



MEMORANDUM

To: Town Council

From: Ad Hoc 260 Foreside Road Committee:
Councilors McBrady, Chair; Hemphill; and Kitchel

Date: November 23, 2016

Re: **Committee Report**

CHARGE

The committee's charge was to present the Council with its recommendations for a public input process that will allow the Council to make decisions regarding the future of the Town-owned 260 Foreside Road property (owned formerly by Marion Brown).

ACTIVITIES

Since its appointment the committee has:

- Met three times,
- Reviewed the 2009 public input report,
- Commissioned a Town Landing Parking Study completed by GPI, and
- Conducted an on-line Boat Owner and Home Owner Survey.

FINDINGS

The Committee finds that:

- There should be an effective, but not overly complicated, public input process.
- The 260 Foreside Road property forms a good open space addition to the abutting Underwood Park and any consideration to convey all or a portion of the land for private development or develop for some other public purpose should be carefully examined
- There is currently a diverse supply of parking in the Town Landing neighborhood area.
- The public parking supply could be enhanced, even if only in a modest, seasonal-only manner with a minimum of visual impact.
- There are minor landscaping, parking, and play equipment improvements that could be made to the 260 Foreside Road property and Underwood Park.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Public input/decision process

The committee's recommended public input and decision process is attached.

260 Foreside Road

The committee suggests that any improvements or changes to the property be minimal. Although the Committee was directed to recommend suggestions for a process, the Committee has also take the liberty of making general suggestions for future use of the property including the following possibilities:

- Creation of a limited-size, seasonal-only parking area using grass pavers so its appearance during non-parking use would be as lawn,
- Elimination of invasive species, and
- Installation of modest native landscaping, as appropriate.

Underwood Park

The committee suggests that the Council consider the following improvements for the abutting Underwood park site:

- Modest enhancement of the existing play equipment,
- Re-installation of a gate to the play area for safety reasons, and
- Modest reconfiguration of the existing parking area to ease traffic circulation.

The committee is happy to answer any questions that the Council may have.

Thank you.