

We, the Maritime Use Subcommittee, envision the purchase and renovation of the ferry terminal property to provide maritime and transportation solutions for the residents of Bar Harbor and visitors to our town.

**We value public access to the waterfront that honors the history, culture, and beauty of Bar Harbor for recreation and enjoyment purposes.**

Bar Harbor's waterfront is at capacity with multiple users crowding into limited space on both the water and the land. While we see a facility that will generate income for the town (either by leasing or by providing direct services), our vision starts with the needs of locals.

We envision:

- A marina to include docks, slips and moorings for local and visiting boaters
- A docking facility to potentially accommodate ferries, tender boats and/or small cruise ships
- Amenities for boaters including parking, bathrooms, showers, water, electricity, WIFI, fuel
- A safe, all-tides launching ramp, with parking for trailers
- A parking and intermodal transportation hub
- A beautiful space with paths, benches and picnic tables
- Education spaces: classroom, museum, information

**We value the cultural and economic contribution of commercial fishing in Bar Harbor.**

Congestion and competing uses at the Town Pier leave fishermen with limited and inadequate resources.

We envision:

- Significant parking at the ferry terminal to relieve parking pressure on the Town Pier and downtown
- Amenities for fishermen at the ferry terminal site including a hoist, launching ramp, boat trailer parking, fuel and potential to lease space for commercial fishing services
- Room for the future of fishing- aquaculture, new and restored fisheries
- Expanded mooring access

**We value our quality of life as a small, year-round community.**

Our town government values citizen input and our community works together on projects as varied as building a new playground, delivering Thanksgiving baskets for families in need, and supporting community theater. Our plan for the ferry terminal addresses the needs of residents by relieving downtown and pier traffic and creating a new community space.

We envision:

- Creating an attractive, site-specific parking area to increase the town's parking stock
- Developing, after careful study, a tour bus staging area for ground- and cruise-based tourists
- Creating a new, beautiful facility that will support community interaction

**We value the quality of experience for tourists.**

We take pride in our Bar Harbor brand as a world-renowned tourist destination. Showcasing our natural environment while providing over two million visitors per year with lodging, shopping, restaurants, excursion tours, and the arts is a skill set honed over centuries of visitation.

We envision:

- Building a marina that will offer infrastructure for commercial boat tours, ferry service, sailing excursions, and the use of a boat ramp while maintaining an appropriate visual scale
- Defining our brand into the future as a destination that offers a high quality experience with well-planned parking, transportation and informational services
- Carefully examining the impact of the new facility on existing downtown businesses

**We value fiscal responsibility.**

We recognize the investment needed to create a marina and parking facility at the ferry terminal.

We envision:

- Seeking grants that support public access to the water and working waterfront development to offset capital costs
- Seeking philanthropic donations to offset acquisition and construction costs to taxpayers
- Creating a facility that is both beautiful and cost effective
- Including multiple revenue sources such as: docking fees, commercial dock leases, mooring rentals, parking fees, building leases and cruise ship tendering/ small cruise ship berthing

**We value preserving and protecting the natural environment.**

Surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, historic farmland, and Acadia National Park, residents of Bar Harbor have long relied on the bounty of the ocean, the land and the scenery from which to make our livelihood. To preserve our natural surroundings for future generations and to protect its ecological health is crucial.

We envision:

- Assessing the impact of a multi-use maritime facility on bay water quality and marine life
- Enacting protective steps and maintenance policies to ensure minimal impact
- Monitoring of any discharge/effluent from multi-use activities



