



City and Borough of Sitka

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Paxton and Assembly Members

From: Keith Brady, Municipal Administrator

Date: May 9, 2019

Subject: Rock from the Blue Lake Dam Expansion Still on GPIP Parcels

Summary

Approximately 68,000 cubic yards of rock were deposited on lots in GPIP during construction of the Blue Lake Dam. Over the last few years, the rock has been reduced significantly by selling the rock to qualified, insured contractors at the rate of \$1 per cubic yard. A plan to open the rock pile to members of the public, through a liability waiver, is under legal review by the Municipal Attorney. It is hoped that opening the rock-pile to members of the public would help to quickly reduce the remaining amount with the least cost to the community. Demand for rock is hard to estimate but based upon previous years it is likely that all the material would be gone in another year.

Removing the rock from the parcels would require a significant unplanned expenditure. The cost for the removal of the rock to another location is time, labor and resources that could be used elsewhere. The amount would require an appropriation by the Assembly.

The status of rock at GPIP is as follows:

- Portion of Block 4, Lot 9A: No material remains on this lot.
- Portion of Block 4, Lot 9B: No material remains on this lot.
- Portion of Block 4, Lot 17: No material remains on this lot.
- "Water Access Area" next to Lot 4: No material remains on this lot.
- Lot 15: No material remains on this lot.
- Lot 16b, 19 & 20: Material remains in a pile on these lots. There was initially an estimated 21,000 cubic yards of material in this pile. Over half of this material has been removed.

Fiscal Note

If the interagency memo is approved, it would mean \$1,398.75 per month from the electric department enterprise fund to the GPIP enterprise fund until the rock is gone. To remove the rock right now is potentially a couple hundred thousand dollars and a location to move it to.