas around the dam site. These early preparations should not impact your summer recreation.

Now that the contract has been awarded, the Town will be going out to bid for long-term municipal bond financing. A short-term BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) is not appropriate for this project. With Putnam Valley recently receiving the highest municipal bond rating available, we are in a strong position to secure favorable interest rates.

The project is expected to take approximately 6 to 9 months from start to completion. The construction bid was awarded at \$957,400, and WSP's construction management fee is \$108,888 (separate from their existing contract). To account for potential change orders, we are seeking a fixed-rate, 30-year bond totaling \$1.5 million.

Once the interest rate is secured and we have an estimate of the cost to the district, I will share that information with you.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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