



# TOWN OF DOUGLAS

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Edward M. Lambert Jr., Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Lambert:

I am in receipt of a response from Douglas Police Chief Patrick T. Foley to your letter to the Department dated February 21, 2012.

Prior to addressing Chief Foley's letter, I would like to acknowledge your sending DCR's response to Town Officials prior to the February 21, 2012 Board of Selectman's meeting. While the board did not discuss your letter at this meeting, I appreciated the timeliness in which it was delivered. Wallulm Lake State Park will be an agenda item at our meeting next Tuesday.

Through our lengthy and purposeful meetings, it is clear that the Town of Douglas has continued its demonstrated track record of being a willing and able DCR Host Community.

As an elected official charged with representing the Town and its people, however, I am dissatisfied with DCR's response for the reasons cited below and for those appearing in Chief Foley's letter (attached).

For starters, there is only a vague reference to additional Environmental Police Support. To be clear, we cannot go into the 2012 Season without a firm commitment and clear understanding of your department's capacity to fill an important public safety need. The strains on our public safety personnel are real.

Both parties agree that, in this case, signage is an important component to real solutions. We earnestly believe it is the state's responsibility to produce or pay for such signage. 25 percent of our rural Town is owned by the state. We simply do not have the resources to fund these park related expenses.

DCR's mission of providing access for residents and guests is a clear priority.

Protecting our families and neighborhoods is mine.

State Senator Richard Moore and State Reps. Ryan Fattman and Kevin Kuros are in agreement that a new policy that keeps the park closed once it reaches capacity is critical towards adequately addressing the problems that arise from the overflow of vehicles that will wait on our residential streets. I look forward to the additional solutions-based meetings we will soon have.

Should you have any questions or need anything from the Town, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at (401) 949-0433 anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. P. Bonin', written in a cursive style.

Timothy P. Bonin

Chairman

Douglas Board of Selectman

Cc: Sen. Richard Moore, Rep. Ryan Fattman, Rep. Kevin Kuros