

The Mohawk Club,
Schenectady, N.Y.,
November 11, 1929

Mr. William Hill,
Bolton Landing on
Lake George, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hill:

When you are chasing deer you are a hard man to catch, and our visit last night was so short and full of other things that I neglected to ask you about the things that I owe you for. I am in hopes that you will send me a bill of some kind very soon or let me know the next time I am up what the amounts is.

I am writing primarily to ask you to pull Miss Clarke's barge out if you have an opportunity, unless you are going to use it in connection with some building for Dr. Langmuir.

I probably had better give up for the time, at least, the little canoe house I had in mind to build on my land in Turtle Bay. Incidentally not on the State land under water.

Before you are through hauling sand, I would like to have two or three loads put in the low ruts that usually accumulate water between my garage and Mr. Christie's place, and also in the low spot about opposite the spring on his road. I should think two or three loads in each place would be ample.

Hoping that you will still have an opportunity to fire a salute at least to a good sized deer before the season is over, I remain

Cordially yours,

JSApperson:B

Schenectady, April 5, 1928.

Mr. William Hill,
Bolton,
Lake George, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hill:-

I am informed on good authority that J. Taylor, ~~the~~ State Forest Ranger, is circulating among the inhabitants of Bolton Landing and trying to incite bad feeling against me personally. If this is true, ^{you} will know why and also how much it will affect my actions. If you can do so without any special effort please learn what you can about the "rough stuff" they are talking about and just who, besides Taylor, is involved.

I will probably be up Friday night.

Cordially yours,

JSApperson:R

The Mohawk Club,
Schenectady, N.Y.,
July 29, 1930.

Mr. William Hill,
Bolton Landing,
Lake George, New York.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I learned from Mr. Christie that his assessment has been made more reasonable, but the valuation of my property has been greatly increased.

It is hard to know what to do, and I am so busy that I fear I will not have an opportunity of seeing the assessors before it is too late, and if you have an opportunity I would very much appreciate your talking it over with them. Naturally I do not want to enter my complaint or grievance unless I can go further with my complaint and if necessary bring about some court action. There is no doubt that the assessors have a hard job and I do not want to make their job more difficult by bringing any such action.

Nevertheless, I cannot afford to pay more than my share of taxes, and the Lakeview property has been overvaluated as far as I can determine by comparison with other properties, for several years. The south strip was valued last year more nearly right, but even at that the valuation was 1,000 more than I paid for the property.

If you have occasion to look at the books, I would like to see the valuation on several pieces of property, including the Sagamore. As you probably know, they have recently spent about a half million dollars, in addition to the purchase price of over three hundred thousand dollars, roughly considered by those who have purchased the property as being worth three quarters of a million. There can hardly be any question about this valuation, as this amount has recently been spent on the property. I understand there are a number of such places as that which are not being given true valuation.

I am sure you will appreciate that I do not want to make the difficult task of raising taxes more troublesome than is necessary, and therefore would rather not add to the difficulty if I can avoid it by talking the matter over with the assessors or get you to talk it over with them for me. Whatever you can do I will appreciate very much.

JSApperson:B

Cordially yours,