## PETITION TO SAVE LAKE NEEPAULIN

- The lake is an important functional asset for the Lake Neepaulin community because:
  - 1) it is the closest source of water for fire suppression in the community.
  - 2) it provides hydrostatic pressure for maintenance of well-water levels for many homes in Lake Neepaulin.
  - 3) it helps to maintain property values and gives the community a positive image.
  - 4) it provides significant recreational opportunities—swimming, boating, fishing.
- DEP has ordered FOLN to repair the dam and has awarded FOLN a low interest loan to make the repair.
- In October 2008 the Township Committee agreed to assess Lake Neepaulin property owners (\$77 off lake, \$140 lakefront, \$42 vacant lots per year for 20 years) to repay the loan.
- On June 25, 2009, the Township Committee <u>rescinded</u> Ordinance 2008-16 which authorized the assessment.
- The Committee's action opens the door for DEP to drain Lake Neepaulin.
- Removing the dam will cost as much if not more than repairing it, and Lake Neepaulin property owners will pay either way.

I want the lake to be preserved and I am willing to pay the above assessment in order to save Lake Neepaulin.

Name Signature Address