

## APPENDIX 4-1

From: Richard Getz, 19 Payson Road  
To: Theo H.B.M. Holwijk, Director of Long Range Planning

RE: 260 Foreside Road (Brown Property)

Dear Mr. Holtwijk...

When I look at the use of not only the current parking lot, but also the town landing and waterfront, it appears we are paying for access and parking for towns like Yarmouth and Cumberland, and others... which have public access to their waterfronts. As long as we, Falmouth residents, continue to spend on improving our facilities, neither of those towns will have to use their tax dollars to develop their own waterfronts.

This development of the Brown property has obviously been in the works for some time, as no town would or should be spending tax payer's money on land for which they have no intended use.

Dick Getz

KINDLY READ THIS AT THE MEETING TONIGHT,  
AS I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND.



Complaining without offering solutions to resolve a problem only adds to the problem. Accordingly, I respectfully request the Town Council take prompt action on the following:

1. Immediately lift the Town Council imposed ban on mooring permits for moorings to be accessed from the town landing and authorize the Harbormaster to issue permits to those on the waiting list with priority given to residents of Falmouth. As previously mentioned there are a like number of applicants on the waiting list as moorings given up this year. This action should not stress the parking situation any greater than it has been in the past.

2. Resolve the town landing parking situation prior to the start of next years boating season. Priority use for the "Brown" property should be for Town Landing parking as originally intended. If the Town Council decides to use it otherwise then some or all of the following recommendations should be implemented:

3. Reserve remaining space in the Town mooring fields for use by Town of Falmouth residents. Issue future mooring permits to non-Falmouth residents on a one- out/one- in basis. ie, If a non resident gives up a mooring then that mooring be offered to the next non-resident on the waiting list.

4. Re-zone the “Bike Path” lane on Route 88 across from the Town Landing Market(North & South) as designated parking for Town landing use during the boating season, May-October. The “Bike Path” lane in this area is excessively wide(more than a vehicle’s width)for a distance of 3 to 4 tenths of a mile. The recently enacted state laws pertaining to bicycle use on Maine roads obviates the need for designated “Bike Paths” on our roads. It is noted that, except for this area, no other such signs are posted along the highway. Use of this space for Town Landing parking would accommodate approximately 75+ vehicles.

5. At the Town Landing there are currently three(3) parking spaces designated for Harbormaster/Emergency vehicle use only. Occasionally the Town of Falmouth “Handy-Van” is parked in one of these spaces.(Hardly an emergency vehicle .).Other than that, two of the spaces are usually unoccupied . If an emergency arises at the Town Landing an emergency vehicle will be parked as close to the scene as practicable and does not need a designated parking space. Recommend remove two(2) of these restricted parking signs and use these spaces for general parking or, re-designate for Handicapped use as there is only one space allocated for such parking.

6. On any given day many of the parking spaces at the Town Landing parking areas are not used by Mooring Permit holders. Rather, they are used by people using the beach area, fishing, having a picnic or otherwise just enjoying the waterfront. Many of the vehicles parked do not display a current Town of Falmouth parking decal and often are from out of state. Recommend the following:

A. Restrict parking in the Town Landing Parking areas on weekends & holidays(highest density use)during the boating season (May-October) to Mooring Permit holders only. Issue special decals to permit holders and post ticket & tow signs that indicate a first offense will be issued a warning and subsequent violations will be result in a parking ticket(and/or towed).

B. At all other times restrict parking at the Town Landing parking areas to only those vehicles displaying a valid Town of Falmouth Parking/Transfer Station parking decal with ticket & tow consequences as above.

7. Utilize off-site parking. Fund and provide shuttle service twice a day

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(early morning/evening) on weekends & holidays. Use the Town of Falmouth Handy-Van for the shuttle or authorize use of a Falmouth school bus to provide this service. Possible parking sites include:

A. The parking spaces at the Town recreation area(Gazebo) behind the Regal Cinemas.

B. Town Library parking spaces except during special functions: book signings, etc.

C. Ballfield parking areas across from the Town Library.

D. Plummer Elementary School parking lots.

E. Unused parking spaces in the Falmouth Mall area(Shaw's).Contract use of these areas perhaps by the good will of the owners or by contracting/leasing or providing the owners with a tax incentive for use of some spaces.