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**STANDARD OIL DOCK - WASHINGTON ISLAND, WI
PROPOSED BOAT LAUNCH & PARKING**

SCALE: 1"=60'
APRIL 19, 2014

April 18th, 2014

At the Annual Town meeting, one of the points of discussion is intended to be something that's been talked about for many months. The purchase of the "Standard Oil Dock" from Ray Hansen. As I wrote in the Observer in the past, Ray's asking price is \$450,000 dollars. There have been ideas discussed about the possibility of also swapping out our current launch facility and money rather than just money. That decision has to be made as well. But, for the purpose of this final note, attached is a possible layout of what the property could be as determined by many discussions with the Door County Planning Department and the WisDNR. It provides some onsite parking for vehicles and trailers, with the overflow to be across the street as is currently, a new double boat launch, floating dock on the north and a rehabilitation of the existing pier structure providing public fishing and picnic access. The big bonus is that a fish cleaning station has been incorporated into the plan as well, which is something that has been on the radar for a really long time!

I can't give exact or specific numbers, but after several meetings and discussions with the WisDNR, it has been determined that the Town would be eligible for several WisDNR grant programs to make all these modifications and repairs. Typically they are anywhere from 60-80 % matching grants and some are even higher. There are limited grants available for purchase that we could apply for "after the fact" to offset a purchase even if we choose, but the Town would still need to have ownership to do so.

I have heard much community support and conversation for this type of project. I think it's an opportunity that we know will enhance what the Town has and provide better-continued access to the water for our growing public use.

Secondly, as mentioned in the past, another opportunity for property acquisition is from Ann Rice-Maletzke, adjoining the ballpark property. There are no specific ideas yet determined for this property, but no doubt, would it provide the opportunity for the possibility of off street parking if a parking lot was put on the property. It has been an idea that the "log cabin" could be used for many smaller meetings for any use that arise for the public or private. A museum for the history of the Island Baseball club and Door County League was also mentioned! It would also solve the issue of the Town having to lease annually the ability to go over the property to access our FAST System and Little League Field.

In Closing, please think about these ideas and come to the annual meeting on the 22nd and be prepared to ask questions, provide comments and vote on whether or not the Town should act on these opportunities being provided to us.

Happy Easter to all,

Joel