

## RIVER VALLEY

### **Dam project enters new phase**

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CANTON — The Lake Anasagunticook Dam Advisory Committee was informed by Chairman Malcolm Ray that phase one of obtaining Environmental Protection Agency approval had been completed and the project has entered phase two.

Phase one was a walk-through on the land by the EPA. The federal officials listed concerns enough to warrant phase two, which will entail digging up samples around the new dam site.

The proposed site is near where a tannery once stood. The EPA will be checking for any residue from the tannery that would contaminate as well as coal ash from the old railroad. A machine shop once stood across the brook from the site and the EPA will be checking for any metal cuttings. Also the fire of 1981, which destroyed the tannery building, might have left contaminants. After the walk-through, EPA recommended taking samples.

A public informational meeting on the Androscoggin Valley Council of Government grant for the dam was set for 6:30 p.m. June 15 at the Municipal Building.

The committee hopes to meet with engineer Kevin Cooley from Kleinschmidt Engineering sometime next week. Kleinschmidt Engineering won the bid for designing the project.

Saturday, June 19, was set for a cleanup around the site, which will include cutting all the brush on the sides of the brook and replanting shrubs and native trees.

Judy Hamilton announced a fundraising raffle for the Lake Association.

Tickets can be purchased from the Hartford or Canton town offices for \$5 each or 6 for \$20. A quilt from Granny's Choice, a weekend in Boston, Red Sox tickets, half a canoe bookcase, a \$200 LL Bean certificate and a Structural Integration (massage) will be raffled off.