

Weir River Estuary Park Committee
Meeting March 22, 2008
Showboat Property on GWB in Hull

Participants

From Hull: Courtney Mullen-WREP, Scott Plympton-WREP, Judy Dörner-Hull Garden Club, Don Ritz-Design Review Board, Jon Mongeau- Hillside neighbor, Paul Hiltz-Barnstable Street neighbor
From Hingham: Faith Burbank-WREP, Jim Rodgers-WREP
From Cohasset: Dick Avery-WREP

Comments Captured

Define Boundaries:

- * Currently contained primarily by black chain link fencing installed to secure a proposed use as boat storage area.
- * Approximately 150 feet bordering water with riprap
- * Site overlooks shellfish beds exposed at low tide
- * Overall triangular shape is pinched where house lot intrudes
- * How to mark boundaries without an ugly fence?
- * Mask adjacent house

Brainstormed Ideas:

1. Should be a restful place to rest -- with benches and picnic tables
2. Display plant/vegetative matter-- memorial trees; interpretive displays of native grasses, shrubs, trees, wildflowers; community garden plots for condo dwellers across GWB ("Victory Gardens")
3. Sculpture Garden by Hull artists
4. Historical Photos and synopses *vis* view points
5. Gateway to Hull-- a la Marshfield gazebo at Rts. 3A and 139
 - Introductions to what Hull has to offer
 - a place for waterside weddings
6. Site for art shows and similar events
7. Bikeway / pedestrian path stop-off point--
 - Map kiosk of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset Greenway
 - Connect to Estuary Center and Weir River Woods
8. Access to Estuary -- mid to high tide for paddle craft; low tide for clamming
9. Dog park
10. Include limited parking and a turnaround -- for Chatham Street plus events
11. Have Town of Hull acquire adjacent house as a community center

Plans-to-Action Options:

- A. Need a survey of boundaries and abutting properties and easements
- B. Meet with Design Review Board and develop concepts and sketches
- C. Use a local Landscape Architect such as Carol Thomas
- D. Sponsor a Design Competition for local arts community (Jon will followup)
- E. Hold a design Charette
- F. Need a Maintenance Plan for whatever develops
- G. Need a Funding Plan to support maintenance