

I just received the newsletter about the upcoming Council meeting, and saw that the Boat Ramp is still on the agenda, and that there is yet another Town Hall meeting for this. I find it simply amazing that the Council is choosing to continue this discussion, when in the last Town Hall not a single participant spoke in favor of tightening restrictions around the ramp. Instead, EVERY participant was in favor of continued, if not greatly expanded, access to the ramp and the river. This topic came up just a couple of years ago, with the same results...and overwhelming amount of support of enhanced access.

My question to the Council is this...what input, or series of inputs, is the Council looking for in order to finally determine that the majority of the citizens of our community want an expansion of access to our boat ramp, and not a restriction of it? And what is the Council doing to gather these inputs? Endless Town Hall meetings are not the answer, as most people prefer to not attend a multi-hour Council Zoom meeting that rambles on with minimal structure or organization. It is interesting to note that I received a nice color flyer about Arbor Day activities...yet I've received nothing directly about the Boat Ramp.

I would continue to encourage the Council to end the ongoing deliberations about the Boat Ramp, and to expand access to our river resources. A vast minority of citizens should never be allowed to dictate policies for things such as public park access. They purchased homes next to the ramp, and as it turns out they now have homes next to the boat ramp. Not surprisingly, people use the ramp for their boats as well as for access to the river. The surprise factor should be pretty low for them.

Sincerely,

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