



Come Join us for a

Quilcene Community

MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 2021 at 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Quilcene Community Center
294952 US Highway 101

“We’re still listening, Quilcene.”
~ Port of Port Townsend



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COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE
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Please note: This informal meeting with Port staff will be held in-person at the Quilcene Community Center. Please remember to socially distance! Mask mandate is in effect.* There will be no meeting access via Zoom or phone.

BACKGROUND & PURPOSE:

During the summer of 2021, Port consultant Jeannie McMacken engaged with the citizens of south Jefferson County and Quilcene to better understand community concerns and hopes for the future of the Herb Beck Marina facility. On October 13, Jeannie presented the findings of the initial Community Outreach effort to the Port Commission. She summarized seven key themes that emerged from her listening sessions, as seen in the sidebar.

On October 27, the Commission endorsed moving ahead with a series of conversational, collaborative meetings in Quilcene to further refine the community’s input into a series of actionable recommendations for the Port. Staff is eager to initiate these meetings and to work with the community to develop an actionable plan for facility improvements.

Please join us at the Quilcene Community Center at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16 to continue our conversation. The meeting is intended to be informal, conversational, and comfortable, and will provide an opportunity to share ideas about how best to respond to the needs and desires expressed by the community. Over the course of several months, we will be holding additional meetings as we work with you to develop recommendations for the Port Commission.

KEY PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE US AS WE CONTINUE THIS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT:

Broad Community Support: Our recommendations should be broadly supported and align with the wider community’s vision for the future.

Mission Alignment: Our efforts must be consistent with, and help to implement, the mission and purpose of the Port as a special purpose government under state law.

Triple-Bottom Line Decision-making: We should balance the economic, environmental, as well as social consequences of the actions we recommend to the Commission.

We look forward to your participation in this important conversation. In this initial meeting, we hope to discuss:

- 1) development of a long-term vision for the facility;
- 2) concrete actions we can take to improve the facility consistent with the community’s vision; and
- 3) how to prioritize and fund potential action items.

Seven Key Themes that Emerged from Summer Listening Sessions:

Passion: Residents and marina users are passionate about the facility, and its significance to the community and their individual lives.

Skepticism: Some feel that the concerns voiced over the years have been dismissed by the Port in the past and are skeptical that their opinions will be valued now.

Environment: Protection of the environment and the pristine ecology of the bay are of paramount concern to many.

Economy: While economic development is valued, there is a desire to ensure that it is of the right character and appropriately scaled to preserve what’s best about the facility.

Privatization: Apprehensions linger that the Port may want to sell all or a part of the facility to the private sector.

Neglect: Many noted that the Port had long neglected facility repairs and maintenance, leading to a generally degraded appearance.

Health & Safety: Some believe the facility neglect issue raises legitimate concerns for the public health and safety if left unaddressed.

*Everyone aged 5 and older in Jefferson County must wear a face covering in indoor public spaces, regardless of their vaccination status, as ordered by Dr. Allison Berry, Health Officer for Jefferson and Clallam Counties.