

**BLOOMSBURG SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OR TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM)
THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025, 8 A.M.**

PUBLIC CAN JOIN:

DIAL: +1 646 558 8656 US & INCLUDE THE MEETING ID: 456-920-3798 & PRESS #.

JOIN ONLINE AT: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4569203798>.

Call to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Council remarks.

Citizens to be heard.

1. **PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE- James Garman.**
 - a. Discussion of the boat launch project. Direction is needed on the project and one of the two options below are needing action.
 - i. Approval of laying a roll of geotextile fabric over the topsoil and putting a layer of shale about 1 foot thick in the amount of \$48,000 (keep the entire boat launch project paved).
 - ii. Approval of only paving the area between the ADA accessible walkway and the boat launch including the Handicap Parking spaces and saving \$36,000. Note: the Town would be changing the quantity of paving and that might adjust the unit price of paving therefore having an increase to the project. The cost of that increase is unknown at this time.

Next Meeting: July 14, 2025

Lisa Dooley

From: Andrew Keister <akeister@livicco.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 8:06 AM
To: Lisa Dooley; Charles Fritz; John Fritz
Subject: Boat Launch - silt under parking area

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From: Lisa Dooley
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 1:16 PM
To: Andrew Keister
Cc: Brady Brink; John Fritz; Charles Fritz; Mike Reffeor; Michael Fosse
Subject: RE: Boat Launch - silt under parking area

Thanks Andy. I would request someone from LIVIC to be present at the meeting on Thursday at 8 a.m. to address the question of why this wasn't in the original bid.

Lisa M. Dooley
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As a follow-up, if you left the lot as stone subbase and only paved the area between the ADA accessible walkway and the boat launch including the H/C parking spaces, you could save approx. \$36,000 based on current unit prices. Since you'd be changing the quantity of the paving substantially, I suspect that Bower might request an adjustment to the unit prices but I have no idea what that might amount to at this point in time.



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Andy,

Would it be possible to stone the lot and only pave the designated handicap parking area?

If so, could you please summarize a proposal outlining this alternate option so we can submit it to DCNR for review prior to Thursday? I'd like to ensure we have all potential options prepared for Council's consideration.

Also for the change order from last week (tree removal, etc.) will that be a formal document for the meeting as well to be voted on? At least it will take the \$48k figure down a bit.

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Council,

Please see the update below regarding the Boat Launch Project.

I wanted to check if Thursday, July 3rd at 1:00 p.m. would work for a Special Council meeting to take action on this active project.

This morning, I inquired whether the alternate option for the connector road to Streater Field could be removed to help reduce project costs. However, I was informed that removing this component is not feasible as work was already done to this area.

Please let me know your availability. In person or Zoom attendance will be acceptable.

-Lisa

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Yes.



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Andy,

I would need Council approval for this change order. I would have to advertise a special meeting. Would this Thursday work for an answer?

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From: Lisa Dooley
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 1:33 PM
To: Andrew Keister; John Fritz
Subject: Re: Boat Launch

Andy,

Sounds good to proceed as it will be a cost savings. We have committee the second week of July.

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From: Andrew Keister <akeister@livicco.com>
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Subject: RE: Boat Launch

OK, did you tell Ernie that?



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Andy we can remove the trees A
Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 24, 2025, at 9:51 AM, Andrew Keister <akeister@livicco.com> wrote:

Bower has excavated for the parking area and I met with them last Friday. There's a large tree along the side of the ramp that we don't want to impact and the soil under the parking lot is really soft because it's all topsoil and silt. It's likely we'll need to over excavate under the parking and install some stone to make it stable. I'm trying to limit additional expenses for construction so I'm considering the following to offset costs:

1. Get rid of the slight bend in the ramp. We designed it that way to match the existing dirt ramp. To do this, I'll need to remove 3-4 smaller trees but one is dead, another is pretty small and the other two aren't anything great either.
2. Reduce the ramp width to 16'. This eliminates a little excavation and saves some money on concrete and pavement so I can free up a little budget for the tree removal and additional excavation we might need to do at the top.

This might not completely eliminate additional cost for work under the parking lot but it should help get us close. The tree removal is about \$4,800 and I can save roughly \$8,000 by making the ramp narrower.

I'm also more comfortable making the ramp narrower since we're straightening it out so it's easier to use and it will still be wider than what we originally proposed so I think it's fine.

I don't see any other good options, so I'd like to direct them to proceed and then we can follow up with paperwork to confirm everything.

Any comments or questions on this?

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