

April 13, 2021

Dear Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Commission Members,

I may not make it in time for tonight's meeting to discuss the Chamberlain Pond Cleanup for the purpose of winter ice skating, so I am composing this letter with my intentions and proposal.

The pond has a significant number of dead birch trees that have toppled over into the water. They significantly impact the open area to the left and rear of the pond where the nature trail wraps around. I am asking for your approval to clear the dead fall from the pond and trim a couple of small limbs from a tree that are hanging over the pond at a 4-5' height.

I would like to perform this work next winter with other volunteers to minimize impact to the pond by cutting the deadfall and dragging it over the ice to the parking area where public works will haul it to the transfer station brush pile.

Impact to the pond will be minimal. No live trees will be cut (except for some low branch trimming) and there will be no impact to the live trees on the bank.

Sincerely,

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