

Town of Brewster Cape Cod Sea Camps Planning

Join us for community forum #1!

Date: Saturday, May 20th 2023

Time: 10am -12pm or 1pm - 3pm

Location: Bay Property Dining Hall

The Bay Property will be open to the public to explore by foot anytime between 9am-4pm.



Registration for the forum is limited to town residents. To register for one of the workshop times, scan the QR code or follow this link: <https://www.brewster-ma.gov/cape-cod-sea-camps-properties>



Community Forum #1 will be a fun, engaging community event that introduces the comprehensive planning process for both the Bay and Pond properties, shares information about the properties, and gathers feedback from the community. This event will be the first public community workshop in a series of six that takes place over the course of the planning process.

Each session will begin with introductory remarks. The remainder of the meeting will be a community workshop with boards and activities around the room. The purpose of the workshop is to educate the public about these properties, to hear from the community about your values and interests, and to engage your imagination about what is possible for the future. The boards and activities will be organized into stations that will include opportunities for the public to share feedback. The stations will cover the following:

- **Vision and Planning:** A brief summary of the planning process, the Town's Vision Plan, and key considerations that will inform the planning effort.
- **Put a Flag in it!:** Interactive maps where participants can map out their interests and concerns relating to the sites.
- **Activities and Uses:** Pictures of a variety of potential site activities to inspire the community about what these places could be.
- **Buildings and Site Access:** Diagrams and photos explaining the conditions, opportunities and challenges related to existing buildings, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, and parking.
- **Landscape and Ecology:** Diagrams and photos about topography, landscape features and key ecological considerations.
- **History and Inspiration:** A brief overview of the history of the parcels with an opportunity for participants to share places they love in Brewster or elsewhere to help inspire the planning process.
- **What's on Deck for 2023:** The Bay and Pond committees will share upcoming events at both properties.

Town Services for Community Forum

In an effort to encourage residents to participate in this forum, the Town is offering the following services:

The Brewster Recreation Department will offer activities on the athletic fields and in the Art Center for kids ages 4+ during both sessions. Please sign up via the forum registration portal so we can plan accordingly. Questions can be directed to Mike Gradone, Recreation Director, at mgradone@brewster-ma.gov.

The Council on Aging is offering rides to and from both community forum sessions. Please call the Council on Aging at 508-896-2737 by Thursday May 18 to arrange for transportation.

Next steps

Stay tuned for the next forum in late summer when we will report back on what we've heard from the community, consider preliminary priorities, and evaluate several conceptual ideas for site use and activities.

In the meantime, the Town will be launching a survey in the near future to gather more input from residents about the vision for these properties.

We look forward to your participation and feedback as we engage in the community planning process to help shape the future of these properties together.

Stay Informed

For more details about the findings from the discovery phase, please visit the project page, <https://www.brewster-ma.gov/cape-cod-sea-camps-properties>.

For more information about the long-term planning process and interim activities at each property, you are invited to attend the Bay Property Planning Committee (Tuesdays at 4pm) and Pond Property Planning Committee (Wednesdays at 4pm) meetings, held twice a month at Town Hall. Residents can attend these meeting remotely as well. Please check the Town calendar for posted meetings or sign up for regular updates about committee activities at www.brewster-ma.gov. To provide feedback to one of the committees, please email us at bppc@brewster-ma.gov (Bay property) or pppc@brewster-ma.gov (Pond property).

What's on Deck for 2023

The Town continues to expand public access to, and uses of, the properties. On the Bay property, First Light Beach will be open to residents with a beach permit on weekends, starting Memorial Day weekend, and will be open 7 days/week, starting June 15th. New for 2023, the Brewster Community Pool will be opening this summer on June 26th. Resident pool passes are currently available for sale online or via the mail-in program. We will also continue to host a series of community events on the Bay property this summer.

On the Pond property, please visit the Brewster Recreation website, www.brewsterma.myrec.com for more information on upcoming guided kayak tours and trail walks. To learn more about the Pond Property, please check out our "Introducing the Pond" video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SsXbNRIUxE>.