

## Talbot Working Waterfronts- Tilghman Public Meeting

### Topic #1: “Working Waterfront” Word Association

Table	Word Association	
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fisheries</li> <li>• Endangered watermen</li> <li>• Genuine</li> <li>• Commerce</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterman</li> <li>• Workboats</li> <li>• Culture</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Viable watermen</li> <li>• Traditions</li> <li>• Workboats</li> <li>• Jobs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insufficient capacity</li> <li>• Steamed crabs</li> <li>• Tilghman Island</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watermen</li> <li>• Workboats</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Jobs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water access</li> <li>• Crabs &amp; oysters</li> <li>• Salty air</li> <li>• Marsh</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise/pollution</li> <li>• Watermen</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Charming workboats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Save Severn Marina</li> <li>• Oystering</li> <li>• Skipjacks</li> <li>• Protect the wetlands</li> </ul>
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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dredging</li> <li>• Boats</li> <li>• Workboats II</li> <li>• Recreational boats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watermen II</li> <li>• Local jobs</li> <li>• Boatyard</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seafood</li> <li>• Watermen</li> <li>• Conservation &amp; community</li> <li>• Docks, public &amp; private</li> <li>• All marinas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterways navigability-</li> <li>• boat ramps &amp; public access</li> <li>• Fishing piers &amp; crabbing</li> <li>• Workboats</li> <li>• Water trails-federal</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hard work</li> <li>• Marina</li> <li>• Jobs</li> <li>• Packing house</li> <li>• Tradition</li> <li>• Restaurants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seafood market</li> <li>• Need for dredging</li> <li>• More public waterfront</li> <li>• Beach spot</li> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• Friendly gov't relations</li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishing/crabs II</li> <li>• Oysters</li> <li>• Jobs/employed people</li> <li>• Waterfront dining</li> <li>• Watermen delivering fish, oysters, crabs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat repair/building (Severn)</li> <li>• Marina</li> <li>• Recreational boating</li> <li>• Non-profit (education, publicity)</li> <li>• Change: aquaculture (be part of it)</li> </ul>

**Topic #2: What should stay the same and what should change?**

Table	Stay Same	Change
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable dock space</li> <li>• Help watermen keep boats clean &amp; productive (microloans) = easier &amp; affordable; mini loan system for watermen to fix boat</li> <li>• Working dock space on Narrows</li> <li>• Slips for workboats</li> <li>• Affordable taxes/housing for working watermen</li> <li>• Neighborhood feel</li> <li>• Blend of “Come-heres” &amp; “Been-heres”</li> <li>• Island-related traditions</li> <li>• Maintain integrity/quaintness of the working watermen’s village</li> <li>• Focus on Chesapeake ecology/education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boats can’t get in- dredging problem</li> <li>• Dredge Knapp’s Narrows</li> <li>• Limit upscale development on Narrows</li> <li>• Gentrification of tax rates</li> <li>• Extreme County regulations for housing/remodeling</li> <li>• Cost of doing business</li> <li>• Efficiency of regulatory process</li> <li>• Control short-term rentals (AirBnB)</li> <li>• Regulations</li> <li>• More use of the school building</li> <li>• Better relations between watermen &amp; “newbies”</li> <li>• Easier walking</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change in watermen tradition II</li> <li>• Responsible growth</li> <li>• Protect the environment</li> <li>• School to stay open IIII</li> <li>• Close-knit community</li> <li>• Watermen’s village</li> <li>• Small houses &amp; neighborhoods II</li> <li>• Lower slower pace</li> <li>• Stores &amp; restaurants to stay open (County store &amp; gas station)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable housing for young couples &amp; families &amp; working people</li> <li>• Renewable economy</li> <li>• Infrastructure support</li> <li>• Financial support for affordable working marinas</li> <li>• Increased working watermen access</li> <li>• More public water access/beach III</li> <li>• Kayak ramps</li> <li>• Sidewalks &amp; bike paths on TI Rd.</li> <li>• Health clinic activated in school</li> <li>• Nurse practitioner to run clinic</li> <li>• Reopen library!</li> <li>• Increase youth activities</li> <li>• More watermen waterfront access II</li> <li>• Relax Pt. 2 activity</li> <li>• Small change</li> <li>• More local seafood outlets</li> <li>• Bypass around St. Michael’s</li> <li>• Bridge faster</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain small-town working watermen village II</li> <li>• Watermen’s access to water</li> <li>• Keep the neighborhood/feel/sense of community II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More robust</li> <li>• Increase businesses &amp; jobs (economic development)- internships for youth</li> <li>• Enhanced waterfront access/ public beach access</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trust- ability to come &amp; go without fear</li> <li>• Maintain public docks</li> <li>• Diversity of community- not all retirees</li> <li>• Simple housing in traditional style</li> <li>• Do not want condominiums</li> <li>• TI Inn rentals</li> <li>• Keep elementary school- large priority in community II</li> <li>• Preserve boatyards</li> <li>• Historic preservation- skipjacks, museum</li> <li>• Severn Marine</li> <li>• Maintain rural integrity/ agricultural zoning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dredging</li> <li>• Bicycle &amp; pedestrian safety</li> <li>• Tourist Regulation, vacation rental rules</li> <li>• Relocate recycling (for safety purposes- there is broken glass in park)</li> <li>• Reduce parking lots/impervious surfaces</li> <li>• Kayak/soft landing</li> <li>• More workboat slips</li> <li>• Enlarge Tonger's Basin to accommodate more watermen</li> <li>• Reduce trash &amp; littering in community areas</li> <li>• Need a health care facility</li> <li>• Sidewalks?? Controversial- boardwalk to avoid re-doing drainage system, some don't want due to increased taxes</li> <li>• Increased tourism</li> <li>• Ease restrictions on waterfront</li> <li>• Bring in commercial interests</li> <li>• Use firehouse for more events</li> <li>• TI Inn- improve exterior aesthetic</li> <li>• Better use of school</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep elementary school x III</li> <li>• Working harbors x IIIII</li> <li>• Successful community non-profits x II</li> <li>• Preserve church's cemetery x II</li> <li>• No supermarkets</li> <li>• Maintain character/proportional size of neighborhoods x III</li> <li>• Rural, quiet village character/charm</li> <li>• Maintain quiet neighborhoods II</li> <li>• Continue aggressive mosquito control</li> <li>• Preserve history</li> <li>• Working watermen presence</li> <li>• Continued support of successful non-profit organizations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean up II</li> <li>• Safe walk/bikeway x III</li> <li>• Community center x IIIII (particularly for youth/retirees/law enforcement recreation)</li> <li>• Improve road safety III</li> <li>• Better regulation for watermen (more friendly)</li> <li>• Improve roadways/public landings</li> <li>• Create walking trail from N→S island</li> <li>• Consider new location of trash bins around town</li> <li>• Get rid of recycling at Back Creek Park</li> <li>• Clean up common areas</li> <li>• Create incentives for affordable housing</li> <li>• Create health facility @ school of (future) community center</li> <li>• More scenic conservation wetland/wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Enhance affordable housing</li> </ul>
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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School III</li> <li>• Marinas are for watermen- water use driven economy II</li> <li>• Boat buildings</li> <li>• Zoning- keep way of life III</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ditching- fix problem (cover, walkway etc.)- safety issue- bike/walking path, perm concrete, esp. on Main St.; sidewalks</li> <li>• Police presence &amp; bicycle safety</li> <li>• Bring back local library</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small-town feel/ keep unincorporated II</li> <li>• Ambience of Knapp's Narrows (commercial)</li> <li>• Dogwood Harbor</li> <li>• Smaller single-family homes- no condos!</li> <li>• Keep our EMTs</li> <li>• Already have a good number of businesses</li> <li>• Preserve &amp; promote traditional water uses II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police substation- 24 hrs staffing, crime has become an issue</li> <li>• Historic district zoning- retain look &amp; feel, i.e. house colors</li> <li>• Commercialize T.ISL Rd.</li> <li>• Garbage &amp; recycling service/bins</li> <li>• Less restrictions/permitting- challenging to get things done</li> <li>• Narrows needs to be dredged</li> <li>• Ditches are dangerous</li> <li>• Roadways</li> <li>• Civic organizations</li> <li>• Less restrictions</li> <li>• Better use of school</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avalon</li> <li>• No sidewalks</li> <li>• Dogwood Harbor</li> <li>• Tonker's Basin</li> <li>• No sidewalks- 25 mph</li> <li>• Slips for watermen</li> <li>• Railway for workboats</li> <li>• Keep elementary school IIII</li> <li>• Small town atmosphere</li> <li>• Watermen/working character</li> <li>• Seafood industry</li> <li>• INC. restaurants</li> <li>• County docks- Knapp's Narrows open</li> <li>• Preserve wetland along Narrows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retail seafood</li> <li>• Better cell &amp; internet access</li> <li>• Improve bridge gates/lights sync!</li> <li>• Light change at Bridge Foster</li> <li>• Emergency com's at bridge</li> <li>• Promote seafood industry development on south side</li> <li>• Reduce pollution in narrows/waterway</li> <li>• Better Parks&amp;Rec maintenance of Dogwood Harbor &amp; Tonger's Basin</li> <li>• Back Creek Park maintenance</li> <li>• Public water access- fishing/crabbing pier/dock on narrows</li> <li>• Homes- permits for 3<sup>rd</sup> story on water</li> <li>• Restriction commercial development on Narrows</li> <li>• No mega mansions</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing community</li> <li>• Character/sense of community</li> <li>• Keep Tilghman school open</li> <li>• Watermen village</li> <li>• Low development/density</li> <li>• Identify &amp; capitalize on history</li> <li>• Maintain commercial SUPs</li> <li>• Sewer access (good or bad?)</li> <li>• Tourism (good or bad?)</li> <li>• Dogwood Harbor</li> <li>• Support local businesses</li> <li>• Rural/Environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial businesses- seafood market, hardware, marine services (fuel) @ Dogwood Harrison's</li> <li>• Public beach/water access</li> <li>• More community engagement</li> <li>• Winter activity to draw tourists</li> <li>• Interaction b/w locals &amp; new residents</li> <li>• Better law enforcement</li> <li>• Drugs/alcohol problem</li> <li>• Dredge narrows &amp; marinas</li> <li>• Expand small business</li> <li>• Increase tourism</li> <li>• Promote history activities</li> <li>• Gas at Dogwood Harbor</li> <li>• Stronger community/consensus on future</li> </ul>

9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Character, diversity of community (working watermen + retirees)</li> <li>• Tree lighting &amp; boat parade (community activities)</li> <li>• School- other uses, library or clinic</li> <li>• Firehouse, paramedics</li> <li>• Watermen activities (general decline over time- need to address)</li> <li>• Support mix of wholesale and retail businesses</li> <li>• Recreational &amp; commercial balance</li> <li>• Support existing businesses</li> <li>• Tourism/residents balance</li> <li>• Balance “Been-heres” &amp; “Come-heres”</li> <li>• Keep Post Office</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main St. sidewalks</li> <li>• Transit (between towns- to Easton)</li> <li>• Senior outreach (safety check, assistance, island network)</li> <li>• Community center/health center</li> <li>• Dredge Narrows</li> <li>• Verizon &amp; AT&amp;T cell towers need to be operational &amp; provide better cell service</li> <li>• Support for local businesses community group- keep businesses local</li> <li>• Book store open more (need more people to sustain)</li> <li>• New local businesses</li> <li>• Info on public fishing locations/public access/ signage ?</li> <li>• Designated fishing piers &amp; access on island</li> <li>• Demolish derelict houses</li> <li>• Create sidewalks</li> <li>• Explore marine trade- Severn Marina is critical to community</li> <li>• Infrastructure &amp; community resources</li> </ul>
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**What areas should be water-dependent businesses and what areas should be other retail?**

Table	Water-dependent Businesses	Other Commercial/Retail
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3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tonger’s Basin</li> <li>• MDE access parcel?</li> <li>• Access around whole island- should be qualified</li> <li>• Beach access- County?</li> <li>• Land use restrictions in certain areas prevent fishing</li> <li>• County owned land should be transformed into public beaches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Want retail on Main St.</li> <li>• Concerned w/ winter hours seen in St. Michael’s</li> <li>• Already developed areas should encourage more development</li> <li>• Current retail is successful</li> <li>• Spotted retail on working waterfront</li> <li>• Zoning regulations &amp; restrictions make some retail difficult</li> <li>• Doubts on community being able to support local businesses</li> <li>• Need improved signage &amp; marketing to make rentals &amp; other retail services known</li> <li>• The key is to engage kids and encourage a mix of uses to be successful!!</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not necessarily businesses, but improvement of existing working waterfront facilities</li> </ul>	
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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Along Narrows- island side, in marina, no new areas</li> <li>• Dogwood Harbor- all parcels w/ water access should be marine commercial</li> <li>• Strict marine commercial- group consensus is that area should NOT be mixed-use</li> <li>• Residential at end of Chicken PT → if properties ever get turned over, they should be working waterfront- NO hotels or condos</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No tourist traps</li> <li>• Locally owned businesses- no chains, franchises, etc.</li> <li>• Target area- Main St.- one lot/block back on each side, extends to County/St line (church)</li> </ul>
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9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities on vacant lots</li> <li>• Water adjacent parcels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doctor's office at school? (health center)</li> <li>• Main St. retail (but residents don't want businesses right next door → solution- cluster businesses)</li> <li>• Allow waterfront &amp; retail on some lots</li> </ul>

**Comment Form**

Table	Knapp's Narrows	Dogwood Harbor	Tilghman Main St. (Ti. Rd.)	Tilghman Neighborhoods	Other
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No condos</li> <li>• Bay side-marine development</li> <li>• Dredging</li> <li>• Affordable slips for working watermen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure watermen come first</li> <li>• Free oil absorbent booms and mats to reduce diesel and other boat outputs from older/in poor repair boats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No sidewalks, no bike paths</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blend of "been-heres" and "come- heres"</li> <li>• Control short term rentals</li> <li>• Affordable tax rates for working waterfronts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watch out for further development if sewers expand</li> <li>• Washington Post home delivery!</li> <li>• Expand/improve country store</li> <li>• Dr. office/urgent care/pharmacy</li> <li>• Pizza place/Chinese/ other food delivery service</li> <li>• Sandwich shop (not franchise)</li> <li>• Events that attract/facilitate interaction among residents/ cultures</li> </ul>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recycle</li> </ul>
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3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camper Circle has land use covenants on the title to each waterfront lot. Lots on Chicken Point Rd. facing the Narrows have tidal wetlands that would diminish the ability to develop the lots as marine use.</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need good marketing plan</li> <li>• Improve signage for businesses (sign laws)</li> <li>• Bring library back</li> <li>• Why can't residential properties rent boat slips 7 watermen? Signage rules need to be changed so that businesses off the main road are visible.</li> <li>• Tilghman is a stopover for Monarch butterflies' migration to Mexico. Constantly work with county to stop them from mowing milkweed. Would like permanent "no mow" zones and planting of additional nectar and host plants for butterflies</li> </ul>
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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ease for marine related business/marinas/ restaurants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep it for watermen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage of sidewalks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep school open</li> </ul>	
7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property along side on entrance make into a park with places to grill &amp; eat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More room for additional businesses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep the same</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't forget Avalon!</li> </ul>

8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dredging the narrows and the slip should be a high priority for continuous maintenance on a yearly basis. II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This should be maintained.</li> <li>• Gas service.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This should be streamlined for zoning and permitting: from Bridge Auto to Tilghman on Chesapeake Sidewalks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug use?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bay Hundred should be made a NO-GO zone for drug dealing and use. Police presence focusing on this (and not driving infractions) should be palpable.</li> <li>• Repeat these sort of meetings frequently.</li> </ul>
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