

**Public Dock Committee Meeting**  
**Sunday April 10, 2022 6:30 to 8:00 PM via Zoom**

**PRESENT**

Mary Ross, Chris Immer, Lane Coury. (Notes by Lane Coury.)

**LINKS TO RESOURCES**

- **Town Meeting (Feb 6, 2022)** – The 90 minute meeting was recorded and available for replay (check [OurLummiIsland.org](http://OurLummiIsland.org) > PDAC webpage > Public / Town Hall Meetings list).
- [Look at this page](#) to find links to recordings of the Zoom PDAC committee meetings.
- [The Public Dock Committee web page](#) with links to documents and related references. (To find this page, go to [OurLummiIsland.org](http://OurLummiIsland.org) > Community > Committees & Research > Public Dock Committee)
- **Shoreline Master Program Handbook** - [has good definitions and very clear guidelines in Chapter 12](#) - “Piers, Docks, and Overwater Structures”

**ACTIONS SUGGESTED (most recent first)**

- **April – [LIFAC Survey from 2018](#)** (starting on page 173). Interesting review of data collected during a community study to make a case for the replacement ferry.
- **April – [2009 Subarea Plan for Lummi Island](#)**. Prepared by the Lummi Island Planning Committee (2001-2003) after a series of public meetings and surveys. **See notes on [page 3](#)**.
- **March and April** – one next great challenge will be building public consensus about the dock and its design. We should all start researching guides and project examples. Here are two docs: (1) [Recreation and Conservation Office Planning Manual > Element 3: Public Involvement \(pages 10-11\)](#) (2) [Birch Bay Community Park – Public Involvement Statement \(pages 1-2 and 8-11\)](#).

**AGENDA ITEMS AND RELATED DISCUSSION**

**1. *Discussed next steps to engage county officials.***

Terry checked in with Exec Satpal and found out that he had not received the original email, so Chris re-sent.

Chris had call with Jon Hutchins. He can review material but has a very long list of commitments and does not anticipate any project making progress any time soon.

Chris assured him that we realize that this is a multi-year effort.

Chris asked Mr. Hutchins if he envisioned any problem with using a public dock in conjunction with Parks & Rec. Although he would not expect that it would ever be a first alternative for emergency use.

**2. *Tabled discussion on committee direction and next actions.***

*Keep this placeholder for next meeting.*

Talked about need to engage more community members and broaden outreach. All applications for grant funding require a clearly-stated plan to get community input and opportunity for open discussion of alternatives. Initial ideas include:

- Host information sessions at Saturday Market, library, etc.
- Hold community workshops to discuss and brainstorm
- Contact the Beach School to discuss coordination – engage students in discussion about their ideas and input

Discussed ideas to get input from island business people, vendors, artists, musicians, etc.

Think about how we collect input from business people. Would be good to hold in-person workshops to get ideas and generate more specific pros and cons from their perspectives.

**Update from 4/3/2022** – think about how to reach out to an islander group who could attend a Zoom meeting. Or would prefer a one-on-one. Discuss next week on 4/11/22.

**NOTE:** Check [2009 Subarea Plan](#) Lummi Island Economic Activity by Location (page 30).

Engage LIFD to coordinate with emergency response and evacuation planning.

Remind people that yes, this is planning for a rare event. But that is also why you buy insurance – you hope you won't use it, but if you need it, you have it.

### **3. Continued to work on FAQs for [ourlummiisland.org](http://ourlummiisland.org)**

Most of the meeting was spent answering questions from the growing list of FAQs.

### **4. Summary of schedule for presentations, meetings, and public interactions.**

*Schedule from March 2022 forward.*

*Refer to earlier meeting notes for committee actions completed through February 2022.*

a) Initial Public Dock Survey for islanders – March (in progress)

**Responses** = 200

**Yes** = 187      **No or Maybe** = 13

**Percent In Favor** = 96%

**% Of Population Responded** = 20%

b) Parks & Recreation presentation – 3/17/2022 (complete)

c) Send email to County Executive Satpal and schedule a meeting – 3/23/22 (complete)

d) Coordinate a meeting with committee, LIFD, DPW, and Parks & Rec.

e) Coordinate an island tour for Parks & Rec commissioners and staff.

f) Public Dock Survey from a business/artist/vendor point of view – discuss at 4/3/22 meeting.

g) Consider - Could we reel in Washington State Senator Cantwell? She co-sponsored the Sports Fish Fund renewal.

## LIFAC Update Notes provided for the meeting on 4/13/2022

Key actions from the last several months include:

- The committee met with the Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Commission on 3/17:
  - We provided an overview presentation with details on our progress to date. ([Click to download presentation.](#))
  - Most commissioners were interested in discussing these ideas further. They suggested first that we request a meeting with the County Executive, Satpal Singh Sidhu.
  - The commission reinforced our expectation that a dock project will take many years and will require multi-agency cooperation, support and approval from a wide range of organizations, and funding will be a challenge.
  - Now the committee is waiting to hear from the county executive.
  - When time permits later in the fall and schedules can be coordinated, the committee will plan to meet with Public Works to share ideas.
- The committee conducted an initial, very short survey on public opinion and thanks everyone who responded:
  - Summary: 205 responses with more than 90% in favor of continuing to discuss the potential for a public dock.
  - We are working to compile the comments and create a page with Frequently Asked Questions on [ourlummiisland.org](http://ourlummiisland.org)
  - The committee will focus on public outreach over the next 5 to 6 months. We will schedule workshops and town meetings to share ideas and solicit input and feedback from the community.