

To KLPD Board & General Manager

I attended Tuesday 29th March board meeting and was unable to stay and provide public comment so I wanted to write a letter in lieu of public comment. As a Kennebunk resident, rate payer and someone who owns abutting residential and commercial properties above and below the Mousam River Dams, I wanted to remind the board and General Manager of your mission statement “*to provide the most reliable and lowest cost electric power at your core*”. After reading the entire Wright Pierce Report it is clear your mission statement cannot be accomplished if you decide to keep the Dams and go with option 1-2 or 3. These dams are inefficient and there is no question rates will go up if you decide to keep the dams. The cost to relicense with FERC, construct fish ways, and update the power turbines is too high. It is clear these Dams are no longer economically viable. I speak for the silent majority; we do not want our electric utility rates to go up to support Dams that cause environmental damage to the Mousam River. Looking at the increased rates and analyzing the impact to some of KLPD’s largest customers, these are my calculations for some of the impacts. Corning would be looking at paying \$1.5m more for power over a 20 year period, NE Coating \$239k. The RSU 21 school district would be looking at a paying \$132k in additional electric rates. It would have a significant economic impact to our community if these companies relocate away from the area due to these added expenses. These Dams require significant investment as they are antiquated and can no longer support the power needs of the town. It is clear these dams are well past their useful life and it is time they be removed to restore the Mousam River to its natural state. I have one last question that was not raised last night. Has the board looked into possible grants and funding that could be made available to KLPD to offset the cost of Dam removal? I did not see this in the Wright Pierce report. The Edwards and Veazie dam removal received millions of dollars in funding from various fish and wildlife agencies to help pay for the dams to be removed. This would further help the rate payers and lower our electric bills. Thank you for your consideration, Best regards, Barry Braddick, 23 Ocean View Rd, Kennebunk ME 04043

Note: See enclosed Spreadsheet for calculations on energy rate increases by your largest customers.

I am a resident of Kennebunk who is concerned about the proposed removal of the dams on the Mousam. Unfortunately, I can't attend the meeting scheduled for tomorrow night, so I am writing to add my name to the increasing numbers of residents who want the dams maintained. I don't want to burden you with another long communication from me, so I will state my case briefly. Aside from all the misguided special-interest issues being presented in defense of dam removal, it seems to my family and many of our neighbors both shortsighted and unfair to the rate payers that this source of hydroelectric power be destroyed--especially at a time when alternative sources of energy are being planned all over the country. We are fortunate to have this beautiful river and the dams as an energy source. Please think carefully about the wisdom of destroying them. Sincerely, Ann Walter

Thank you! I just wanted to tell you all- even though there is a vocal contingent of people who want to keep the dams, there are many more of us who quietly support their removal! Fiscally, and environmentally, it makes the most sense to take them down, and I for one would love to see a free flowing river. Thanks for all you are doing- this must be very stressful! Jennifer Braddick

I would like to express my desire and support, as a Kennebunk resident, to keep the dams in place. I know there is a lot of controversy surrounding this topic right with arguments from both sides. The waterfall and river are beautiful parts of our town and I am one that would like it to remain that way. My husband enjoys fly fishing in the river and I enjoy the nearby park. Thank you for your consideration. Jill Roberts

Mousam River Dams must pay their own way.

To keep the three dams, the three Mousam River dams must pay their own way by generating electricity. The Kennebunk Light and Power Co.(KL&P) generates electricity at a cost to its rate payers less than the cost of electricity it purchases in the market. For that reason alone we should keep control of our electrical rates local, not turning control of those rates to the State or the Federal government. Support and encourage KL&P to keep generating our local electricity. In a previous article ([Rate payers need to break down the numbers for themselves](#); Kennebunk Post , March 11, 2016) by Daniel Bartilucci, it was put into clear perspective that for the price of just; “one can of coffee per year” per residential rate payer, the three dams could be licensed for the next 46 years. **For the cost of that one can of coffee per year per rate payer we keep local control of our electrical rates with KL&P.** By keeping the hydroelectric power operating, the three dams generate continual money to offset the costs for relicensing; but what happens when the power is no longer generated? Reviewing the DRAFT Wright-Pierce Alternative options, a key omission for comparing two of the Alternatives removing dams was the “District Avoided Energy Purchase Cost”. This is the Energy portion of the customer’s bill lost without the 1,795,101 KWH/year generated by the dams if all three dams are removed. For **Alternative #4** (Cease Operation, Surrender License, and Remove Dams) this is a cost of \$141,777.00/year for just the energy portion of the bill at current prices for 40 years that the rate payers will have to make up for energy no longer provided by the dams. Over 40 years this is a cost of \$5,671,083.00 that has to be added to the costs of dam removal; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) inspections, Sediment removal, etc., for Alternative #4. In 2016 dollars this “Subtotal Costs” equals \$7,992,805.00. Subtracting \$1,130,913.00 for the Equivalent Revenues of the “average KWH” generated per year by the three dams still running for the first 6 years, the remaining 40 years of not generating energy will result in a total loss over 46 years of \$6,861,891.00. **Alternative #4** with a loss of \$6,861,891.00 will cost each resident rate payer \$21.94 extra per year or the equivalent cost of 6 cans of coffee per year for 46 years to remove the three dams. **For the next 46 years the cost of those 6 cans of coffee per year per rate payer, KL&P gives up hydropower and we lose \$141,777.00 per year of renewable electrical power forever!** As a rate payer I prefer **Alternative #1** (hydro relicensing/ keeping the dams) and Daniel Bartilucci’s comprehensible “numbers” the residential

rate payers who use “644 KWH per month would **only have to pay an additional low of \$3.48** (to a high of \$8.59) **extra per year. That’s what you pay for one (1) (to 2.5) cans of coffee** at the supermarket.” The Alternative selected by the trustees must be looked at as a long term investment. The existing renewable hydropower generated by our three dams has been and continues to be the cleanest generated energy that we have invested in with tax dollars over the past one hundred and twenty three (that’s 123) years. For rate payers it has been a good investment with KL&P generating electrical power with local rates lower than market. The money needed to meet federal regulations, environmental improvements including fish ways for a healthy Mousam River, will be good money spent on a good investment. As the three dams continue to generate electricity they continue to contribute lower rates to local District power users. The three Mousam River dams must continue to pay their own way by generating electricity. Albert J. Kolff (Ret. Architect) Kennebunk.

Hello All:

I just quickly want to say as you start your deliberations that as a coowner of these dams and a ratepayer, I would like to see KLPD vote affirmatively for Alt.#1. We have an asset in these dams--they produce green, renewable energy, and along with solar and whatever else comes our way in the future, they can help us achieve a sustainable Kennebunk. If we want that, if we agree with the Paris Accord, then we must commit to investing in this asset. As we saw even last Tuesday, the numbers in the report are not real. How could W-P not know after all this time that KLPD does not pay for the energy it produces!! How can we trust these figures? As we've often seen in Kennebunk, we find creative ways to bring costs down. I bet we could do this with the necessary capital improvements and maintenance of this valuable asset. Please let's try! I've heard there are monies available through the Dept. of Energy for small dams and the APPA. Let's find it. There is more at stake here than the supposed bottom line. Thank you for all your time, work, patience and effort. Donna Teague P.S.: Could you please arrange to have the March 29th meeting videotaped and on live on the local channel? This could very well be an historic meeting that people will want to go back and listen to. Many of our members don't go out in the evenings and would like to watch it at home. Please consider this. Perhaps Barry or Merton can help out. And it would help if the microphones worked. Thank you!

As a resident, and more importantly, a ratepayer of the consumer-owned Kennebunk Power & Light Company which is accountable to us, I want you to vote for Alternative #1 and continue hydropower generation for the Town of Kennebunk.

Please remove the dams to allow it to return to its natural state. I am a ratepayer. Thank you. Margaret Welch, 400 Alfred Rd

I am writing not to request a filing timeframe but ask KLPD to extend your informal decision as is needed for the Selectmen to educate themselves, and the taxpayers, on the ramifications of the dam filing decision for the entire town. This is with the understanding that the FERC filing is in

the spring of 2017. A filing deadline over a year away. At the January 26, 2016 Selectmen meeting Barry Tibbetts was given the task to call on Todd Shea and ask for time needed for the Selectmen to do their due diligence and to better understand KLP's decision making timeline. The Selectmen scheduled a Workshop, which almost did not pass in part due to a discussion of whether KLP was going to rush to a decision this March. There is still a lot of ambiguity around this decision date, and should be cleared up. I look forward to the outcome of that conversation between the Town Manager and KLP General Manager. I hope that it will be discussed and voted upon at this Tuesday's KLPD meeting. The Workshop was structured to be the beginning of fact finding. Certainly, I would like the KLP filing decision be made at least after the final Wright-Pierce report and the required discussion of the many pending questions.

As a Kennebunk resident and KLPD rate payer, I respectfully ask and urge you to delay making your decision regarding the Mousam River Dams until at least into April. This will give the Kennebunk Board of Selectman to go forward, with KLPD, in holding the workshop that has been discussed with the purpose of identifying additional options. Thank you for your hard work with this difficult decision. I know that you understand the far reaching impact removing the dams will have on our community. Respectively, Douglas Coleman

After last week's Selectmen's meeting and the discussion that the time needed for them to do their due diligence for a workshop on March 15th, I am asking you elay their decision at least to April. This would allow the Town time to do a workshop and further their understanding of what's at stake and hopefully allow us to get some answers to the still unanswered questions. Sincerely; Dan Bartilucci, 116 Fletcher Street, Kennebunk Me.

Good Morning,

We are respectfully requesting that you postpone your meeting on the Mousam to give our town the time it needs to have a workshop and to get all the facts and information it needs so that a informed and thoughtful decision regarding our river can be made. We hope that you will be able to accommodate our request. Thanking you in advance, Cyndi and Jeff Magill, 6 Pleasant Street, Kennebunk, ME 040403

Good Morning Friends, Chauncey and I woke up this morning to the stunning realization that having a Town of Kennebunk Selectmen's 'workshop' to investigate additional alternatives to the Wright-Pierce options, and inviting the full KLPD Board of Trustees to participate as equal players, represents just about the biggest conflict of interest we can imagine. It would be wildly inappropriate for the KLDP to sit at the table with our elected town representatives to even discuss possible alternatives, or weigh in on a decision in which they already have a huge vested interest in the outcome (they've already had years to present their options, and the Wright-Pierce report has not even been finalized; the final results have not been presented for review, or fully vetted by the Selectmen or the public, and yet they're still on track to declare a final decision as early as this March... a few short weeks away). There are so many things wrong with this

picture. How can we ever hope to have an objective overview of this issue with the KLPD sitting with the Selectmen at meetings and becoming part of all deliberations, and ultimately, part of every decision? The only appropriate involvement by the KLPD, is to send a representative to do a workshop presentation to the Selectmen; (at their invitation, and as part of **one of** the workshop meetings); as part of an information-gathering process only-one that includes other groups' alternatives, presentations, and points of view as well. Beyond that, they have no right to be at that table whatsoever. (They are, of course, welcome to attend additional meetings as part of the non-participating public audience, just like you and me.) Consider: It is no more appropriate for the KLPD Trustees to be fully participating members of a Town of Kennebunk Selectmen's 'workshop', presumably formed to address residents' concerns, than it would be for the Town of Kennebunk's Board of Selectmen to be full participants in KLPD Trustees meetings, workshops, straw votes, and business decisions. Huge conflicts of interest, all round. Thank you to the residents who emailed the portion of the minutes of the last Selectmen's meeting, which documented Chairman Donovan's plan to make this 'workshop' essentially a joint board meeting with the KLPD Trustees, focused on a quick review, a June straw vote, and a rush to the Nov. ballot. (Wow. Interesting that Chairman Donovan, presumably speaking on behalf of the entire board, had already mapped out the whole format, focus, and timeline before the the 'workshop' had even been voted on.) If this format and timeline is approved, we may as well not even bother with a 'town workshop'. Waste of time. The mere suggestion of including the full KLP board as equal participants, seems to indicate what some have suspected all along: That the Town of Kennebunk's Board of Selectmen have chosen to sit on the sidelines of this critical decision until the last possible moment (the draft Wright-Pierce report was made public almost a year ago, and all that time that the Selectmen could have been doing their own due diligence has been lost); have now only grudgingly agreed to form a 'workshop' as an 11th. hour response to public demand; have already colluded with KLPD to just take their word for it and get this decision made quick and dirty, before the proverbial screen door can hit the public in its ass; and are poised to use this 'workshop' as just another vehicle to railroad the decision and get the job done; all under the guise of responding to, and objectively representing, all the citizens of Kennebunk. Please don't let this be true. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Kennebunk were elected to serve **all** the residents of Kennebunk, not just the ones who happen to support the expected KLP decision to destroy all the dams. It's a question of trust. Can we trust that our elected officials will approach this impactful issue with an objective and unbiased mindset? Or did we elect and empower our town's Selectmen to promote and even exacerbate this cart-before-the-horse approach engineered by the KLP? Have we as a town already caved to KLP's will, and accepted their self-imposed but severely shrunken deadline, with critical pieces of information and public documents still undisclosed and missing from the public debate? (Has anyone seen a projected rate schedule to prove KLP's assertion that tearing out all the dams and de-commissioning the hydro is by far the most economical solution? Those projected customer rates and amortization schedules have been repeatedly requested, and those requests have so far fallen on the deaf ears of the KLP Trustees.) In short, are the Selectmen going to become part of the

problem, or the solution? BTW, What's the all-fired rush? The power company has until March of 2017 to file its final decision. Now that concerned individuals have seen the red flags of their proposals, and pressed for a critical second look at all the impacts of destroying the 3 Mousam River dams; why is the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Kennebunk, by Chairman Donovan's lead, poised to rush through a review to place a referendum on the Nov. ballot? How many times are the KLP and the Board of Selectmen going to pass this buck? Tag, citizens of Kennebunk, you're it! Clearly, KLP has no rightful place at this Town of Kennebunk Selectmen's table. So far, they've flooded the public debate with their views and mounted a highly successful PR campaign over several years; joined by many outside groups, all of whom have the luxury of walking away from the negative impacts once they get their way, the dams are destroyed, and the river is irreversibly drained (a valuable groundwater resource...has anyone looked at the impact to the Old Falls Pond upriver, a RESERVOIR area, that these groups are lobbying hard to 'free'?). This is a town issue, should be a town workshop, a town discussion, and a town decision; which will affect town ratepayers, taxpayers, property owners, business owners and residents far into the future. This gets us where we live, folks. Don't let yet another bogus 'dam alternatives' meeting, ('workshop') take form. Don't let KLP muscle in once again to dominate the discussion. Remember: No one's holding a gun to anyone's head.....at least until 2017. Don't let this important issue get buried in the mud of a presidential election year. Keep it clean. Keep it Kennebunk. And thanks KLP, but no thanks. You've had your sayand many, many opportunities to say it! Now it's the town's turn. Lois Copeland, Kennebunk

My husband Chris and I are concerned KLP rate payers. We live at 78 Fletcher Street, along the banks of the Mousam River here in town. We have been residents of Kennebunk since 1999, and jumped at the chance to purchase our current property, paying a hefty premium, in order to have the opportunity to live on waterfront property along the Mousam. Our backyard is beautiful, the crown jewel of our property, thanks to the gorgeous view provided by the Mousam. We are gravely concerned about the potential reduction in our property's value should the dams be removed. Surely, a potential buyer would rather live in a house overlooking water than a muddy ditch. We were disturbed by the "Free the Mousam"/"Kennebunk & Mousam Rivers Alliance" ad in the Kennebunk Post on January 22. Please see the attached pictures, and our thoughts on the subject below. The "Free the Mousam" folks and the "Mousam and Kennebunk River Alliance" placed a full-page ad including two of the attached photographs in the Kennebunk Post this week. Notice they included a kayak in both pictures. They are attempting to imply that even after the dams are removed, you will be able to kayak all the way from downtown Kennebunk near Duffy's, up to Oak Bluff (beyond Kennebunk High School), as in these pictures. We live on the Mousam, on Fletcher Street, in between these two pictures. We can personally attest to the fact that you will be unable to do this. Our backyard, and that of our neighbors, turned into nothing but a muddy ditch during the November draw down. In fact, our section of the river cannot be seen on the footage taken by Bill Lord's drone, which took off and landed at our property. Evidently, the footage just over our property was lost, possibly due to a power issue with the drone. If you could have seen it, you'd know the river was reduced to mud flats and a

few small puddles of water. There is no way that any fish will swim upstream from one location to another. You yourself will not be able to swim or kayak up these waters if the dams are removed. Unless, of course, you are willing to get out and trudge through the mud while carrying your kayak! While dam recommissioning may be a more costly option in the short term, there are other options on the table which we hope you would also consider. The dams could remain in place without recommissioning for the purpose of electricity production. This would save the town a good deal of money, while maintaining the current ecosystem for the many types of wildlife like the cormorants, hooded mergansers, mallards, otters, beavers and turtles who enjoy this gorgeous river as their habitat. Please be informed. Do not let these vocal special interest groups, made up of a large number of out-of-towners, dictate how the people of Kennebunk will use OUR majestic Mousam. The attachments are photographs of the newspaper ad described above, as well as a photo of the Mousam during the draw down. Please do not let this happen to Kennebunk. If the dams were to be removed, residents would sorely miss the sound and beauty of the waterfall over the Kesslen! Please do not allow it to be replaced by a muddy, smelly ditch. Residents purchased homes along this river to swim in it, boat on its waters and enjoy its beauty. Kennebunk residents have invested so much in their town over these last several years. The downtown improvements including the Waterhouse Pavillion and the impending school renovation projects are akin to the type of improvements for which Kennebunk is now known. People are drawn to this lovely town because the townspeople are good stewards and are invested in its continued care. Please do not remove these dams, and detract from the wonderful downtown we have all worked so hard to create. Please be sure this letter gets in the hands of those who will be making decisions in this important town matter. Thank you for your consideration, Jennifer and Christopher Humphrey, 78 Fletcher Street, Kennebunk

The January 8th edition of the Kennebunk Post featuring the photos and support of the dams entitled "Introducing The Mudsam" are misleading. The photographs included were taken when KLP was replacing the mechanism that controlled the flow of the water that eventually went out to sea. In order for this to be done all the water needed to stop at all dams for the job to be completed. It's an abnormal situation not likely to occur under any normal flow of the river. Of course if the source of the Mousam River which is Mousam lake located between Shapleigh and Acton Maine went dry then the photos provided by the "SAVE THE MOUSAM NOW" would be accurate, but the like hood of that happening is as remote as my becoming the president. Leo A. Martel, Kennebunk

I am writing to lobby my support for the proposed dam removal on the Mousam River. It has been proven through multiple case studies the detrimental effects of Dams on a river. There is little to support their existence. There are also numerous case studies of how rivers can regenerate and native aquatic species can return and thrive once dams are removed. The Red Brook restoration project found that within 3 years breeding grounds for native brooktrout returned, and they were successfully spawning, returning the native population. <http://www.ecori.org/natural-resources/2015/4/10/restored-red-brook-brought-back-the-fish> Siting an article on the effects of damns on rivers: "Dams have depleted fisheries,

degraded river ecosystems, and diminished recreational opportunities on nearly all of the nation's rivers." <http://www.americanrivers.org/initiatives/dams/why-remove/>) Another paper on the positive effects of dam removal: By returning riverine conditions and sediment transport to formerly impounded areas, riffle/pool sequences, gravel, and cobble have reappeared, along with increases in biotic diversity. " (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/11393315>) The data is indisputable, and the time is right for the removal of the dams on the Mousam. Please do the right thing and support the removal of these dams to help move to a healthier and more natural Mousam River. Sincerely, Brigham Pendleton

A picture is worth a thousand words, it is said.

How better to prove a point than to have photos displaying mud, muck, and debris left behind, after lowering the dam at the Mousam intown Kennebunk. Although one photo of a suspiciously upright office chair flung in the muck appears contrived, noting the un-muddied chair shows little signs of being water logged, having soaked under waters, often fierce in its travel to the sea, proponents of voting for the dam to remain via said photo, proves opposition voters the point, who understand how a dam changes environment. Of course the recently uncovered natural bankings are unsightly and reek of decayresult of drowning flora and fauna. Scabs and scars take a long time to heal, as will the Mousam river banks; the wonderful thing of mother nature is that healing is still possible....so far as we cooperate and caretake it. As we respect all forms of life, especially life that sustains us, protecting it is fundamental in our culture. The Mousam is a living breathing entity. It is not just another ornament in a back yard to increase property value. Let us free the river now. Yet, who do Mudsam's think they are kidding :) Mudsam proponents threaten in their full page that **ALL** people's property taxes will go up, if the dam is removed :) **When** has property *taxes **never** gone up :) Town cannot function otherwise. **A sign of a healthy (for some) economy *Gentification trend in urban neighborhoods, which results in increased property values and the displacing of lower-income families and small businesses*), Mae Martel, Kennebunk

My name is Marshall White, and I live in South Berwick, Maine, but am a frequent visitor to my neighbors in Kennebunk, especially the Mousam River. I have three children and have been a member of the Coastal Conservation Association since 1993 and Stripers Forever for many years. You have an opportunity to change the world that we live in for the better -- a rare opportunity for most men and women. Please do the right thing for your region and your children and move to breach the three dams.

My experience with the Mousam River dates back almost thirty years as I heard stories of the mythical sea-run brown trout that could only be caught by the most accomplished fly fishers and then later as I moved to York and then South Berwick when I would walk Parsons Beach in pre-dawn hours over and over again. I met the same men each morning, as I fly fished

in waders in waist-high Mousam River / Atlantic ocean water. I took photographs and stared at them in January from my office - dreaming again each year for the day that the stripers would return. Co-workers when seeing these pictures say "where is that beach – it's beautiful" thinking it was some distant exotic place. The Mousam River is a jewel and any opportunity to improve the quality of the Mousam River is a rare opportunity. I cannot find strong enough language to urge you to endorse breaching the dams to let the fish return up the river. The cost-benefit ratio of paying for the renewal of licensing vs. decrease in electricity cost vs. the income gained from recreational kayakers bird-watchers, fishermen and outdoor enthusiasts – or just plain internal improvement of morale in our region has a long term benefit that will make your children proud you did the right thing. Marshall White

Good evening. I am a homeowner in Ogunquit, who considers himself a conservative person NOT predisposed to radical or thoughtless acts. I believe that the environmental & social benefits of removing the dams on the Mousam River far outweigh any negative effects. It is also clear to me that the vast majority of local residents support dam removal. I ask that you seriously consider dam removal and NOT re-licensing of any sort. Sincerely , James DiMarchi, MD