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## Mega Corp Mega Yachts Set to Take Over Rockland Harbor The City Council is Doing Nothing!



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NOTICE - September 1, 2021

Applicant: SHM Rockland, LLC

Proposal: To enlarge an existing marina by placing a float system that would extend an additional 20 feet north with four 150 ft. long fingers to the east of the main pier, a 90 ft. finger to the west at the seaward end, a 115 ft. string of floats and a 172 ft. string of floats extending to the west placed north of the existing fingers, and to the inside of the T-Head of the main float system. The southwest portion of the existing marina float system would be reconfigured to add one additional 30 ft. finger at the most southwest corner. The float system would extend approximately 400 feet beyond the mean low-water line on submerged lands for commercial marina purposes. The applicant also proposes to dredge approximately 138,000 square feet within the area proximate to the marina. Location: Rockland Harbor, Ocean Street, City of Rockland

The Bureau of Parks and Lands (Bureau) has received an application to occupy submerged lands for the project described above. Pursuant to Title 12 M.R.S.A., Section 1801 & 1862, the Bureau serves as trustee of submerged lands for the State of Maine. Submerged lands include all land from the mean low-water mark seaward to the 3-mile territorial limit including all land below the mean low-water mark of tidal rivers upstream to the farthest natural reaches of the tides.

Before the proposal may take place, the applicant must obtain a lease or easement from the Bureau. A lease or easement may be granted for the project if it will not:

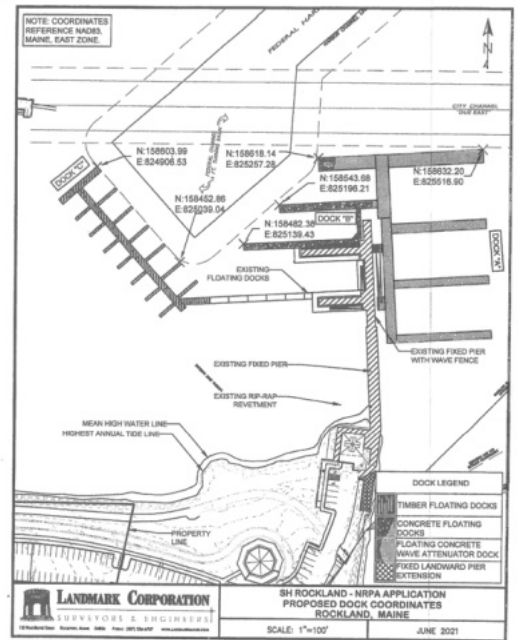
- unreasonably interfere with customary or traditional public access ways to, or public trust rights (fishing, fowling, recreation, and navigation) in, on or over the submerged lands;
unreasonably interfere with fishing or other existing marine uses of the area;
unreasonably diminish the availability of services and facilities necessary for commercial marine activities; and
unreasonably interfere with ingress and egress of riparian owners.

A copy of the site plan is attached for information. Any interested party or anyone who is knowledgeable about the area is welcome to comment on possible impacts to the activities listed above. Comments must be received on or before October 1, 2021.

For more information, please contact Karen Foust, Bureau of Parks and Lands. Phone: (207) 287-6128 Fax: (207) 287-6170 Email: Karen.L.Foust@maine.gov www.maine.gov/dacf/submergedlands

cc: Department of Marine Resources

Please note that all comments received are part of the public record and subject to the State of Maine Freedom of Access laws.



## Now or Never

All it would take is a Resolve from the City Council and the application would almost certainly be denied by the State. The rule is clear (see letter aside) that private development cannot be allowed to interfere with traditional public access to the harbor. If the City would simply tell the State that this is the case, this diabolical project would not go through. But the City says nothing! Why? What incentives are being offered to our elected representatives, what manner of intimidations, what misrepresentations, that have deterred them from protecting our rights?

Is it too late now? Can nothing be done? Will the Mega Yachts of the super rich now be parked in the City channel, blocking access to our public landing? Will the view from our Harbor Park of our harbor and lighthouse, the heritage of all our citizens, rich and poor, now be a view of the devil in the form of the floating monstrosities that our new peonage has spawned?

Aux armes, citoyens!

--Publius



## Comment Period Extended!

Joe: I sent my letter to the Bureau, and got the below response -- a 2-week extension. Judy

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Foust, Karen L <karen.l.foust@maine.gov> To: Judy Pasqualge <jwaterspasq@yahoo.com> Sent: Thursday, 16 September 2021, 04:51:05 pm GMT-4 Subject: RE: Rockland Harbor dredging, new floats application by SHM Rockland, LLC

Dear Ms. Pasqualge, Thank you for your email. Due to the amount of public interest in the project the Bureau made the decision this afternoon to extend the comment period until October 15th, 2021 to allow ample time for people to comment. The full NRPA application is being added to our website under Major Projects and a copy of the Notice for Public Comment has also been added.

Regards, Karen Foust

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Back in the 1970's I was a grade school teacher at South School.

Our principal was Gary Small. His family owned Fullers Market on Crescent St. in the South End. Weekends we would walk up and down Pacific Street to go to Fuller's Market to see Gary and his wife, Millie. Then we would get sandwiches, popsicles and beer. Gary related to me that back in the 1950's he used to deliver groceries to Mrs. Perry who was a principal of McClain School and owned the house we presently live at on Mechanic St.

The other day, I visited the Rockland Historical Society and had a lively conversation with Gil Merriam and Ann Morris. He remembers the busy neighborhood store and all the boxes lined up ready to provision grub orders to the fishing boats and trawlers. Local families bought their groceries there and ran a "tab". Some had them delivered.

I look at the store now and wonder, what is it's future?

--- Anne Pavalkis

### MacDougal Park Ribbon Cutting & Community Picnic planned for September 19th

A Ribbon Cutting and Community Picnic will be held in Rockland's MacDougal Park on Sunday, September 19th from 1-3pm to celebrate new park improvements. The ribbon cutting will take place at 1:15pm, and a free hotdog lunch will follow. The community is invited to play games, explore a construction truck, enjoy the new swing set, take home flower seeds from the community farm, and stroll around the park on the new paths.

This picnic is celebrating:

- the newly installed path around the park, and entrance to Eliza Steele Drive
- the kickoff of fundraising for the MacDougal Park Inclusive Playground by the Rockland Rotary Club
- the development of gardens and trees

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## WEEK SEVENTY-NINE

### COVID-19 RANDOM NOTES WHILE SHELTERING IN PLACE

By Phyllis Merriam

Signs of the fall season are emerging: A few saffron-colored leaves on the Big Maple are beginning to appear; fields of orange pumpkins await the harvest; apple cider is available again in super markets and apple orchards offer a variety of heirloom apples and freshly pressed cider. September and October are my favorite months with their usually sunny, blue-sky days and warm, to evolving, bracing crisp air.

A clear blue September day always reminds me of 9/11. I was in my internship and we were all sent home with no plan for what to do next. It's now the twentieth anniversary. Americans remember clearly where they were when the planes hit. In viewing current news coverage, I find I somehow didn't remember the details about the fourth plane that slammed into the Pentagon killing 182 people. To me, the most heartbreaking scenes from the Twin Towers were videos and stills of people jumping from the Twin Towers to their deaths. Our brains sometimes repress horrific events as a way of managing them. In her trauma, America was embraced by the world. Then the administration falsely claimed Iraq had something to do with 9/11 and launched war there on the phony basis of "weapons of mass destruction." Our credibility went downhill from there with photos from Abu Ghraib of prisoner torture and humiliation by our own servicemen and women. Now our political and vaccination partitions are so shredded, as a people and as a nation, it feels to me like a domestic endemic. We even have our own domestic terrorists who stormed our US Capitol last January 6th. All Americans should watch former President Bush's speech yesterday at the 9/11 Memorial. He seems to have evolved from the Bush of 9/11 to the Bush of 1/6.

Meanwhile, there will be a march on Washington DC September 18th of supporters of the January 6th domestic terrorists. I hope law enforcement is better prepared than last January. They are re-erecting the wall around the US Capitol before the 18th. What have we become to erect a wall against dangerous fellow Americans?

#### Local Color:

A woman walking the Harbor Trail wears orange sneakers the same color of the clouds at sunset over the Head of the Bay.

A male customer in a white T-shirt and boxer shorts at the South End Grocery looked like he forgot to get dressed before leaving home.

So many adult males in Rockland dress like kids and also appear to have neglected to shampoo, shave, and shower and launder their clothes for weeks on end. It must be a dessert out there for young women looking for attractive adult male companionship.

A Golden Retriever walks by with a stuffed Golden Retriever toy in its mouth.

An RN friend told me PenBay Medical Center is being overwhelmed with unvaccinated Covid patients. There are no more beds available due to local patients and patients being sent from other hospitals, which have no more beds. Cardiac Rehab has been suspended, as have elective surgeries. Wait times for annual mammograms can be as long 8 to 12 months. The biologic, Regeneron, is being given to unvaccinated Covid patients vs. the vaccinated with breakthrough infections. Health care is being rationed here and around the country.

This morning, after I fed the crows breakfast, I heard a great cacophony of their alarm vocalizations and saw a cat had come to eat their food. I chased the cat away, which I've seen for years, and is healthy and must be someone's pet. The crows didn't return until evening to finish dining. One of them dug up and ate the peanuts a squirrel had buried for later in one of my plant pots.

