

Hi Becky,

Thanks for the meeting on 31 July to discuss the issues with the Town Landing in South China. I am glad that the community had the opportunity to express their varying points of view.

I think the health of the lake should be the priority in making decisions around lake access. At this point and with the current use, lake health is not a priority. As a result, access to the lake needs to change.

As one of the top 10 most polluting sites on the lake, this access point needs to be addressed.

The environmental report cited by Geoff Hargadon needs to be a part of the outcome of the access remediation. The design and implementation of the re-working of the road has the potential to mitigate the current polluting inflow as well as being a model for re-working other polluting camp roads around the lake.

Vehicle access needs to be limited. One of the speakers said that trucks and trailers keep getting bigger and bigger, this needs to be recognized because they do! The water is not deep there, but big trucks with big boats and big trailers use this access point. All those years ago when this access point was developed, it was used by fishermen with little boats. Those days are over! The big trucks degrade the lake shore and immediate lake bed with their weight and aggressively treaded wheels. In addition, there is no where for these giant vehicles to park. Town Landing roadside parking is not a viable option.

In addition, there is no over-site of boats contaminated with invasive species of weeds. This is a big problem. Once those weeds are introduced, it will be an immense project to get rid of them.

The boat access points in Vassalboro and China are designed for large boats and trucks. Both access points have parking for the towing vehicles. And, they too, have inspectors. These access points are designed for big boats and trucks. The boating public should be directed to these access points.

Limiting boat access and parking on the Town Landing Road is important to the health of the lake. Rebuilding the Town Landing Road to mitigate the runoff into the lake is important to the health of the lake. These outcomes must be achieved in the next phase of the Town Landing Road.

Thank you for allowing the community to express their opinions on this important issue.

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