

Brief Summary of Arnold Bay “Walk and Talk” Workshop

5-6PM August 31, 2021/Convened by the Panton Planning Commission

Approximately 30+ attendees

Workshop Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Project Overview and the Municipal Planning Grant
3. Goal to create a master plan for the future of the property
4. Key questions/issues to be addressed – distribute questionnaire
5. Discussion and community input

Workshop Discussion Items:

- Parking: Lack of parking/organization of parking/Impacts of parking on the beach area
- Activities that people engage in/uses of the site/conflicts in use?
- Current and future amenities for the site in addition to picnic tables and a portable toilet
- Access issues and conflicts between vehicles and people on access road
- Overall site conditions – ecology and water quality
- Vandalism, security and use issues – how to manage?

Key comments/questions:

- Parking and Use:
 - -“I like Arnold Bay just the way it is.”
 - -Winter parking for ice fishing? Bike parking?
 - -Keep west side of area open for boat launching...
 - -How big a boat can be launched here?
 - -Sometimes cars/trucks with trailers can’t park....
 - -Out of state/out of town boaters use the launch area and contributed to the dock cost.
 - -The issue of vandalism and misuse came up....Should we have surveillance cameras?
 - -Management questions...fee for yearly stickers? Could raise money for maintenance

- Site Conditions:

- -Clean up the area...needs some new landscaping
- -Will improvements bring more people? Do we want that?
- -Does the town have insurance? (Yes...through VLCT)
- -Encourage people to pick up after dogs

- -Manage trash with recycling option

- Amenities and Improvements

- -How about a permanent dock (note: need to remove dock every fall due to high water and ice)
- -Interpretation elements (sign) at the Bay that present the view of the Adirondacks and identifies mountains.
- -Kayak racks for Pantown residents? (See bike storage locker concepts as a model)
- -Seasonal floating swim dock and "rope off" swimming area?
- -Idea for a walkway/stair/ramp overlook through the wooded area down to the beach.
- -Enhance landscaping/better signage
- -Placement of signs and porta-potty not ideal