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The episode felt like a breach of trust, between the town and its residents, said Page Road resident Nick Watson. The town's biggest investment is in its people, he said. The town-owned pond nestled behind homes on Page Road, Pepin Drive and Pine Crest Drive served as a wildlife habitat for frogs, birds, turtles and beavers who had constructed dams.

However, the beaver dam had caused the pond's water level to rise over time which left the Bow Pioneer Snowmobile Club, concerned about potential flooding that would harm the bridge that connects to the main trail system. The club asked the town for permission to trap the beavers and clean up the debris around the pond's drainage system. Selectmen agreed in September by a 3-2 vote.

According to the Club the "stream crossing used to be so small you could jump across it. Until the beaver showed up and dammed the stream and flooded the property the pond didn't exist. The beaver, with the help of human intervention, have built a dam to excessive levels over the years.

The club has tried year after year for the last 15 years or more to maintain the water level and dam height by installing a drainage system to maintain the water level at a reasonable height. "The beaver built up mud the entire length on the drainage pipe," said the club, "we have spent countless hours trying different solutions to mitigate the issues. Keep in mind before the beaver built this pond it was a forest with a small stream running through it. The last thing we wanted to do was trap the beaver and remove the dam, but it became our only option."

Beaver ponds adversely affect the trees within 300 feet of a pond, this is due to excessive hydraulic pressure and a one-acre beaver pond can affect as much as 16 acres of forested woodlands.

The Selectmen will be reviewing procedures to handle the dam problem in the future.

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by Donna Deos



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As I write this we are heading into elections – again. Personally, it is a time I dread. Not because I do not believe in voting. I absolutely do. If you don't vote, you shouldn't criticize the outcome. You had a chance and you failed to take it.

The part I dread is that, like with most things these days, there needs to be a winner and a loser. Not everyone gets to take office, someone wins and someone loses. No trophy for everybody...

This causes some people to feel great and others to feel sad or angry.

It happens every time. Can we all please just take a pause and think about this. When we win it's great. When the other side wins we think things like "how could half the country/state/town be so stupid?!" right. Well, when it swings the other way, the exact same thoughts and feelings happen, but for the other people involved.

With that in mind can we please view this like a sporting event on TV? Sure, we want our team to win. If they do, we should try to be gracious winners. If they lose, we should try to be good sports and not throw a hissy fit because we didn't get our way.

I think in the end, even though we have different ways of believing the right way to get there, we all have the same goal in mind. We want what is best for everyone. We all want peace, not war. We want happy people who are provided for rather than suffering or in lack. We all want good to win out over evil. We want positives rather than negatives.

Truly, we all want the same thing. We simply have different thoughts and beliefs on the way to get there.

Please – if you win or lose – try to be gracious with whatever position you end up in. We all know the pendulum will swing the other way in 2 to 4 years anyway!

Win or lose, you're still alright in my books!

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Bill and Gisele Emerson from Bow, New Hampshire traveled to Italy in September. This picture is taken in front of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

BOW BUSINESS EXPO 2022

The Bow Business Expo at Baker Free Library on October 27, 2022 was a tremendous success, with a fine turnout of local businesses that took advantage of the networking opportunity.



MAIN STREET MAN Real Estate partners Tracy Crist-Lurvey & Tony LaCasse attending the Bow Business Expo.
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