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To: Assembly
Subject: Papkes Landing

Assembly,

The Papkes Landing boat ramp, dock, and parking lots are vital to many Petersburg families. Rural residents access their homes through Papkes. The access the facility provides is also essential to several lodges that bring dollars to our community through tourism and bed taxes. I live in the Papkes area and utilize the dock and boat launch for recreation and subsistence needs.

The facility has fallen into disrepair. It is also too small for current activity levels. I fully support the borough taking over the lands and facility. I believe the borough could upgrade the facility and add it to the harbor system. Charging fees for launching, parking, and moorage would pay for maintenance and upkeep.

I am not in support of the proposed concept that was presented to the public. It makes no sense to me to abandon the current ramp and start from scratch. This would only add cost to the plan. Additionally, the expansion over the tidelands encroaches on local property owners. Given the current parking lot and access road to the north there should be plenty of room for expansion without such a large foot print being placed at someone's front door.

I am in full support of upgrades to the Papkes dock, ramp, and parking areas. I would only hope that the concept is only a very rough draft of the proposed project. I understand that there is no design that will meet all needs and interests. I do feel that a project that can be accomplished in phases with public input to the design would be the best way to move forward with this project.

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Sent from my iPhone