

**TOWN OF WOLFEBORO
DOCKSIDE IMPROVEMENTS
PUBLIC FORUM
September 15, 2015**

PUBLIC COMMENT & SURVEY RESULTS

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Members of the public noted the following comments, questions and concerns:

- Restrooms; permanent, temporary/modular, portable toilets
The Board of Selectmen have established a committee to develop a plan for Downtown restrooms and determine whether year round bathrooms are needed, taking into consideration snowmobilers and Fisherville.
- Snow removal
Area to be plowed, piled and hauled off site as currently done at several locations in the Town
- Cost of project
A placeholder figure in the amount of \$450,000 is proposed. Cannot retrieve a cost estimate until final plans are designed. Contingency will be included in final cost of project.
- Fire Department approval
Access for emergency vehicle apparatus, including boat access, has been addressed.
- Enhance Cate Park ~ currently underutilized
Existing Deed Restriction for Cate Park could limit improvements however, such would be researched to ensure improvements are permissible.
- One of the pedestrian pathways does not connect to a crosswalk on South Main Street
- Maintain scenic view ~ tree plantings eliminates such
- Retain existing number of parking spaces; loss of parking spaces impacts businesses and entertainment activities, residents and tourists
- Plans interfere with and impacts deliveries, Molly the Trolley, craft shows, boat regatta
- Town or State owned boat launch
Dave Ford stated the boat launch is owned by the Town
- Has the parcel been surveyed
Dave Ford confirmed the parcel has been surveyed
- Question of hazardous waste under the existing parking lot
Remnants of crib docking and rubble is located under the parking lot
- Question whether purchase of Wolfeboro Oil building (potential for satellite parking) is included in the placeholder figure
Purchase of the parcel that the Wolfeboro Oil building is located on is a separate CIP request as a stand-alone project.
- Number of existing parking spaces
40 striped parking spaces
- Do not locate tables near the bathrooms
- Opposed plaza/fountain proposal, in favor of play small playground area for children
- Re-purpose the restaurant building
- Relocate the ice cream window/access to the side of the building facing Cate Park (next to the main entrance to the restaurant)
- Maintenance of dockside area
- Vehicle and boat parking; opportunities to create turnover such as meter kiosk
- Courtesy shuttle to satellite parking lots; review Town of Sunapee
- Expand docking; review other communities regarding boat docking and access to the lake
- Review/address Mount Washington parking/access area
- Burying of utility wires
Not currently included in the improvements to Dockside; discuss with Barry Muccio regarding feasibility of such.

Public Forum Stakeholders Survey Results

NEED	YES	NO	COMMENTS
More green space/trees	18	20	Cate Park is currently underutilized, limit number of new trees, keep view open, shorter trees/shrubs, removable planters, additional flowers along waterfront, limit number & size of trees along waterfront or plant smaller decorative trees, garden boxes, flower gardens
More restrooms; permanent	30	5	Need for year round restroom facilities, accessible to snowmobiles, business owners allow customers to use their restrooms, phase construction until it is determined that such is necessary due to increased year round tourism activity, renovate Dockside Restaurant to provide year round restroom facilities, use peat moss composting toilets
More restrooms; temporary/modular	4	11	Modular for summer season
More restrooms; portable toilets	0	13	
Scenic view parking	22	8	Opposed to blocking scenic view with tree plantings, plant mature trees that have no limbs lower than 8'-10' with a lateral branch spread, not vertical spread, Plan 1B provides such
Sidewalks/crosswalks (in & out)	25	8	Raised sidewalks and curbs, slush sidewalks, more signage directing people to the crosswalks and South/North Main Street, opposed to stamped walkways, such should fit in with the Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan, improve pedestrian pathways by adding islands to define & protect the preferred crossing area on South Main St, boardwalk should be 12' wide, no connection from boardwalk to Cate Park and docks beyond boat launch (pedestrian deadend), do not narrow existing alleys entering and exiting the parking lot
Cantilevered dock (lose 4' of dock in shallow water)	29	7	Request for additional dock space, upgrade existing docks, lengthen existing docks, review/reconfigure Mount Washington docking space, do not decrease existing docking spaces
Additional seating/more benches	21	10	More functional and attractive seating, better maintenance of & improve/repair existing seating
Visual appearance/aesthetics (underground utilities)	32	5	Additional flower pots, re-purpose or remove Dockside Restaurant building, beautification of area is important, additional lighting, paint light poles, clean light fixtures, sweep areas, clear tables, underground utilities if it can be done in a cost efficient method, LED lighting at waterfront
Parking enforcement (vehicle & boat)	29	6	Pay to park/meters to include 1 hour free, charge 2-3 hours with a maximum # of hours, larger time allowance (4+ hours), increase turnover, boat parking currently not enforced, no meters, encourage business owners to park at satellite parking lots, resident sticker/dump sticker that would allow for free short term parking, limit Dockside parking to 1-2 hours to encourage turnover
Parking lot layout/safety, would lose parking spaces	13	16	Maintain existing or add additional parking spaces, reduce parking by 8 spaces, purchase Wolfeboro Oil parcel at Railroad Station to create additional parking, minimize loss of parking spaces to allow for upgrades
Boat ramp; limit use	14	20	Do not limit during events at Dockside, relocate boat ramp, renovate to improve access & improve potential damage to boats
Boat ramp; modify trailer approach	10	14	Modify if necessary, widen boat ramp, remain in existing location, signage to alternative launch sites, relocate to Brewster Beach, remove boat launch