

Testimony of Randy & Sandra Bronson in Support of

HB 5693AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE AND CONTINGENCY PLANS PRIOR TO THE  
STATE DRAW DOWN OF LAKES AND PONDS

Environment Committee Public Hearing  
Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 12pm  
Room 1D

Chairman Albis, Chairman Kennedy, Members of the Environment Committee, for the record my name is Randy Bronson and I am here to testify in support of HB 5693 AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE AND CONTINGENCY PLANS PRIOR TO THE STATE DRAW DOWN OF LAKES AND PONDS.

I am a resident of Glasgo Pond with water frontage.

I was told of a meeting at the town hall, regarding the drawdown of Glasgo Pond the day before the meeting by the First Selectman. We do not get any local newspapers.

At the meeting, a DEEP representative and engineers said that Glasgo Pond would have a major drawdown in January 2015. The drawdown would last approximately 16 months, while the dam is repaired and there is a high probability that shallow wells will go dry.

I, along with many neighbors have shallow wells. Also, was told there will be a temporary drawdown in 2 weeks following Labor Day weekend for testing purposes.

I notified neighbors and boaters as I saw them. No one was aware of this drawdown. It was quick and severe, leaving the pond unusable and docks twisting in the air. Many area wells went dry within 1 ½ weeks, including ours.

The drawdown lasted a couple of months, and our well stayed dry for over 3 months. Deep knew for over 2 years that the dam needed major repairs. We had spent over \$15,000 on landscaping and walkways during the summer of 2014. If given proper notice we would have allocated our resources towards a new well.

Sincerely,  
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