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To: Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>
Subject: Papkes. Why two ramps?

Dear Mayor and Assembly,

I have always found that the ramp floats at our south harbor boat launch work great for getting down to sea level. That type of ramp alone could provide excellent access to the mooring floats. Please check out the south harbor launch ramp system at any stage of tide and consider how unnecessary a traditional gangway might be at Papkes. A boat launch without a ramp float is uncivilized, but a mooring float accessed by a floating ramp instead of a gangway would be fine. Furthermore, I want to emphasize my opinion that a decent boat launch with abundant parking is key to getting the most support from the community. Relatively few Borough residents on the road system have much use for the dock alone. We don't keep a boat or vehicle there.

Thanks to members Kensinger and Lynn for working on finalizing the plan. Don't let the initial conceptual design box you in though, and don't forget to make it appealing to the broadest number of taxpayers and voters. High usage could be the best way to get voter tax support and user fees that pay the bills.

Speaking of which, have we figured out how to pay for the operating costs? I am absolutely opposed to it being shouldered by downtown harbor moorage ratepayers. My concern remains that the fallback will always be to raise stall fees to cover any budget shortfalls caused by this worthy project. Please keep working on the financial side. It may be the most important piece of the puzzle. Thanks, Bob Martin.