

# Says existing seawall isn't good fit for transient boaters, offers alternative

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He stated, "We have taken a seawall that, in its present form, cannot be used by the boating public, and it cannot be used by Whirlpool in its present form. At our expense, we drove the pilings necessary to accommodate a new docking program here, which would make that seawall usable."

"And then we agreed that, if the village really wants to have docks that transients can actually dock in – because anybody that really knows and watches anybody try to dock in this crosscurrent here, if you haven't done it many, many times, it's a tricky thing. And so, by allowing those docks to stay where they are, you're going to be docking parallel to the current, not perpendicular to the current. It would be a much more successful way to have transient docking."

Kinney noted, "As far as the finances of transient docking ... I have no intention of making any money on transient docking. My donation of our docking system to allow boats to dock here is strictly for the convenience of the boating public in Western New York. There's no profit motive or anything such as that as to why we're doing this."

"We spent the money necessary to upgrade our docks because we think having a matching docking system so there's a contiguousness between the village slips and ours is ultimately very good for the aesthetics and the functionality of this waterfront; and the fact that, in its present form – and again, our water has remained very high this year because of how wet of a summer it's been – what we showed in a pictorial manner down there is, in future summers, only going to be more dramatic."

## Village of Lewiston Response

Mayor Anne Welch said, "We're not giving anything away."

"(Kinney) was always going to reconfigure his docks," she said. "We asked him to, because, originally, it was down closer to where our slips were. He was going to move it over anyway; and then he came back with this idea to reconfigure it."

"He was asked previously by the board to move his docks over to reconfigure them so that we could use the end slip better, because the person that rented the end slip, he didn't even use it the one year, because he said that he had a hard time getting in and out around the jet boats. So, that's why we asked him to move it over and reconfigure the dock, which



Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours President John Kinney has presented a plan to install a new docking system at the seawall, and he has offered to gift the existing docks to the Village of Lewiston.

he was going to."

Welch added, "It's on his dime, not ours. The bulkhead where we would like to have transient spots, nobody could use them, because there's a 6-foot drop to the water; so, nobody can use that dock at all."

With regard to the waterfront, Welch said she is keenly aware of the public's desire to see it remain accessible.

Following the 2019 flooding, she was appointed to then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Lake Ontario Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative Commission and secured \$1.2 million to restore the village docks.

"When I took office, they were in shambles," Welch said. "The flooding had totally wiped them out ..."

"It's the same docks that we have, same company – everything. It's just a continuation of what we've already put down there on Lewiston Landing."

She said, "The waterfront will continue to remain accessible to the public, and hopefully we can offer some transient slips."

Marino explained the seawalls had to be raised in response to the historic high-water events.

"That was all constructed as part of the REDI funding, because of all the Lake Ontario flooding, and the water level, pretty much back when that was being constructed," the village's engineer

said. "The water level ended up being 2 feet higher than where the existing wall was. We were right at the limit of where the water level was – and that was the higher level. So, because water down in that area came up about 2 feet when we had the issue with Lake Ontario, and kind of the top of that middle section wall, the new constructed wall, is kind of where the water was."

"It's obviously substantially gone down now. We raised all of that area 2 feet, in accordance with the guidance we got through the REDI Commission and everything else because of the Lake Ontario issues."

"But we recognize, as well, like what existed all through Lewiston Landing was the fixed docks. It's like, 'Boy, if we have rental slips in here that are all at that fixed level, and we raise them all 2 feet, what happens if the water goes back down to a previous level? So, we're putting the floating docks in' – which we did; we put floating docks everywhere. But there was only so much money available to do things, and there wasn't a lot of formal finger docking space at the south end near Kinney's place. So, we worked within the available funding, and have kind of the

slip down there that Neptune (Ski Club) is using now."

"But the intent was kind of to see what happens with that situation. If you have a big enough boat, I suppose, you could side dock to there and use that area. But the understanding was, yes, that area is definitely difficult for transient boats to use, unless you have a very large boat."

"So, it was kind of an eye on the future of like, when we can pursue future grants or other funding, that we would probably extend that south finger dock that's out there that Neptune's using and kind of build off of that, to put another gangway and other finger docks in there – if there was demand for it, so that they were more easily accessible."

"There's no doubt, in that kind of section between where the jet boat is and that Neptune dock, unless you have a very large transient boat, it's not ideal. No doubt about that. Because the water level has receded."

"If the water level goes back up 2 feet higher than it was, well, that's going to change the story a little bit. But the intent was always in the future to put some kind of floating dock system in there."

He said, "If we had much more money and funding, we probably would have continued putting floating docks – more fingers – down that south end. But we worked within the confines of the money we had, and kind of looking at the number of spaces – because I think there might have been a couple of more fixed docks at the south end. But the number of spaces that were created under the new system were equal to or greater than what we had. So, we kind of just said, 'Alright, well, Neptune needs to be away and that, so, we'll construct one, and then in the future, we can apply for more grants and try to get some other dockage down there.' Just because, if the water level had receded back down, you're going to have that big sidewall."

"The cleats are up there; you can tie a boat off, but it would have to be a large boat, unless the water came up. It was no doubt. Any of us that would have a boat would have a long way to get up there."

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**"Nightshades"**  
**Foods to Avoid for Joint Pains**

This time of year as the garden bounty graces our tables, I have a few patients who come in with severe pain in all their joints. I always ask if they have been eating: **potatoes, eggplant, tomatoes and peppers** as these nightshades can increase joint pain.

Hidden sources of potato are found in hydrolyzed vegetable protein, modified vegetable protein (MVP), or modified food starch in packaged meats, cold cuts, seafood and other processed food. Tomatoes in the ingredients of sauces or prepared dishes count as well.

If the word "spices" or "natural flavorings" appear in the ingredients list, it could have hidden nightshades. Commercial salad dressings, mayonnaise, mustard, condiments, sauces, prepared (frozen) entrees, and soups; could contain paprika, crushed red pepper, ground pepper, ground red pepper, cayenne, chili, and curry. **All other specified spices are okay, like black pepper, garlic, ginger, basil, rosemary, and more.**

Also, avoid soy products, as some of the soy has been genetically modified with the petunia gene (a nightshade).

What's left to eat? **Flaxseed; butter, coconut and olive oils; vegetables: sweet potatoes, cucumbers, greens (like spinach, kale, Swiss chard and collard) and all the many squashes.** All fresh unprocessed meats, fowl and seafood, and fruits, nuts, beans, cheeses, grains and herbs are not in the "nightshade" family.

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