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I sincerely hope those of you attending last weeks meeting found it as enlightening as I did. There were many points both sides brought up.Its clear with the various sides and groups fighting for or against this, it could be hard for some people to sort out
Having been to most all the meetings on this from the start I I guess common in todays political strategy. Several things no matter how many times have been proved in prior meetings keep getting used against this project.

1, the cost quoted by people wanting the dam removed are far from real,there are other quotes out there, but since this blows out their major point here, those quotes do not get shared.

2, Also to be brought up under costs. It has been decided that people along the river could sue for loss of value, that alone would make removing the dam far more costly, but of course the removal side chooses to not consider this, too bad because someone would end up with those's costs

3, I find it funny that Glendale will not stand up for the dam publicly yet they have their own dam just upstream from this one. Interesting. Is this perhaps part of the Milw Co politics?

4, Many of the people speaking in favor of removal are of paid positions in groups like Milw River keeper, many have political agendas, Chris Abele with his fortune is spending more on adds against this then it would cost to fix it. I would like to know how much that is a factor with these other political groups and areas. If there were not going down at election time, I'm sure this would be a much different game

I think the thing that impressed me most was the teenagers that stood and spoke about what having that dam means to them, that shows the interest for the future.

Mr Abele, and his political partners want you to think this is about the money. beyond the false numbers they preach, lets consider this. How much did the water park on Hampton and Green Bay really cost us. Its the giant blue, red, yellow structure they put in the center of the park. To add insult, directly across from this but not part of the water park is the huge red tube on the red square base. This is the entrance to Milw. River Parkway, the beginning of the park. It seems there is no limit that Mr Abele will spend on things like this, he puts this gaudy stuff front and center, yet will not restore the dam and bring back the natural beauty that it has always brought there.

This is a political battle unfortunatly, please do not let that win, if the dam is removed it can never be returned to what it should be.

Please rebuild the Estabrooke Dam