



Letter from the Board

Dear Ticonderoga Members:

THE DUMPSTER:

At the last Board Meeting the agenda included a discussion concerning the future of the dumpster. The dumpster originally came about because we felt it would be a real convenience and an additional service to the members that lived in Ticonderoga, especially the folks that would have trouble handling and transporting the small dumpsters to 512 or hauling trash to the land fill, and it absolutely was.

Approval was granted from the owner of the property to put the dumpster on his land along with a nice enclosure and the promise that the area would stay clean.

The dumpster was to be for Ticonderoga members only, mainly for the full-time residents. It was discussed many times that it was for household trash only and no construction debris. It was to always stay locked to keep the bears out and nothing was to be set outside of the bin.

As it turns out, people from up the valley have been using the dumpster and either filling it up or placing their trash outside of it for the bears to get into. We know that we have had folks from within Ticonderoga disrespect these rules and completely fill it with construction debris, completely over fill it to where the lid will not close or when it's full place trash outside of the bin. The bears then get into it and scatter trash all over the lot. When this happens, it is Herman or me that cleans up the lot and hauls off the extra trash. This happens way too many times, and generally in the summer it happens almost weekly. This is entirely unacceptable and I know the owner has been upset over it.

We have been trying for two years now to get a larger dumpster, to go from a four yard to a six yard; but with the amount of garbage that we see I don't believe that would be big enough, and it would still not stop the trash from being placed outside of the box. The North Central Solid Waste Authority has been nothing but miserable to deal with. They will not respond or return calls or act on any request.

Our next Board meeting will be in April, and we are leaving the dumpster in place until we can come up with other solutions.

THE DAM:

As everybody knows the dam on Chavez Creek, just north of the culvert at Bear Pond, washed out last year. We have gone through several design iterations for the fix, however in working with the Corps of Engineers' and looking at the run off calculations our original designs were going to be very costly. We have a new design that will use gabions; we will begin construction as soon as the spring runoff is manageable.

WIND SHIELD STICKERS AND PLAQUES:

Please help us by keeping up with your vehicle Ticonderoga Identification stickers.

THE PUMP:

The air pump at Ticonderoga Pond was a heavy duty pump that we modified for that condition. We had it unplugged last year for a reason when someone decided to help and plugged it back in. Well, it burned up. We replaced it with another pump, which also burned up. When the third pump came in the pond had begun to freeze, including the lines to the air stone, so it could not be installed. As soon as everything thaws enough, we will replace the pump.

Summer is on the way, let's safely enjoy this beautiful land.

Please feel free to contact us concerning any of these issues.

Very truly yours,

Michael Brogdon, President