Mr. Slim,

I am unfamiliar with the details of your project. I will look into it and get back to you.

Sent from my iPhone

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Mr Zarsky,

  There is one more thing that I forgot to mention. The Lake level is wrong. When the lake filled completely due to the trash rack being clogged with debris the water was running over the dam as it should. I started getting calls and emails stating that their basements and crawl spaces were flooding. The dam is designed with 6 boards on the top so we can control the water level in case of a storm. These boards are something that are important to us so we do not need to use the sleuth gate to lower the lake in the event of a large rain event. Speaking with Beth-Ann about this she stated that leaving the boards out is the answer to keep the water level where it should be. I stated that we paid for the boards and we all want them installed. This would mean cutting the concrete out to lower the face of the dam. We do have a retired architect that is on our dams committee and lives on that lake, Bob has pictures of the face of the dam and where the water level should be. He has calculated that the water level is about 16" to high with the boards in the boards only total about 8 or so inches. When the boards are out the water does not run through the side openings of the as per the design. This mistake must be repaired at the same time as the leak repair. This is not our mistake and we will not be paying for this repair as She used levels from the 1050's to determine the level. If you would like to meet with us and talk I will set up a meeting with the board and committee.

On Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 8:06 PM Steven Slimm <[smslimm@collingslakes.org](mailto:smslimm@collingslakes.org)> wrote:

Mr. Zarsky,

   This is just one of the emails that I have sent Beth-Ann Grasso referring to Cushman dam. Please understand that without good communication with her I cannot relay anything to my board or the townspeople. I made this clear that a new GIO study should have been completed prior to the start of the work. I cannot believe that the GIO study that was used is from August 2012. This project has been moving way too slowly, and it is because we are always waiting on our engineer to complete something. We are fed up with how slow this entire project is moving. Even our contractor has had to pull out due to how long engineering has taken. This undermining should never have happened, and we asked what was the cause and we get crickets. One of the answers was that the cause is not important the fix is. What is being covered up? We are very tired of what is happening. We are already so far over budget on this Dam that we cannot start our other dam projects. The way this has been going with Pennoni and our engineer there is no way we can even think of giving the engineering to your firm at this time.

   I have many more emails that were answered with 1 word or not at all. I am not sure if you can do anything but even a little will help. As you can see we are so far at our wits end that we have got our attorneys involved. We are also looking into hiring an engineer to go over the plans and find the cause of this failure. Being to the cause is not important, well it is to us. When I met with Beth-Ann I informed her that we will not be paying for this repair, She assured me that this would be the topic of the meeting that morning. Every time I ask about the cost and who is paying I do not get a reply. I am completely done with this firm. I have included my board when and if you reply please reply to all. Other emails can be found on our web page [www.collingslakes.org](http://www.collingslakes.org/) I have been posting them there for all to see.

Gregg,

I will bring this up with the board and let you know

On Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 9:33 AM Gregg Shivers <[gshivers@hillwallack.com](mailto:gshivers@hillwallack.com)> wrote:

Steve, it may be wise to have you meet with our attorneys that do construction litigation. There may be things that they suggest as to how to address your dilemma and protect yourself in the future. You certainly should not sign any contracts without us reviewing it.  A consult would cost a few thousand dollars but it may be worth it.  Or you might want to consult with a construction litigation lawyer down your way that may be less expensive.

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