

**Government Operations Committee**

**Monday, October 19, 2015 at 5:15 pm**

**City Council Chambers**

**Agenda**

1. Presentation: Bangor Area Restorative Collaborative – Cheryl Robertson
  - The Bangor Area Restorative Collaborative (BARC), one of eight new collaboratives in Maine, is supported by the Restorative Justice Institute of Maine in Brunswick. Restorative practices is an approach that works not only with our juvenile justice system, but also in area schools and in community building. This relational approach shifts energy away from a system focused on doing "to", to one centered on repairing harm and rebuilding relationships. Restorative practice work is global and already working in a variety of settings and contexts, including prisons, leadership models, and reintegration programs.
  
2. Proposed Relocation of Dock 1 for Spring 2016
  - Please see the attached memorandum from Parks and Recreation Director Tracy Willette

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Government Operations Committee  
FROM: Tracy Willette, Director  
Parks and Recreation  
SUBJ: Relocating Dock 1  
DATE: October 14, 2015

Approximately eight years ago, the City relocated Dock 1 from a location adjacent to Waterfront Park to its current location at the downstream end of the bulkhead along the Waterfront. In addition, City crews altered the structures of each float to make it easier for recreational boats or other paddle craft such as kayaks to enter the water. The thought was that by locating the dock at this end would encourage recreational use in the Penobscot River.

Over the years, staff has observed that the recreational boating use has been minimal. In addition the dock tends to get used more for other activities other than its original intent. Further, since we no longer install Dock 5, its location is somewhat remote in relation to the other docks.

In addition to the above point, we also received feedback from participants during the 2015 Kenduskeag Stream Canoe race regarding the takeout point for the race. Since the beginning of the race, the takeout has been along the shore at Gomez Park. At low tide, the embankment is quite steep with rocks and other debris which creates a challenging landing for participants.

Given each scenario, staff has discussed the concept of moving Dock 1 back to its original location adjacent to Waterfront Park. The thought is that we would encourage more recreational boating use given its proximity to the confluence of the Kenduskeag Stream to the Penobscot River and it would allow for easier monitoring by the Harbormaster given its closer proximity to the other docks. There is parking available close by. This move would also give us an easier and safer exit for Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race participants. The bulkhead anchoring and attachments are still in place and the structures being used currently would easily be accommodated at the Waterfront Park location.

This concept was discussed and unanimously approved by the Parks, Recreation, and Harbor Committee. Staff is recommending approval of this move and we are asking for the Committee's approval. We will be at your meeting if you have any questions.