

July 02, 2020

Town of North Haven
Memorial Town Hall
18 Church St
North Haven, CT 06473

Letter of Request:

Cleaning Pond on Property of:
David Kaiser
88 Buell Street
North Haven CT

To Town of North Haven,

I have lived at 88 Buell Street in North Haven for just over 35 years (we purchased the property 3/29/1985). We have a pond on our property with two large town storm drains that feed into our pond. The pond has been on the site long before we purchased our home. Over the course of several years, sand, debris, leaves and silt have washed into our pond from the storm drains. Currently, the pond is again filled with silt and debris. During heavy rainstorms, the pond fills and overflows over a dam on the far side of the pond. During very heavy rains, the water overflows onto our neighbor's yard. The pond and runoff is not large enough to accommodate the large amount of flow from the storm drains. The storm drains feed from Ridge Road and Skiff Street to our pond on Buell St. We have no control of the flow of debris into our pond from the storm drains.

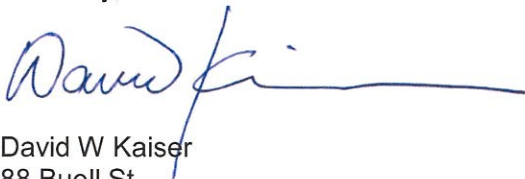
Previously, the town came to clean the pond every few years to remove silt and debris coming from the storm drains. Since we bought the home, the pond was cleaned 3 times by the town. The last cleanup by the town was in 2006. (See attached photos). The pond was a habitat for goldfish, ducks and wildlife, but is now filled with silt. The town no longer will assist in removing the silt and debris in the pond, so as a homeowner we must take the full responsibility for funding all silt removal work to the pond. We spent over \$10,000 to remove silt in the pond in 2015 and now have to clean the pond again after 5 years.

I plan to hire the same contractor to complete the site work. JL Smith Excavating LLC
Jamon Zolnik, owner, 43 Forest View Rd, Northford CT 06472 203-537-1883
The equipment for removing the silt can easily access both sides of the pond from Buell
St onto our property. Our driveway would allow access from the west side of the pond
and street access to our property would allow access to east side of pond. The cleanup
of the pond will not affect any other neighboring properties.

The contractor will drain pond as much as possible, remove silt to side of pond and allow
the silt dry for several days before moving off site. Some silt will stay on site to fill in
grade on side of pond. Silt will be controlled and contained during cleaning process. The
pond will be cleaned to an approximate depth of 6 feet in the deepest area to bring the
pond back to the original depth.

I am asking your permission to clean the silt and debris from the pond to bring it back to
its original park-like condition. I would like to avoid costly permits and site surveys. You
are welcome to visit the site at any time to review the current condition of the pond and
to do inspections during the site work. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this
matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David W. Kaiser", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David W Kaiser
88 Buell St
North Haven, CT
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203-639-9905 office

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Attached

Pg 3- Site Map

Pg 4- Images of pond prior to silt buildup

Pg 5- Removal of silt 2006 - Pond with silt buildup

Pg 6- Overflow of pond during heavy rain

Attachment 1- Site Map- Property of David and Sandra Kaiser



Image 1
Pond in Original Condition

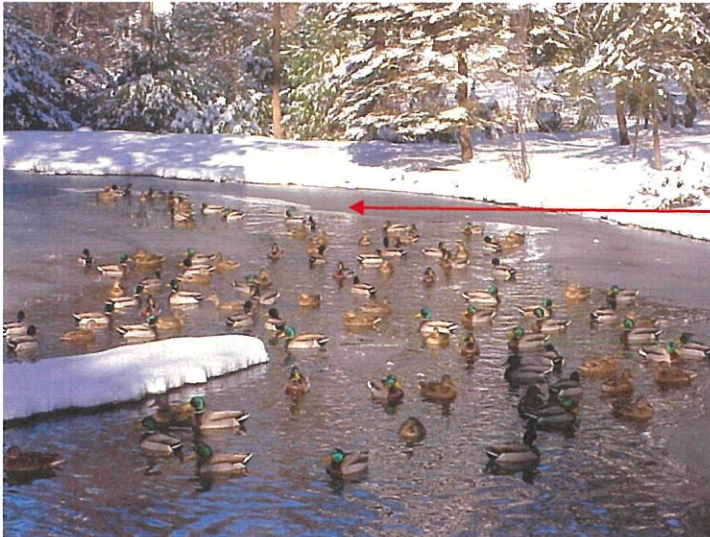


Image 2
Pond in winter



Image 3
Pond in Normal Condition



Image 4
Removal of silt
by Town 2006



Image 5
Storm Drains to Pond

Silt in Pond 2015



Image 6
Silt in Pond 2015
(same view as image 1)



Image 7
Water flow
during heavy rain



Image 8
Water flow
over dam
during heavy rain



Image 9
Water flow from
storm drains