







2024-03-11 Town Hall – Public Dock

- 01:51:36 W Merritt: Please change camera view to speaker
- 01:52:56 W Merritt: May we please see whom is speaking.
- 02:01:51 LICA Zoom Hosting: When it comes time for questions, please use the zoom raise hand feature to indicate that you'd like to speak, and we'll get you unmuted when it is your turn to speak.
- 02:02:05 W Merritt: Reacted to "When it comes time f..." with 
- 02:40:15 William & Wynne Lee: what's the plan for consulting the Lummi nation re their fishing needs?
- 02:40:47 LICA Zoom Hosting: We'll raise your question for you, now that we're starting to get ready to ask questions.
- 02:40:54 W Merritt: Reacted to "what's the plan for ..." with 
- 02:43:01 W Merritt: What is the use plan? Day use? Overnight docking?
- 02:45:23 Victoria Souze: Barry surveyed that beach. It's a 20 to 30 foot drop from the road . in order to be ADA compliant, the dock would need to be 200 to 300 feet long.
- 02:45:37 Moye: could question from the floor be repeated by person answering for those of us on zoom?
- 02:45:47 Debora Barnes-Josiah: will the existing terminal bathrooms be accessible?
- 02:46:54 LICA Zoom Hosting: I can ask questions or we can get you on the screen. Just raise your hand. Whichever works best for you
- 02:49:17 Peter Earle: Would the availability of a dock increase the economic viability and increased open hours for the Brach Store Cafe? If it helps the Beach Store wouldn't that make it better for all islanders?
- 02:50:49 William & Wynne Lee: please repeat verbal questions
- 02:54:23 Nokia 8 V 5G UW: Would the ferry bathrooms be used for the proposed dock users. If so would the Whatcom County Health Dept. approve this expansion of use of the existing septic system?
- 02:58:15 Nokia 8 V 5G UW: Any public dock on Lummi Island may draw kayaking groups from all over the Northwest to tour to the outer islands.
How would groups like this be handled safely crossing the road with kayaks and gear. Where would their vehicles be parked for long periods of time.
- 02:58:44 LICA Zoom Hosting: Coming to you Dave
- 02:59:18 Paula's iPhone: Friday harbor has boating docks right along with the state ferries... I think Public works needs to answer the difference
- 02:59:58 Debora Barnes-Josiah: Please clarify the issue of recreational use, where visitors have a place to moor, vs the pull up/drop off/leave comment that I heard.
- 03:02:54 Paula's iPhone: I m 100 percent for a public dock in the proposed site. It's crazy we don't have one. There are public docks on most other San Juan islands
- 03:06:00 W Merritt: Replying to "Friday harbor has bo..." Friday harbor has a multitude more retail and hospitality than Lummi, and SJ Island is massively larger than Lummi.
- 03:06:10 W Merritt: Reacted to "Please clarify the i..." with 
- 03:07:43 William & Wynne Lee: most other islands have harbors where docks are protected. LI is unique in lacking a harbor.
- 03:09:56 Karen Rotko-Wynn: Congratulations to the committee for securing this grant. This is something that makes so much sense for our community and we are very fortunate for this opportunity. We need this and I look forward to hearing the findings and recommendations from the consultants. Thank you.
- 03:10:23 Rebecca Rettmer:Just a comment and to make sure everyone knows: Lummi Island Heritage Trust's restoration of the old quarry (Aiston Preserve) included an emergency helicopter landing zone and shoreline design that supports landing crafts. These design elements were included in response to the community's input and have been completed. I believe LIHT will also be installing mooring buoys in Smuggler's Cove for recreational boat day use while protecting the eelgrass and kelp beds.
- 03:10:40 W Merritt: Reacted to "Just a comment and t..." with 
- 03:10:58 Moye: Reacted to "Just a comment and t..." with 
- 03:11:29 William & Wynne Lee: Reacted to "Just a comment and..." with 
- 03:12:34 Nokia 8 V 5G UW: So even though this grant study can be stopped at any time if this site is found to be unfeasible, and the money cannot be used to consider other sites. This is really unfortunate since the selected location has so many problems.
- 03:15:46 Nokia 8 V 5G UW: Who will make the decision to stop spending this 100K- the LICA, the public dock committee, or the consultants?
- 03:18:44 W Merritt: If pick up/ drop off only, who will enforce those who over stay their limit?

03:20:12 W Merritt: Reacted to "most other islands h..." with 👍

03:20:26 Dawn Dietrich (she/her/hers): Reacted to "Congratulations to t..." with ❤️

03:20:34 Peter Earle: Reacted to "Congratulations to..." with 👍

03:20:42 Dawn Dietrich (she/her/hers): Reacted to "Just a comment and t..." with ❤️

03:21:22 Karen Rotko-Wynn: The dock at Olga seems similar to what ours may look like. It is limited time, but enough time to walk to lunch, but not to stay overnight. The signage specifies not for overnight use.

03:21:40 Paula Gooding: Alec Carlin here, I'm all for a public dock in any form any where on the island. Can we get an idea how many people are for it in the abstract? Just a quick show of hands.

03:23:19 Jennys View: Earlier in the meeting it was stated that once built, the County would be determining ultimate dock use and hours. Will this be with our community input? If so, how and by whom?

03:27:49 W Merritt: The committee membership should be open to those that are for and possibly against the dock. It cannot be presented in a lopsided manner to the rest of us.

03:35:07 William & Wynne Lee: a survey re dock desirability must be accompanied with cost info, or it'll be meaningless IMO

03:35:17 W Merritt: Reacted to "a survey re dock des..." with ❤️

03:36:14 Moye: Reacted to "The committee member..." with 👍

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03:48:43 Nokia 8 V 5G UW: I agree with Alan- thresholds should be identified as to what would stop this, before you move forward with spending this money on this site

03:50:14 Nokia 8 V 5G UW: LI CA should set these thresholds to make everyone feel more comfortable with this process

03:51:32 Nokia 8 V 5G UW: Reacted to a survey re dock des... with "👍"

03:53:12 Moye: Reacted to "LI CA should set the..." with 👍

03:57:34 Karen Rotko-Wynn: We have this grant to do this study. It cannot be used for anything else, so why would we do anything except support this process for the consultants to conduct the study. It is just the first step. They are the experts, let's let them do their job. If we need to hire a staff person to administer the grant and other administrative tasks, let's figure out how to do that. It is a lot of work for a volunteer. I don't agree that unless someone volunteers to do this, it means the community doesn't support this. Let's get on with this. Spend the money and just do it.