

Public Dock Committee Meeting
Sunday January 23, 2022 6:30 to 8:20 PM via Zoom

PRESENT

Mary Ross, Chris Immer, Nick Kluge, Alan Krum, Dave Perry, Lane Coury. (Notes taken by Lane Coury.)

LINKS TO RESOURCES

- [Look at this page](#) to find a link to recording of the Jan 23 Zoom meeting.
- [The Public Dock Committee web page](#) with links to documents and related references. (To find this page, go to [OurLummiIsland.org](#) > Community > Committees & Research > Public Dock Committee)
- * **NEW Task Assigned on 1/16/22 (all)** – Review contents of the committee document on Google docs. We have kept a running dialog for internal committee discussion and captured a wide range of suggestions and research by committee members. In prep for LICA and Town Hall presentations, look through and make sure we have not missed any good ideas.
- * **NEW Task Assigned on 1/23/22 (all)** – Check the community website for the [Discussion area on the public dock](#) – you need to be logged in. For those who use it – NextDoor has interesting discussion.
- **Shoreline Master Program Handbook** - [has good definitions and very clear guidelines in Chapter 12](#) - “Piers, Docks, and Overwater Structures”

AGENDA ITEMS AND RELATED DISCUSSION

1. Updated schedule for presentations and town meeting.

Ferry Impact Survey – has been launched on OurLummiIsland.org website. [Click here to respond to the survey](#). This is the short link to provide to islanders who wish to fill out the survey. **Copy and paste this text exactly: gotoit.at/pdc-01a**

* Alan has provided a link to send to off island residents (visitors) or businesses that would like to provide feedback. Ask them to copy and paste this link exactly: **gotoit.at/pdc-01b**

- a) **LIFAC** – (complete) Wednesday, Jan 12th.
- b) **Tome** – (complete) Thursday, Jan 13th. Mary submitted the article. Tome was distributed electronically the second week of January. Text to Alan for NextDoor via LICA account. Chris will post to Facebook.
- c) **Community website** – (complete) Jan 15th. Post article and some pictures.
- d) **LICA** – (this week) Wednesday, Jan 26th. Approx 20 mins for presentation via Zoom.
- e) **Public announcements** – end of January, approximately 10 days before public meeting
 1. Use OurLummiIsland.org, NextDoor, and Facebook.
ALL - Post reminder on NextDoor on Friday, 2/4 – add comment to EXISTING post.
Mary - Ask Paul D for Brown Betty message reminder also on Friday, 2/4.
Chris – post on Facebook
 2. Post an announcement on the public bulletin board at ferry terminal.
Lane dropped off the flyer in Paul Davis/Tome mailbox on 1/22.
 3. Make up a flyer to post at the Islander (done), at library (done), grange, post office (done).
Islander electronic sign (**Alan will follow up with Brad**).
Send to LIFAC email group – ask if Rhayma can send to LIFAC group. (**Lane contact Rhayma**).

- f) **Town Meeting – (2 weeks) Sunday, Feb 6th** at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm via Zoom. The meeting will be recorded and available for replay.
- g) **Public Dock Survey – (2 weeks). *Work on this 1/30 meeting.*** Provide link to survey at the public meeting.
- h) **Parks & Recreation** – need to get on their agenda for March 17 **or date to be decided**. *Ask Terry about upcoming workload. Chris will forward email from Terry to committee. Ask if she can attend the Public Dock Advisory Committee meeting after the LICA presentation (1/30/21).*

2. *Committee members report on actions since last meeting.*

Survey on impact of ferry outages.

Mary update: will send summary of key input and interesting statements to committee.

Discussion with neighbors near proposed dock site.

Chris Immer reports that he has completed his task and spoken to these owners:

1. Ed & Helen Scott support the idea of an island dock, just not at this site. However, they also pointed out that for a project with such a long timeline, their input may not be critical.
2. Colleen McCrory and fellow realtors are in complete support and have no concerns.
3. Dave King (next to the post office on east side) is in complete support and expressed no concerns.
4. Burnett Family (Beach Store Café – ID 13891 at 2200 N Nugent on west side) very supportive.
5. Barbara and Kurt Wagonner (ID 13921 at 2201 N Nugent, adjacent to park property on north) supports the dock but asks about having a privacy fence.
6. Bringhoffs – definitely in favor.
7. Sharon and James Yeager (ID 13905 and 13890 at 2194 N Nugent – the 2 cabins south of the platform) – support but have concerns. Chris may need to put up No Trespassing signs for them, if the county does not.
8. Dennis Mathenson (gray house south of Beach Store Cafe) – in support.
**Would like to see a walkway on the east side of the road for safe pedestrian access.*
9. Dawn Dietrich in support
10. Scott and Meghan Alexander – in support

Other: from ferry parking lot going north

The Lummi Island Grange (property ID 13894 at 2215 N Nugent)

Lummi Island (ID 13896 wooded lot on west side, north of Bendzak property)

Bendzak (ID 13895 at 2178 N Nugent on west side)

Whatcom County Public Works (ID 13900 at 2198 N Nugent Rd which is ferry parking lot on west side)

Chris will create a spreadsheet with Support/Not Support to illustrate to be used by committee. Ask owners in favor to send email to the county.

Committee envisions retaining steps to the beach – but does not have details.

3. *Discussed the proposed site.*

Need to find out what parking situation is for existing Access Beach Park. Have had a request from a neighbor to consider a walkway for pedestrians on the east side of the road.

4. Committee members worked on presentation for LICA meeting on 1/26/22.

Committee began selecting a subset of slides that would be appropriate for approximate 20 minute presentation.

Need to finalize plans at 1/23/22 committee meeting.

Practice ahead of time. Mary can control speaker only on screen, etc.

5. Discussion on additional resources to supplement PowerPoint presentation.

Committee discussed creating separate documents to share on the PDAC website. This would allow us to disseminate info from our research as follow up the Town Meeting:

a. Research on Other Sites with Public Docks – include details, links, and pictures.

Task assigned (Lane): working on this. Add notes about Mercer Island rebuild with more modern features, similar to what we are recommending.

b. Details on Whatcom Chief Ferry Outages in 2021

Task assigned (Lane): complete and data is in the LICA presentation. The data for 2021 is posted on the [PDAC page on our community website](#) and will be updated for 2022.

6. Analysis of ferry outage survey.

Received 40 responses as of 1/23.

7. Consider follow up with all-island mailing poll

Most members attending the meeting agree that funding a mailing to ALL island residents would be best way to get input. Committee considering self-funding a mailing.

To be discussed next meeting.

Any other data needed for presentation at Town Meeting

During LIFAC presentation, Dave Parker asked how many public docks does **Whatcom County** P&R own and operate?

Point Roberts Marine Park (**Lane check status**)

City of Bellingham P&R recently purchased that long dock near the old cement factory to provide a public pier. **Lane add link somewhere (?)**.

Decide what to say about island community helping to look after the dock.

This point came up again during LICA presentation when Chris discussed having islanders help out with privacy signage, etc.

Think about adding a statement to the presentation such as:

Making the public aware of guidelines will be a community effort and require volunteer coordination.

Future presentations, add pictures for:

- Airlift via floatplane
- Ambulance boat
- Beach Access at low tide showing stairs from the platform, slippery rocks, etc.

Efforts to publicize committee and presentations

Discuss posting to the new website discussion board. Here is what Lane was thinking:

By now you have probably heard that a LICA advisory committee has been looking at the possibility of building a public dock on Lummi Island. What do you think?

Join a community Town Meeting via Zoom on Sunday, Feb 6 from 7 to 8:30 PM to see a presentation by LICA's Public Dock Advisory Committee. We will talk about our research and findings. Then the community can give feedback and share ideas and suggestions.

To register for the meeting, use this quick link: <http://GoTolt.at/pdac>

Looking forward to your participation,
Lane Coury, full-time island resident and member of the advisory committee

Should we consider meeting a second time this week to work through the public survey?