

Port of Port Townsend Commission

Comments for the May 13, 2020, Regular Meeting

Read aloud for Agenda item III. Public Comment:

From: Eric Taylor <spamcan57@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:24 AM

To: Eron Berg <Eron@portofpt.com>; Pete Hanke <phanke@portofpt.com>; Bill Putney <bill@portofpt.com>; Pam Petranek <Pam@portofpt.com>; Gary Lanthrum <glanthrum@gmail.com>

Subject: Runway project changes

Hi Eron Berg & Port commissioners:

Scuttlebutt is that Scarsella Bros has discovered some issues with the substrata under the runway, and that this will be discussed at today's Port meeting- although I don't see it listed on the published meeting agenda.

Having worked in commercial construction my whole life, I know that it is standard procedure to ask for "dollars & days" when considering a change or addition to the scope of work.

The current 6-week airport closure is already putting quite an economic strain on the airport businesses. It is also terribly inconveniencing the airport's 100+ resident pilots (including myself) -- all of whose hangar rents & land lease payments to the Port must continue to be paid in spite of not having an operational airport.

I would urge the port to do their best to minimize any increase to the existing closure schedule, even if it costs a little more to do so.

Thank you for your attention,

Eric Taylor

President, A Hangar Condo Assn

Treasurer, Jefferson County Pilots Assn

cc Gary Lanthrum

Read aloud for Agenda item VII.C. Discussion and Recommendations re Variance in reopening plan:

From: **Christopher Brignoli** <cbptship@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, May 13, 2020 at 10:22 AM

Subject: Gradual reopening of the Port- Public comment

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Chris Brignoli
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For public comment:

Commissioners Pete Hanke, Pam Petranek, Bill Putney, and Executive Director Eron Berg:

The decision to open our county to certain phase 2 operations is a difficult one. We are struck with the balance of economic well being, mental health, and caring for our vulnerable population. In addition, we have very limited in-county health care resources which can only handle a limited number of new CV-19 cases.

Within our business, (Port Townsend Shipwrights) we have limited our work thus far to essential commercial fleet vessels, and recently have begun to finish some existing projects on recreational vessels that are already on our site. We are following strict safety guidelines. We practice social distancing, no congregating, no visitors, mandatory mask wearing inside our facilities, no boat owners allowed. We record employees' temperatures daily. We are doing this to protect our community from the spread of the virus. Our employees are doing an exceptional job at following these safety guidelines.

I feel that it is too soon to open the port to haul outs of recreational vessels from outside of county to be worked on by their owners, as this may vary significantly impact our community's exposure to the virus. I do support a limited controlled allowance of haul outs for boats that are locally owned, for owners to work on, with the expectation that they will follow Covid-19 safety guidelines. However, I do not support vessel owners who keep their boats in the Boat Haven but live in Seattle, or other higher risk areas from hauling and working on their boats here. It feels to me that the risk is just too great. Once Governor Inslee opens up all of Washington for Phase 2, I think we could re-evaluate our position in allowing out of county boat owners to haul and work on their boats.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Chris Brignoli
Port Townsend Shipwrights