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Town of Urbana Town Board

8014 Pleasant Valley Rd.

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RE: Depot Park Dock Issues

To whom this may concern;

My name is Steve DiMarzo and I am a resident of The Town of Urbana, residing at 10277 Glen Grove Pt, Hammondsport, NY 14840.

Keuka lake is such a wonderful asset to this community and one of the main reasons for the community's successful existence. This lake unlike most other Fingerlakes has numerous unique destination opportunities by both land and sea. The numerous restaurants accessible by boat in addition to the walkability to The Village of Hammondsport by boat from Depot Park most importantly, is unparalleled.

There are many problems with the public docks at Depot Park, including:

- 1) The current floating docks are in disrepair causing a high risk of safety hazard
 - a. There are numerous loose & partially rotten deck boards;
 - b. No cleats to tie-off boats;
 - i. To tie-off a boat on the current dock one must tie their line to the rusted bar-joints beneath the deck;
- 2) The docks are not Handicap accessible i.e.: they do not meet ADA standards currently;
- 3) The slips are too short for most boats;
- 4) There are not enough slips to accommodate the number of boats wishing to dock and walk into town;
 - a. Currently there are 14 slips of which 2-3 are allocated to the boat rental people and 1 is used for boaters utilizing the adjacent boat launch leaving approximately 10 slips

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available to the public. Of the 10 remaining slips only 3 can accommodate a vessel greater than 16 feet long;

- b. In the new design I would propose somewhere in the range of 30 boat slips or about 1% of the total number of waterfront residences

Benefits to new and increased number of public docking facilities:

- 1) Potential decrease in insurance premiums due
- 2) Potential for State Grant or private funding
- 3) Potential for revenue generation through a minimal cost hourly rate parking meter for boaters to utilize the facility
- 4) Increased utilization by boaters relates to increased Village business revenue

With the above mentioned items being taken into account I respectfully request the Town of Urbana to include dock replacement and expansion in their 2022 budget. With municipal bond rates as low as they are, increased revenue from higher value home sales and increased interest in the general area, this is the most advantageous time for The Town to make this investment into the community public dock infrastructure

Sincerely,



Steven M DiMarzo

Cc:

Town Clerk

Keuka Lake Association