

Harbor Reconfiguration Committee Meeting Notes – 6/12

Lynne Arnold, Governors Public Access Planning Board and Public Access Advisory Board member spoke with us re State Beach boat ramp. Many hurdles: Chandler Brook is ½ owned by the state, other side is privately owned – would need to get easements from land owners in order to dredge. Fish and Game – trying to figure out what to do next – not even on their radar to dredge it. The launch at the state beach fell into disrepair and the state failed to keep it up. The smelt spawn in the brook; the state failed to do due diligence. As of 2 weeks ago the state is NOT pursuing launch repairs IF they can't dredge the brook. Lynne will send us names of who to contact to keep the conversation moving, DOT, DNCR, State Rep's, DES. Dept of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) is responsible for the state beach who report to DES who reports to NH Fish and Game.

Elizabeth Harper, Exec Director LSPA, attended the meeting to discuss potential green scaping the waterfront parking lot. We should approach the concept from a stormwater management standpoint, currently lots of run off and erosion they are concerned about. Proposing to fix that might allow LSPA to apply for funding (from the state of NH) to help pay for design and improvements. RE State Beach boat launch, EH suggested that we not let that issue (whatever path it takes) control our primary focus to reconfigure the harbor area.

Our meeting at the gazebo on Thursday evening re-enforced the need to consider additional parking. Nearly every parking space in the waterfront lot and the gazebo parcel was taken. We will continue to explore feasibility of using some portion of the gazebo for parking and/or combination parking/recreational use.

We will continue to explore boat launch/trailer parking fees for non-residents. Steve McG will visit other lake sites where fees are charged to get more intel re the mechanics of the process. We should explore other towns that have already set a precedent for launching, & have a reservation system (Newfound lake), Wellington is the only access for New Found lake. A fee won't significantly change the # of harbor launches but it might help – some folks will explore secondary alternatives. We can raise awareness and bring the issue to the surface.

Future Design Considerations for Lower Parking lot; (1) Flag pole over to the water make it green space, (2) Single lane parallel to boat launch for truck access to the boats, (3) Handicap parking. Perhaps try a one off music event in that area, use Art in the park event as a test run this summer. We as a committee want to meet with Shannon, Kyle and Civil Works; have them attend our next meeting.

Next meeting – Monday July 21st @ 5p at the Gazebo