

Alan Briggs Summary  
Direct and Reply Testimony  
Docket No. A-41, Sub 21

I am President of Bald Head Association. I have been a resident of Bald Head Island since 2001.

I had been a member of Bald Head Association Stage II from 2001 onward. In January of 2016 I was elected to the Board of Directors of Stage II and elected President. I served as President of Stage II from January of 2016 until January of 2018. At that time Stage II merged with BHA, and I was elected to the Board of BHA. In January of 2021 I was elected President and was reelected President in 2022.

Rates and services for the essential ferry, tram, barge and parking amenities for Bald Head Island will be affected by the decision reached by the Commission in this docket. The Board and its constituents have continued to follow the developments in the docket with great interest. The purpose of my testimony is to apprise the Commission of this interest and to respectfully reserve the right at the conclusion of the proceeding to convey all conclusions the Board would like the Commission reach.

The Board has determined that this dispute is of general interest to Association Members. The Board took steps to communicate to the Members the actions taking place in connection with this matter. The Board informed the members in May 2022 of the SharpVue Asset Purchase Agreement with Bald Head Island Limited. In my testimony I discuss the communications the Board has had with SharpVue, the Village and Limited representatives. The Board has undertaken efforts to obtain the views of the Members. The Board conducted a survey, and my testimony conveys the results of the survey. The purpose of the survey was to inform the Board as to any recommendations it should make to the Commission.

Of the 533 property owners who responded to the survey, 381 support regulation of the parking/barge (71.5%). 83 do not support regulation of the barge parking (15.6%). 15 do not have an opinion at this time (2.8%), and 54 do not have enough information at this time to form an opinion (10%). We wish the Commission to be aware of the survey results.

Nevertheless, the Board remains open to monitoring and attempting to follow the positions taken in the docket by other parties in order to ensure that in our recommendations that we make to the Commission are well founded.

The Association has read and studied the testimony filed by the participants on August 9, 2022 and September 8, 2022. We have been recipients of and have reviewed discovery conducted by others. We have followed and monitored various pleadings filed with the Commission in this docket. Since filing my reply testimony we have reviewed the testimony filed by others on September 28, 2022. We hope to follow the testimony presented in this hearing beginning today.

A number of Members submitted comments in response to the survey. We hope these comments will help the Commission understand the concerns of our members - those that want regulations, those that do not want regulation and those that did not yet have enough information.

We understand that this docket is for the most part a matter of law to be decided by the Commission. Nevertheless, we appreciate that public opinion is something the Commission considers to the extent it finds it relevant and probative, consistent with the law and facts. We submit our testimony and exhibits to the Commission for its consideration

As I stated in my reply testimony, as an intervening party we are interested in hearing the actual evidence presented at the hearing and respectfully wish to reserve the right to submit any post hearing brief and/or proposed order based on our consideration of all the admitted evidence.