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7. The area had to be signed for parking/no parking, non-accessible status (permitted in the Act) and a fingerboard at the entrance. The cost would now be about \$3000 for the Rec Committee with the staff installing the fencing, though we were given permission as volunteers to do it to reduce the cost.

So that's the story. I have the file of documentation to back it up. A local petition was filed at the last Council Committee of the Whole meeting opposing the project. When I heard there were concerns, I asked that the matter be deferred to the May 27 Committee of the Whole meeting that would be held in Milford Town Hall so the agenda item could be communicated more broadly. Council would not agree to do this. With things that become contentious issues, like Sunday hunting, ATV road access, and wind turbines, Council is always careful to ensure opportunity for all sides to be heard. Council abdicated their responsibility for putting this project forward so all County citizens could have input and acted only on the petition input. In 10 years on Council, I cannot recall a decision ever being made this way.

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In my lengthy experience as a canoeist and kayaker, I believe we are environmentalists. We don't set fires. We don't trespass. We don't disturb wildlife. We don't have parties in such environments because it would disturb the wildlife. But I guess a majority of Council believe we do. Or maybe it's an election year - and truth can become an easy casualty.

Anyone out there interested in sitting on the Recreation Committee...?

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