



January 13, 2021

Town Manager Hayes and the Sudbury Select Board,

Happy New Year to all! We hope that you enjoyed a relaxing holiday, and are staying warm during this cold snap.

Residents and user groups have continued to find ways to utilize the property as winter has slowly settled in. Over the past two months, we have had consistent scheduled use by a number of local Brownie and Girl Scout groups, Taikwondo and Zumba classes, Sudbury Family Network, and the Sudbury Community Food Pantry. We have also seen residents enjoying the winter weather by hiking, snowshoeing and sledding on the property. Noteworthy Music Studio has reached out about once again hosting their spring recital on property, and we anticipate another busy spring.

Despite some delay due to ice, robust water testing is in progress for four locations - where water comes into the property, the upper and lower ponds and where water exits the property. Results are expected back this week. This is the first step in learning more about our bodies of water as we enter into a contract with SOLitude Lake Management Company. SOLitude is recommending a multi-layered, proactive approach to maintaining the health of Sewataro's water that will go above and beyond complying with current laws and standards. Camp swimming is integral to our program and we are confident that SOLitude's professional help will ensure that this activity will continue as usual. Once the contract is finalized, we and SOLitude will turn our attention to developing a notice of intent to be submitted to the Conservation Commission and Conservation Office for approval. It is our intent and understanding that Conservation will have the opportunity to participate in the development of this NOI so that approval will be a forgone conclusion at the time of filing.

Now that winter has settled in, the majority of our property management activities have turned indoors, with the exception of our first snow removal of the season. Planning for spring projects, small building repairs and improvements, painting projects and the like will be the focus over the next two months.

In enrollment news, camp is full, with waitlists for most age groups. To date we have enrolled 32 scholarship campers, with others continuing to inquire through Sudbury Social Worker Bethany Hadvab and SPS Social Workers. We are thrilled to share that our summer leadership team is in place, with all returning staff members. Additionally, contracts were due back at the beginning of the year, and we are pleased that many past staff members have signed on for the 2022 season. And, there is always room for more! Once again we will work with the L-S Career Services Coordinator, and the METCO Director, in hopes of recruiting as many Sudbury/L-S teens as possible.

Have a wonderful long weekend,
The Sewataro Team