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New York State
Adirondack Park Agency
PO Box 99
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Dear Mr. Stiles:

It has come to the attention of the Town of Black Brook Town Board that the Adirondack Park Agency is taking an enforcement action against John and Dawn Maye, residents within the Town of Black Brook, for the removal of their home. Several of the neighbors and friends of the Mayes have contacted the town with their concerns. We are equally concerned with this situation.

The Mayes own about 740 acres along the Saranac River. Their property currently has but one single family dwelling on it. John Maye is also dealing with his personal fight with cancer.

One reason for the Town Board's concern involves the conversations between the Nature Conservancy and the Town concerning the purchase of the former Damtar lands directly to the east of the Maye's property. It is the town's understanding that the Nature Conservancy still owns the property because the deal for the state to purchase that parcel fell through, due to right of way issues. The Nature Conservancy told the town that it was trying to gain access from the Silver Lake Road on the west side of their property. This would have to cross the Maye's property. The Mayes have also told the Town Board that the conservancy had contacted them concerning the purchase of their property.

The Town Board just heard about this enforcement hearing yesterday, June 23rd, 2008. We request that the hearing be delayed for a month so that we can check the Town's files to see if we have any information concerning structures that existed on this property.

The Town Board also passed a resolution authorizing this letter to request that the Town be allowed to participate as a party to the enforcement hearing.

We sincerely hope that the agency is not being used as a tool to force an individual to sell their property to the Nature Conservancy, so that the Nature Conservancy can then sell the property to the state. As horrible as that statement may sound, because of what happened concerning the Clintonville Pine Barrens, the agency, and the Nature Conservancy, in the Town of Black Brook, several years ago, suspicion certainly does exist in this happening.

Please take this letter seriously. This case deeply troubles us. This is the type of case that creates a lot of very hard feelings. We would appreciate communicating further on this issue. It would be best if we had a meeting with you.

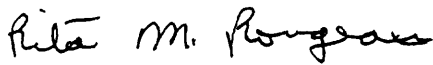
Sincerely,



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Adirondack Review Board