



## 2022 Bald Head Association Member Opinion Survey

August 2022

On Wednesday, August 17, 2022, Bald Head Association (BHA) sent an email to Bald Head Island property owner members who have subscribed to its *Compass* email bulletin requesting that members share their opinions on whether the parking and barge operations should be regulated by the NC Utilities Commission. Property owners were offered an opportunity to share additional comments related to the survey as they so desired.

The original email and a follow up email sent on August 23, 2022, were sent to 1,546 subscribers of BHA's *Compass*. (Not all BHI's nearly 2,000 property owners have subscribed to BHA's email list.) The email included a link to the survey (attached), a brief description of the survey's purpose and a list of the advantages and disadvantages for regulating the parking and barge (attached). The survey's data was collected utilizing the online survey tool Survey Monkey.

BHI property owners were given 6 days to complete the survey. In total, 533 property owners completed the survey – a return rate of 34.5%. Two property owners requested that their opinion that was originally registered as “not enough information” be changed to “yes.” Seven non-property owners completed the survey, but their responses were not included in the analysis.

In total, of the 533 property owner responses, 381 support regulation of the parking/barge (71.5%), 83 do not support regulation of the parking/barge (15.6%), 15 don't have an opinion at this time (2.8%) and 54 don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion (10%). There were 188 comments offered by respondents. Names of individuals and any other personally identifiable information is redacted from the comments.

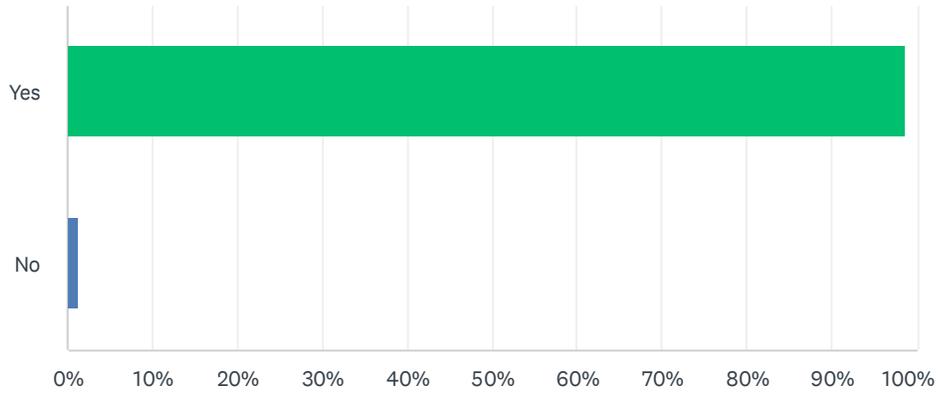
BHA requested verification of membership by a simple “yes” or “no” response. There were several instances where responses were sent from the same IP addresses. Those addresses are highlighted in the attached summary of the responses. Since many of those responses to the open-ended question were different, one might suppose that multiple owners within those households offered their varying opinions. Keep in mind that this opinion survey was designed to collect members' individual opinions and not individual votes tied to particular properties.

Of the seven responses from non-property owners, 3 supported regulation of the parking/barge, 2 do not support regulation of the parking/barge and 2 stated they did not have enough information at this time to form an opinion. Again, because the survey was intended to solicit BHA's members' opinions, those responses were not included in the analysis of the results.

It is important to note that this survey is a sampling of how a portion of BHI property owners feel about this specific issue within a certain time period. Regardless of whether the survey contains a statistically significant sample size, the survey's open-ended questions provide valuable information for BHA and others to understand the opinions of many of BHI's property owners.

# Q1 Are you a Bald Head Island property owner?

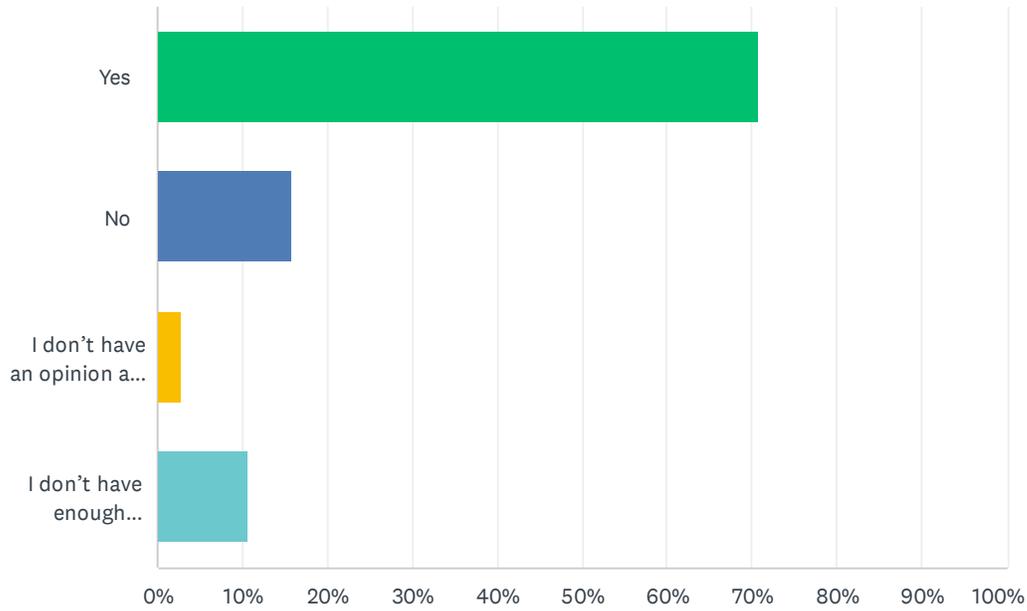
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	98.70%	533
No	1.30%	7
TOTAL		540

## Q2 Do you want the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) to regulate the fares for the parking lot and the barge?

Answered: 533 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.5%	381
No	15.6%	83
I don't have an opinion at this time	2.8%	15
I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	10.1%	54
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>533</b>

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End Date	Are you a Bald Head Island property owner?	Do you want the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) to regulate the fares for the parking lot and the barge?	Please provide any additional thoughts, questions, suggestions or ideas you have about this lawsuit by the Village that you think might be helpful to us in representing BHA in this case:
	Response	Response	Open-Ended Response
2022-08-17 09:12:26	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 11:36:09	Yes	No	
2022-08-18 17:24:32	Yes	Yes	There is no a lawsuit! The Association should pay more attention to the details and get the facts correct.
2022-08-15 19:23:07	Yes	No	The village should buy or regulate the barge landing area on the island such that it is open to any barge, etc. that pays to load or onload at the site. The best control of costs is competition. If the barge costs get excessive, competitors will quickly appear.
2022-08-15 16:23:20	Yes	Yes	There is no a lawsuit! The Association should pay more attention to the details and get the facts correct.
2022-08-16 09:58:15	Yes	Yes	I am concerned that a private investment firm who states that they do not intend to run the ferry system will not be responsive to regulatory questions. I see no alternative but to ask for NCUC to regulate.
2022-08-17 15:00:21	Yes	Yes	A new private owner could increase the price beyond what is reasonable without any viable recourse.
2022-08-15 16:15:09	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 19:38:31	Yes	No	
2022-08-15 18:05:54	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 19:06:01	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	What ever makes the most sense for the long term. There isn't but so much more land to build upon so whatever the math works out to that level of ownership- the best answer

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2022-08-15 17:34:45	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-15 19:07:53	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 17:01:44	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 20:05:29	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 21:08:05	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 10:23:13	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-18 06:10:27	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 18:20:37	Yes	No	
2022-08-16 13:24:37	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:45:09	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-23 10:25:25	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 16:07:04	Yes	No	
2022-08-15 22:06:53	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 09:56:11	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	I oppose the village's attempt to e ferry system and related assets. I am not convinced the village is capable of efficiently managing and running the system.
2022-08-15 21:05:54	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	

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2022-08-16 13:15:07	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-16 13:10:11	Yes	No	It seems the lawsuit is an attempt to stop the purchase as Sharpvue may lose any incentives to improve the System if barge and parking fares are regulated to a point that capital improvements are nominal.
2022-08-15 16:59:02	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-15 17:07:43	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-16 13:43:29	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 08:56:12	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:26:28	Yes	No	
2022-08-17 12:56:05	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-23 10:04:56	Yes	Yes	My concern is a private owner will increase costs for profitability purposes, and since property owners/visitors have no alternative to the private owner they will be forced to pay the higher costs. The NCUC can protect property owner/visitors from the monopoly power of the private owner to keep costs fair and reasonable.
2022-08-16 19:08:45	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-15 16:50:33	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-17 10:00:30	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 11:17:20	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 18:30:51	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 13:33:54	Yes	No	I am not persuaded by Mayor Quinn's explanation of his and Council's opinion on this matter. When I attended the informational meeting arranged by HOA I found responses by Limited's and SharpVu's representatives much more forthcoming and comprehensive than Mayor Quinn's. Mayor Quinn seemed unwilling or unable to answer even the simplest question about "the Village's" position. Because of this I feel none of their efforts are trustworthy. No one can predict for sure what the outcome will be but I feel it is more likely to be favorable if SharpVu is successful in its purchase and is allowed the opportunity to show us that their presentation of their intended business model is accurate and will result in a smoother transportation operation for island tax payers and other users of the system.
2022-08-23 10:42:48	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 11:18:43	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 13:10:55	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:31:11	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:41:06	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 08:32:35	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 12:03:04	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:22:01	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 15:30:36	Yes	I don't have an opinion at this time	Rescind the current offer to purchase and sell to the Transportation Authority.
2022-08-17 20:35:45	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 15:48:52	Yes	Yes	The ferry and its appurtenances — which include the parking lot and the barge — should be viewed as part of the overall transportation system of the state as well as the Island. To that extent, all should fall within the purview of the NCUC. Thanks to the BHA Board and dedicated staff for soliciting members' views on this matter.
2022-08-17 12:32:02	Yes	Yes	Allow NCUC to regulate rates. Consider two tier pricing for the ferry of owners vs. renters or visitors.

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2022-08-15 16:16:18	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 17:08:18	Yes	I don't have an opinion at this time	
2022-08-23 13:50:13	Yes	Yes	Support the Village!
2022-08-15 17:53:34	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 19:37:32	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 09:35:43	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 05:51:31	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 13:21:43	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 16:05:47	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 17:48:35	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 13:39:49	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-17 12:25:15	Yes	Yes	We have no guarantees on how long the SharpVue will own the system before selling it to another group. We could get rate increases every time it changes ownership. The cost is high now for the home owners. We should be getting a lower costs for transportation to the island than visiting people. All of this commotion makes many homeowners nervous about the long term solutions. Not everyone is a multi-millionaire on BHI. Some of us have saved for years to buy our homes on BHI. My family enjoys BHI very much. It is a beautiful, quiet, pet friendly place to truly unwind. We hope that the NCUC will regulate the costs for anyone who SharpVue sells the system to in the future.
2022-08-16 12:03:04	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 20:57:09	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	Don't agree with the lawsuit
2022-08-17 17:01:01	Yes	I don't have an opinion at this time	

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2022-08-16 12:01:21	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 10:50:12	Yes	Yes	I have not been happy with service since this sale. Would appreciate more reliability/consistency associated with ferry service. Considering sale of property.
2022-08-23 10:58:39	Yes	I don't have an opinion at this time	I have paid very close attention to this issue, attended meetings, listened to calls, etc and I do not know how to vote on this!! I am clearly very interested in Deep Point's operations and parking costs staying fair and balanced. But I have heard compelling arguments from both sides for and against NCUC oversight. The last thing I want to do is anything to negatively impact the sale of the ferry system - the village's ignorant and bull-headed efforts to purchase the system have poorly impacted each and every homeowner and business owner on the island and we need to get this next-best deal done and get on with our lives. The BHA must do all it can to
2022-08-20 10:14:25	Yes	Yes	I appreciate the list of advantages and disadvantages for all oversight aspects of the transportation system. Most important to us, however, is the protection of our BHI property. Without that transportation, access to the island and our home is severely limited. Yet... to high a price structure - or restrictions to park at the Deep Creek site - are "threats" to our community as well. Taking all of that into consideration, we feel most protected by a State regulated oversight authority, compared to the unregulated profit motives of a for-profit company.
2022-08-16 10:06:56	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-15 16:23:51	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 18:58:57	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 13:55:33	Yes	No	
2022-08-16 11:59:59	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 09:57:33	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	I believe I understand why the Village has filed a request to protect the parking and barge - legally combining these two parts with the ferries ... I also feel that being able to sell one portion of this equation without the others could be quite detrimental to this island. Furthermore, I feel that the lack of consistent facts on this potential sale (use of NDAs, suggested pros and cons that are hypothetical, etc) has been disappointing.
2022-08-16 16:32:41	Yes	No	
2022-08-23 16:10:00	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 14:54:36	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-15 17:34:39	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:34:49	Yes	No	
2022-08-17 00:12:21	Yes	No	The Village of BH has done a very poor job of running existing smaller utility departments. Their intervention in this process has caused many of the existing problems. The BHITA was a much better alternative to the current situation. In no way would I support current Village Government owning or running the Ferry, Barge and Parking systems.
2022-08-16 07:59:34	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 09:47:34	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 10:25:27	Yes	Yes	Since the death of George Mitchell and the virtual abandonment of the properties on Bald Head Island, the ferry has been poorly, the terminal has been inadequately maintained. The bathrooms have been a mess. The trims have been allowed to run with broken mufflers, allowing exhaust to infiltrate the Cabins behind where passengers sit. Clearly, more regulation is needed and not less.
2022-08-15 19:10:14	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 21:48:54	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:06:15	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:29:36	Yes	Yes	Since the transportation system (ferry, tram, barge and parking) are so integral to the access of the island, and therefore the island economy, the island owners, visitors and workers should accept a fair cost of traveling to and from the island. I believe the best way to ensure the costs remain fair is to be regulated by an independent body. The NCUC is in the best position to oversee the fare structure.
2022-08-17 01:36:37	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:09:06	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 20:54:46	Yes	Yes	I will separately send communication to BHA.
2022-08-16 11:35:12	Yes	Yes	As a homeowner, I do not want the premium parking to stop. I pay for the advantage of parking close and knowing I will have a parking spot. If this goes to "first come, first serve" who is to say the realtors will not buy many spots to offer to their clients? Do we want to offer more benefits to renters than homeowners?
2022-08-16 16:11:01	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 23:29:23	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 10:41:47	Yes	No	
2022-08-23 19:03:15	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:24:09	Yes	Yes	This has worked well in the past so let's continue
2022-08-15 19:44:03	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 12:04:20	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-15 17:42:34	Yes	Yes	I believe that the transportation system should be part of the Village (similar to other Village departments). However, since the transportation system has been sold to a third party, I believe that both the BHA and the Village should work with the new owners, representing their various stakeholder interests.
2022-08-15 17:23:16	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 17:22:12	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 12:33:47	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 18:33:09	Yes	Yes	It's not a lawsuit and BHA's positioning on this matter is slanted and biased.
2022-08-16 16:39:10	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 13:33:36	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-18 15:54:51	Yes	Yes	my concern is Sharp Vu pulling out of the current contract.
2022-08-16 06:51:29	Yes	No	I would prefer the village stay out of ferry operations, a transportation authority remains the most reasonable choice
2022-08-15 16:49:41	Yes	No	Cost to the property owners and time it will take do nothing but delay further moving forward with any improvements in the system. We are already approximately 2 years behind where we could have been if the BHITA had purchased the system as planned.
2022-08-23 10:36:21	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-19 15:42:17	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 15:06:54	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:00:47	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 14:46:55	Yes	I don't have an opinion at this time	
2022-08-15 19:12:24	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 06:52:40	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 10:46:20	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:15:49	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 09:59:06	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 19:01:29	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 21:40:26	Yes	Yes	The fact that BHA continues to call this a "lawsuit" is absolutely appalling to me. The action of the Village is not a lawsuit, so I would greatly appreciate if BHA would refer to the situation using the correct terminology to avoid creating confusion among the home owners.
2022-08-15 16:38:37	Yes	Yes	I think that the information you have provided is misleading and confusing. You should try to do better.
2022-08-17 13:24:50	Yes	No	Please tell the Village to stop meddling - the. BHITA was the best solution

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2022-08-17 13:05:17	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 17:19:25	Yes	No	I favor small government and a free market economy.
			My wife and I have owned an unimproved lot on Bald Head since 1996. We love to visit the island at least once a year and have been doing so since we purchased our property. As far as this Ferry/Parking lot/Barge nonsense is concerned, we of course, side with the BHA's position regarding this matter. However, we strongly believe that the number one enemy of the future of our beloved island paradise is the ridiculous wind farm that is planned off of the coast of Bald Head. We have been all over the German countryside and have witnessed countless wind turbines in various states of disrepair and failure, with many fallen over with parts strown about the countryside. Our beautiful beaches, not just on Bald Head, but other parts of the NC coastline, will suffer the consequences. The beautiful night sky that we, as well as tourists, love to marvel at, will be blotted out by the FAA mandated aviation anti-collision lighting and nautical anti-collision lighting. In our opinion, allowing a wind turbine farm to be constructed near a major shipping channel and in the middle of an area of the ocean frequently struck by destructive hurricanes, is ignorant and stupid at best. We feel that this wind farm idea is the single largest threat to Bald Head and the rest of our beautiful coast here in the great state of North Carolina. This ferry/parking lot/barge mess is of minor consequence in our opinion. But we do support the BHA's position on the subject at hand. We just feel that the wind farm project is of extreme importance compared to anything else concerning the future of Bald Head Island.
2022-08-16 14:57:42	Yes	No	
2022-08-16 20:46:31	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 18:37:28	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 22:40:22	Yes	Yes	
			SharpVue is a third party that does not have a vested interest in the island as Limited once did. While I am generally believe in minimal regulation, in this context some degree of regulation consistent with that of the ferry is a greater protection than risk posed by an unregulated system.
2022-08-16 13:45:55	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 08:57:17	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 21:05:33	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:09:56	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 18:25:55	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 20:15:14	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 18:51:49	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 15:13:12	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 18:36:40	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-23 11:23:43	Yes	Yes	I wish the BHA did a more thorough job of researching this issue before sending out its survey or tried to appear somewhat unbiased on the issue. You are doing a great disservice to the BHI residents by distributing incomplete/inaccurate information. I expect better from my elected representatives. You are losing any credibility you have with informed residents.
2022-08-18 10:13:37	Yes	Yes	Please be more thorough and unbiased in your communications to Association members. The memo from the Mayor explains more in-depthly exactly what is in front of the NCUC
2022-08-15 16:53:43	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-23 10:30:25	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:19:57	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-18 13:23:33	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 16:43:57	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 18:53:47	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 07:12:24	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 17:09:22	Yes	Yes	Sharpvue has zero vested interest in the common welfare of BHI. They are a completely outside venture capital group. Venture capital groups have, but one interest profit. It is imperative that there is complete regulation of their ownership. It is ludicrously naive to think that they will do the best for the island if given their own druthers.
2022-08-16 11:55:47	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:18:45	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 23:25:43	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 20:06:06	Yes	Yes	It's not a lawsuit. You are misrepresenting facts. Every homeowner at bhi has likely owned property in a city with GO bonds. You all are over selling the "personal liability" regarding the property taxes. Seems very biased.
2022-08-15 23:14:58	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 13:20:56	Yes	No	
2022-08-15 19:50:08	Yes	Yes	The Ferry transportation as well as the barge and parking, are all critical to the long term success and ultimate viability of the island. That is why it is critical that the NCUC must regulate the fares for the barge and parking lot just as they do with the ferry.
2022-08-23 09:45:59	Yes	Yes	The Ferry and it's parking are a monopoly with critical basic public transport and safety so should be regulated . The Commission should have the appropriate authority to regulate this.

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2022-08-18 07:42:37	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 20:41:25	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:26:29	Yes	Yes	Regulation is essential to ensure that outside investors do not see these assets as an opportunity to gouge the residents, visitors and workers of BHI.
2022-08-15 19:33:46	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-18 14:32:13	Yes	No	The village is wasting tax payer money with this lawsuit and does not represent the majority opinion of BHI homeowners (the ones who are informed about the issue at least).
2022-08-15 22:15:50	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 13:52:13	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 11:26:29	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 09:46:24	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	We are not sure of the priorities of the new owners with regards to reasonable profits verses the needs of the frequent users.
2022-08-23 10:49:07	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:16:07	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:28:58	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	Privatization may have its advantages if there is adequate input from the people who are served. The balance of efficiency,administrative costs versus profit is difficult. Each sides aims and business models would allow one to make a clearer choice. As it stands now, it is choice of s who you trust.
2022-08-16 12:33:55	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-18 10:32:13	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 13:49:45	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	

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2022-08-16 21:47:53	Yes	Yes	Ferries need to be kept in good working order to provide consistent on-time service in a pleasant environment. Ferries and tram service are the first impression visitors have of BHI. Trams are in terrible condition and need a major overhaul or replacement. Luggage handling needs to be improved so that users of the system don't have to unload the trollies to find their luggage.
2022-08-16 14:24:50	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:44:55	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 06:24:11	Yes	Yes	The ferry, barge and parking are a transportation system that sustains Bald Head Island. We as residents are dependent on all three equally, and are at the entire systems mercy with regards to rates and quality of service. If it makes sense to regulate one, then it makes sense to regulate all three. Please apply the same reasoning to regulating the parking and the barge that was used to decide to regulate the ferry.
2022-08-23 21:12:21	Yes	Yes	The wording of the possible advantages and disadvantages is slanted to cause one to believe that the NCUC regulating the fares for the parking lot and barge is a much riskier proposition. For example, stating that if the Village were successful in acquiring the transportation system and used GO bonds, you will not be able to sell your lot or home over a 30 yr period unless the buyer assumes the risk. Creates fear & anxiety.
2022-08-15 20:46:54	Yes	Yes	Private equity buys businesses to make money. They do that by increasing sales of decreasing costs. Both would be bad for homeowners and businesses on the island.
2022-08-23 14:06:41	Yes	Yes	Yes there advantages and dis advantages to the property owners owning the transportation system, just as there were positives and negatives to the owners owning the clubs. I am in favor of owning our future and running and managing the transportation system such that we are in charge of our destiny. Properly run, the transportation system should be a long term asses to the Island. If owned by a Venture Capitalist , they will look after themselves first and might consider the impact on the island afterward
2022-08-16 12:00:56	Yes	No	
2022-08-18 01:31:51	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:22:55	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:03:06	Yes	Yes	I fully support the actions of the Mayor and Village Council in this matter.

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2022-08-18 10:15:44	Yes	No	The Village's behavior in connection with the sale of the ferry has been outrageous and, to some extent, duplicitous. Having participated in the BHITA since it's inception, the Village decided to launch its own effort to purchase the ferry only after an agreement between BHIT and the BHITA had been agreed to. The Village launched its purchase effort without any consultation with, or input from, BHI property owners. The Village has incurred considerable expense, paid for with our tax dollars, without any meaningful consultation, or explanation HOW it would manage the transportation assets. As any regular user of the post office can attest, the Village is incapable of managing even that small asset. The Village's apparent slash and burn litigation strategy ensures that much needed improvements to the ferry system will continue to be delayed into the indefinite future.
2022-08-16 14:02:38	Yes	No	
2022-08-17 16:27:57	Yes	I don't have an opinion at this time	
2022-08-23 10:28:35	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:19:44	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-16 18:24:09	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-18 10:51:30	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 13:00:10	Yes	No	The Village screwed up the Authority, now we are going to lose our annual parking? No one has taken the interests of the property owners during any of the process. Quite embarrassing.
2022-08-16 20:14:37	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 14:26:46	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:17:50	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 13:26:58	Yes	I don't have an opinion at this time	
2022-08-16 07:10:59	Yes	Yes	BHA should be supporting the Village

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2022-08-18 09:50:29	Yes		I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion
2022-08-16 16:29:37	Yes		I don't have an opinion at this time
2022-08-16 11:08:45	Yes	Yes	We should not sell our transportation to the island to private equity. Spells disaster for us.
2022-08-17 20:14:32	Yes	No	
2022-08-16 14:02:22	Yes	No	
2022-08-16 14:39:53	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 15:41:01	Yes	Yes	To protect the economies of southern Brunswick County, the transportation system of BHI must be regulated.
2022-08-16 11:58:32	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-21 21:23:53	Yes	Yes	I think the Home Owners and the Village of BHI should own, operate, and manage the ferry, the barge, and parking lots for the owners of BHI. Thanks, [REDACTED]
2022-08-15 19:11:46	Yes	Yes	Without regulation the workers/employees will potentially pay an exorbitant price in their commute.
2022-08-15 17:12:23	Yes	Yes	The listed disadvantages seem contrived and exceedingly speculative. It is disappointing that the Association feels compelled to seek opportunities to weaken the Village in these negotiations rather than work collaboratively with the Village for the benefit of island property owners.
2022-08-15 16:23:06	Yes	Yes	The original utilities commission plan was reasonable. [REDACTED]'s intervention is the only reason there is an issue now
2022-08-23 14:38:13	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 11:02:44	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 11:23:30	Yes	No	I find it disturbing that language about the Village possibly purchasing the ferry continues to be included in communications such as this from the BHA. Without an offer from the Village under consideration by BHI Limited, the "wishes" of the Village are not an alternative to the current purchase by SmartVue. At some point, all parties need to focus solely on the proposal under consideration. The 'wishes' of the Village to be a contender in this business deal have been deemed unacceptable to the seller and BHI Limited has stated this repeatedly. It muddies the waters to continually treat the Village's 'wishes' as realistic.
2022-08-18 12:16:33	Yes	Yes	Regulation of parking and the barge is essential to the welfare and economic viability of the island.

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2022-08-23 14:04:55	Yes	Yes	The ferry is the lifeline of BHI and we need to guard against price-gouging given that there are no viable alternatives for access to the island which could ensure competitive rates.
2022-08-15 16:06:06	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 17:11:49	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 11:59:53	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-22 09:51:18	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:54:59	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:43:01	Yes	No	The Authority should purchase, not a for profit entity. The Village cannot manage IPS , they should not attempt to manage the ferry system. Finally it is generally not wise to seek regulation.
2022-08-17 09:39:06	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-18 10:20:31	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 11:11:03	No	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-15 16:09:48	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 11:16:54	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 13:18:39	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 21:01:53	Yes	Yes	Most, if not all, of the public ferry systems in NC transport passengers with their vehicles, and the state regulates the fees for passengers and vehicles. Bald Head Island is a unique situation, where cars do not make the journey to Bald Head with their passengers, but the cars must still be managed. In the case of Deep Point parking lots and the Bald Head Island Ferry, one cannot exist without the other. Both entities are tied together and should be regulated as such.
2022-08-22 15:06:06	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-16 12:12:16	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-24 16:22:26	Yes	Yes	The village of BHI should own the transportation system
2022-08-15 17:42:44	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-18 08:14:14	Yes	No	Government mandates and management of the system is not the answer and may have unintended consequences that impact overall satisfaction with the system. Free market economics is a better choice (even though it may cost a bit more). And investors are somewhat beholden to users of the system because ridership (and satisfaction with the system) needs to increase for investors to have a return on their investment.
2022-08-15 16:58:05	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:36:24	Yes	Yes	This has been a debacle. The village has wasted valuable resources and money and has caused the situation we are in; now we have live with their mess.
2022-08-15 16:52:38	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 16:28:59	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 10:35:21	Yes	Yes	I appreciate that the Village is being pro-active in asking for regulation for parking and the barge insuring that whomever owns/runs transportation will be subject to approved pricing.
2022-08-17 11:37:41	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	The BHI ferry and transportation service is used exclusively for travel to and from a single destination, BHI. Property owners, employees, visitors and others have no other options for travel. As such the system should strive for efficiency and innovative improvements without being overly focused on profits. It should include reserves for future improvements and potentially offer discounts for employees traveling to/from employment on the island.
2022-08-17 10:54:07	Yes	No	
2022-08-23 10:57:00	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 11:52:44	Yes	Yes	As a homeowner I pay property taxes to the government. The only access to my home is via the ferry system. A private entity that has no accountability should not monopolize taxpayers' access to their homes. The system should be comparable to the other ferry systems in place in NC such as those who own property on Ocracoke
2022-08-23 09:37:14	Yes	Yes	It's a monopoly! Why shouldn't it be regulated? Why is the BHA carrying BHI Limited's water?
2022-08-17 03:29:33	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:17:28	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 20:46:29	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 22:05:18	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 11:55:39	Yes	Yes	I think it be best if the village owned it. They have more skin in the game than anyone
2022-08-17 09:06:51	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 08:06:00	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 09:40:37	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-21 16:35:32	Yes	Yes	Given the fact that the public has no choice about using the parking lot to reach Bald Head Island, the parking operation is a monopoly that should be regulated

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2022-08-17 21:42:27	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-23 10:47:13	Yes	No	Do not believe the sale of BHI Limited was made with the thought of the homeowners and property owners of BHI.
2022-08-22 17:35:12	Yes	Yes	It is essential to the residents of BHI to maintain an affordable ferry and parking system.
2022-08-16 09:12:29	Yes	Yes	The entire BHI transportation system is a commercially-owned monopoly and should be regulated as such. BHI property owners would be protected against monopoly price abuse and a new commercial owner could get on with making much needed improvements to the quality of BHI transportation services. BHI property owners would be protected against monopoly price abuse and a new commercial owner could get on with making much needed improvements to the quality of BHI transportation services. BHI property owners would be protected against monopoly price abuse and a new commercial owner could get on with making much needed improvements to the quality of BHI transportation services. All BHI residents, workers & visitors need to be protected against monopoly price abuse including degradation of facilities and service to maximize profits. The system is in need of significant improvements which the new owners should be incented to make by assurance of a fair but not excessive return on their capital.
2022-08-16 14:31:25	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:21:44	Yes	Yes	Your background on "disadvantages" is misleading and unbecoming of our property owners association board of directors.
2022-08-23 10:36:57	Yes	Yes	Regarding Premium parking, it is more likely that the NCUC will allow for differentiated parking pricing based on usage just as they have for the ferry with the Annual Pass. The more you use it, the less you pay per trip/parking day. And the scare tactic of insinuating that SharpVue may step away from the transaction if parking and barge are regulated, you seem to forget that the petition to regulate parking and barge was filed with the NCUC in February, over three months before the SharpVue deal was announced. They are well aware regulation of parking and barge is a serious possibility and they are smart enough to have negotiated contingencies in the deal. If not, are they who we want owning/operating the system?
2022-08-15 16:51:42	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 10:42:34	Yes	Yes	I don't understand why the BHA isn't strongly in favor of protecting the interest of BHI homeowners by strongly getting behind the effort to regulate. Regulating parking and barge protects property owners no matter who owns the ferry.

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2022-08-17 13:29:39	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:35:44	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 17:32:04	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:15:40	Yes	Yes	This will protect all property owners from any future owners of the parking areas and barge
2022-08-23 22:31:45	Yes	Yes	It is in the best interest of the Village to have the Commission looking after the residents well being.
2022-08-16 09:35:19	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 14:25:54	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-22 23:50:47	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:13:12	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 19:29:19	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 19:34:20	No	No	
2022-08-23 15:51:44	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:49:57	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	Full time residents should be allowed premium parking...don't let that go away
2022-08-16 08:09:33	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:58:25	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 15:49:27	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 17:53:30	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 08:10:09	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 15:30:03	Yes	No	
2022-08-16 11:57:45	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 11:57:10	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:56:05	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-19 14:14:09	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 18:01:25	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-15 20:07:37	Yes	Yes	We need a regulated and fair pricing system to help the owners

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2022-08-23 10:34:53	No	Yes	
2022-08-16 14:43:33	Yes	Yes	Transportation system, in its entirety, is critical to property owners on BHI, as it is effectively a monopoly completely controlling access to the island!
2022-08-23 10:13:56	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 12:27:08	Yes	Yes	The luggage, tram, and ferry schedule need a major overhaul. Everyone is working very hard but they are woefully under equipped and under staffed. The ferry is NEVER on time anymore which is a huge sense of frustration for everyone involved. I'm very concerned about pricing for tickets and parking since both are already expensive. I'd also love to see water taxis or some other option when you need to get off the island in a hurry.
2022-08-16 13:22:53	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 09:41:46	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:52:12	Yes	Yes	Very disappointed that we did not have a chance to purchase system after all of the effort that was put forth.
2022-08-16 11:52:14	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 15:54:34	Yes	No	more regulation introduces unneeded complexity and potential unknown risks. plus my general sense is that ferry fares have been kept artificially low because revenue from parking and barge make up for any shortfall. if parking was regulated and maybe even reduced, wouldn't any buyer push a lot harder on ferry increases?
2022-08-16 19:39:38	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 11:50:59	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	The system need upgrading and organization. Business on the island depends on the ferry for workers. Owners and renters depend on safe and affordable parking. Probably w/o any oversight those factors could become secondary to maximum profit.
2022-08-17 20:54:00	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 18:51:25	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 16:03:05	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 19:28:10	Yes	I don't have an opinion at this time	
2022-08-16 13:11:56	Yes	Yes	Need to have some sort of price increase control for ferry and parking
2022-08-15 16:58:23	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 21:35:20	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-20 20:22:38	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	The island is growing and the powers that be should allow independent boats to operate while the ferry's run.
2022-08-16 12:29:33	Yes	Yes	We are at the mercy of transportation to and from the island. Our future prosperity is at risk if it is not controlled by the NC Utilities.
2022-08-21 14:49:07	Yes	Yes	The ferry system, along with parking and barge service is vital to BHI residents, visitors and people that work on the island. Having regulatory oversight is key to ensuring the ferry operates in a safe, effective and reliable manner.
2022-08-16 12:07:38	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 18:34:28	Yes	Yes	This is a legal question, not one of preference. The parking is an ancillary monopolistic service related to an already regulated Ferry system. The NCUC should regulate parking until such time as it is no longer ancillary and monopolistic. The barge fits the definition of a common carrier and should also be regulated.
2022-08-23 11:07:14	No	Yes	
2022-08-17 08:14:52	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 18:52:50	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:00:32	Yes	Yes	This is a very important issue and hoping the BHA advocates for the position of the homeowners in this matter.
2022-08-15 18:07:40	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 12:38:09	Yes	Yes	It is crucial the barge and parking are both regulated.
2022-08-16 11:27:24	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 10:09:05	Yes	Yes	This is the only viable option to protect the interest of island property owners and businesses!
2022-08-23 15:55:01	Yes	Yes	If the owners of the BHI transportation system do not have a vested interest in the viability of the island that the system serves there is no incentive to run the system in a manner that is fair to BOTH the owners of the system AND the island that it serves. What if the new owner wants to sell off the more lucrative portion of the system? Then what will be left will have to fend for itself; will it do so in a manner that remains fair to the homeowners, businesses and many workers whose current livelihood is based on working on the island.
2022-08-17 17:22:10	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 18:16:40	Yes	Yes	Not something BHA should be involved in.
2022-08-16 14:05:06	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-20 11:27:31	Yes	Yes	NCUC will make sure the rates are high enough to 1- make reasonable profit on return, 2- have rates high enough for capital investment, 3- and still be lower than today. Survey was extremely slanted either on purpose or lack of good practices.
2022-08-24 07:23:15	Yes	Yes	Things are so costly as they are. Please help us owners to continue to love and support this piece of paradise.
2022-08-15 16:06:45	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-18 10:30:43	Yes	Yes	I am concerned about the perceived bias by the Association against the Villages involvement concerning the Transportation system. Suggesting to us that just because there were more questions concerning why the Village shouldn't own it as those questions took longer to explain does not negate an obvious bias against Village Involvement.
2022-08-17 14:44:53	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 08:50:26	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:13:16	No	Yes	Private transportation to the island should be continued.
2022-08-15 15:54:32	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:16:07	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 17:49:17	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 00:38:09	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 16:01:58	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 17:46:32	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 15:39:43	Yes	Yes	The complete Ferry system is essential to our existence on the island
2022-08-23 10:00:13	Yes	Yes	The Parking and Barge is in a monopoly situation and requires state oversight
2022-08-16 20:25:10	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 17:16:30	Yes	Yes	Regardless of the owner, concerns over potential monopoly pricing and lack of investment, as is now occurring in the ferry and tram operations, make State regulation of the entire transportation system (ferry, barge, parking) vital for BHI's future.
2022-08-16 08:06:31	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 11:50:34	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 07:22:27	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 18:28:17	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 07:19:54	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 19:30:47	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 21:11:10	Yes	Yes	Hopefully any bids for the system will include their initial and ongoing capital investment plans
2022-08-17 13:23:57	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-18 13:08:00	Yes	Yes	Parking and a ferry service at a reasonable fee are critical for the future of the Island
2022-08-17 17:33:01	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-16 13:06:36	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-17 11:11:17	Yes	Yes	I want to ensure it's run fairly and efficiently.
2022-08-16 12:02:39	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 10:25:44	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 17:43:25	Yes	No	
2022-08-15 16:13:04	Yes	No	
2022-08-23 14:14:43	Yes	Yes	Like the BHI passenger ferry, the Deep Point parking and barge operation are commercially owned monopolies and should be regulated as such. It's disappointing that the BHA doesn't seem to understand this.
2022-08-16 10:15:12	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	While not a part of the current discussion, I would not want the BHI Ferry to be owned and operated as a part of the NC Ferry system. I like that the BHI ferry is privately owned, or potentially owned by the village of BHI. Under either type of ownership the owner has the incentive to provide good service to BHI property owners.
2022-08-23 10:29:15	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 13:22:07	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 17:40:04	Yes	No	
2022-08-23 13:17:21	Yes	No	
2022-08-17 16:51:03	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-16 19:11:01	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:46:57	No	No	
2022-08-17 12:24:18	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 14:50:29	Yes	Yes	there is no mention of the Authority here. If SharpVue backs out, is the Authority no longer in the picture as well?

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2022-08-17 18:07:11	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 16:17:32	Yes	Yes	We believe that BHI should own and operate the ferry system, including the barge and the parking facilities so that the owners and businesses would be in control of an essential service that is key to the long term existence of the island.
2022-08-15 18:12:03	Yes	Yes	Thank you for keeping homeowners informed. Most appreciated.
2022-08-15 17:03:05	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-15 16:48:21	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 23:08:00	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	I would prefer the village own the transportation as it is closest to the issue and has the most at stake. I am leery of inviting government regulation since once it gets involved, you can not get rid of them. Also, the government does not allow us to have an arbiter if a debate arises. If the system is sold to a private firm, I foresee a big risk to this. Yes the system is currently owned by a private business, but they were deeply entrenched on the island. They were motivated to grow the island and attract new home owners as they were the primary developers on the island. A new company can say they plan to leave it the same, but they are buying a monopoly and can do anything they want, and we would need to comply. I noticed recently they are not allowing private boats to dock and ferry passengers. Was this done for the new owners? If so, it would indicate they are not operating with the island's best interest at heart.
2022-08-15 20:14:51	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 10:11:40	Yes	Yes	What are the long term plans for Sharp-Vue (5-7years). Who will be the next owner?
2022-08-17 12:23:00	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 09:43:26	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 17:58:26	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-16 11:38:31	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-22 10:26:48	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 21:25:34	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-17 19:13:25	Yes	No	
2022-08-17 13:32:47	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 13:18:33	Yes	No	We don,'t need MORE GOV regulation.
		I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-16 12:26:42	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:26:18	Yes	Yes	
			SharpVue being a private Equity investor will typically hold an asset for 8-10 years, the disadvantages do not come into effect until SharpVue sells, so no short-term (8-10 years) disadvantage by public regulation.
2022-08-15 17:11:49	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 18:31:33	Yes	No	
2022-08-15 17:54:54	Yes	Yes	
			While SharpVue represents publicly that they will not raise rates/fares above inflation, what prevents them from doing so? They are a private business, without the "on island" incentive as BHI Ltd had to keep the rates reasonable. BHI Ltd had an incentive to keep the rates reasonable in order to get people and products to the Island. What is SharpVue's incentive? We've all seen numerous times corporate promises to "not change anything" and to keep the "status quo," but after purchasing they immediately raise rates/fares and justify it by saying they had increased costs, etc that they did not anticipate. They are a private business buying the parking and barges for a reason; profit. Nothing less. What "built in" written, contractual assurances can the Village get? Also, if SharpVue is the purchaser, there MUST be the ability to have a private water taxi system (ala Uber/Lyft) that is permitted in order to compete with SharpVue.
2022-08-15 19:27:45	Yes	No	
2022-08-23 13:35:02	Yes	No	would like to control our cost structure vs. a state agency i want an orderly transfer without a significant hike in our parking and barge rates. These costs affect everyone and should not be considered lightly. Pass on the costs to renters if necessary and do not, under any circumstances, eliminate our premium parking.
		I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-16 08:57:51	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 17:14:00	Yes	No	

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2022-08-15 22:52:21	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	we would prefer things to remain stable...based on the description we are not clear that either option affords that.
2022-08-15 17:20:01	Yes	No	At the group meeting a few weeks ago SharpVue indicated that it has a special group of investors for a long term 'hold' strategy which is a distinct advantage over a typical buy-sell approach. I believe this is an under-appreciated aspect of what SharpVue brings to the deal. More specifically to the question, the Village already has so many other significant issues and challenges that require immediate attention and should focus its limited resources on Village infrastructure, erosion and commercial development.
2022-08-15 16:31:07	Yes	Yes	I am not sure what BHA is trying to set up but n this information. It looks like a scare tactic to ok the sale. Tax hikes, and bond life, really. This note is weakly veiled threat.
2022-08-17 09:09:22	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	The Association should stop spending time and money on this issue. This falls within the Village Council's scope. Stop spending and raising taxes on an issue that is best handled by the Village Council.
2022-08-16 17:06:45	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	Limited was a good owner because it had a vested interest in the development of the island. The nature of the third party may be solely profits. It's frightening. Yet on the flip side I feel like the village is self serving to the full time residents. If the village was to purchase I think every property owner full time or never has equal voice if we have equal liability. I believe that is why you cannot get a full backing from the tax payers. If bald head had a referendum allowing representation with the taxation the village would receive more support. You want to make us liable without any decision making power. Homeowners that are not full time are caught between a rock and a hard place.
2022-08-23 09:55:30	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-16 22:49:46	Yes	No	Thoughts. Will keep them to myself.
2022-08-16 10:07:17	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-16 08:57:59	Yes	No	
2022-08-15 17:30:06	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 11:42:09	Yes	No	We don't want our house subject to the liability of a Village-issued bond so it's important to not chase SharpVue away.
2022-08-16 12:24:15	Yes	No	The town is not under contract to purchase the ferry system . The town should stop wasting tax dollars chasing and arguing a point when they do not have a seat at the table. No one cared about the Mitchell family taking the financial hit during Covid shut downs - ask how much they lost during this time period.
2022-08-17 12:39:05	Yes	Yes	The owners on the island should bear the responsibility for the ferry system because ultimately the owners pay for the services (including contractors) who come to the island every day. I disagree with the prior statements I've hear about the ferry system serving the Southport community. The Southport community wouldn't come to the island to work without island owners / consumers who ultimately pay for fill their services, including their transportation.
2022-08-23 21:33:13	Yes	Yes	I fully support the actions of the Village
2022-08-23 09:58:46	Yes	No	This should be run by professional investors not the insular few that make decisions on the island. The "tax" of professional ownership and responsibility from private equity ownership far outweighs the risks of residents making mistakes and having liability.
2022-08-17 13:42:15	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	I felt that the previous PROS and CONS were confusing and rambling. The afore mentioned points of consideration did not help me in making a decision regarding the advantages or disadvantages of NCUC regulation. That said, I am deeply concerned about the Village undertaking to finance, own, manage and maintain the ferry system.
2022-08-15 19:19:46	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	not sure where to start. what makes us think that rates will change significantly once new owner takes over? do we have to file lawsuit at this stage? if the NCUC didn't have oversight of parking rates now, what makes BHA think that they would now? is there precedent for NCUC controlling parking rates? (if yes, where?)
2022-08-16 12:54:40	Yes	No	The Village is incapable of managing the transportation system. Fear-mongering about parking and barge is crazy.
2022-08-16 20:48:54	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 16:10:59	Yes	No	I would like to have an accounting of what the village has spent on legal fees thus far and exploring this non-option of buying the ferry system.
2022-08-16 16:09:07	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-16 16:03:19	Yes	No	I wish the Village would drop the law suit as it is costing property owners a lot of money in frivolous legal fees. I am truly disappointed in the Village Council. After watching the information session BHA hosted it was very clear Limited has been extremely patient with the Village and the Village has yet to make clear their actions. The Village did not come across with a clear plan and this very much concerns me as a full time resident. Many very smart, informed residents worked hard to make a clear, well thought out plan for the Transportation Authority of which some of its members were on the Village Council and those members irresponsibly caused the mess we are all now in. Let's move forward with regulating the Ferry and trams and NOT the parking and Barge.
2022-08-23 11:06:18	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-15 17:17:07	Yes	No	Thoughts. Will keep them to myself.
2022-08-15 16:39:37	Yes	Yes	Seems to from this correspondence that the BHA Board is working on behalf of [REDACTED] & SharpVue rather than its members, its very purpose is to advocate for!
2022-08-16 05:21:28	Yes	No	If the parking is regulated and we lose annual parking passes, it would cost year round residents an additional \$4000 per vehicle. Is the Village or the Association willing to compensate us for this lost? Or do the property owners have to sue the Village or Association to get our money back? Just wondering if anyone is being proactive?
2022-08-17 18:41:11	Yes	Yes	Please do not stop the lawsuit.
2022-08-17 13:25:15	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	My feeling is that islanders will pay for any elevated expense levels either directly or indirectly. The village should proceed with attempts at buying the system including parking and the barge. If that fails, we should investigate buying, long term leasing, or an option to lease suitable property in Southport to build a harbor if necessary.
2022-08-21 16:57:57	Yes	Yes	I support the Village's position. The ferry, barge and related parking are critical elements of infrastructure to the island and should be owned by the Village. They are as critical to the transportation infrastructure of the island as the road system. I would not support ownership of island roads by private entities. I do not support giving a non-island related private equity firm control over this infrastructure.
2022-08-17 19:13:20	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-15 21:28:06	Yes	Yes	OH MY!! Sharpvue said they'll carry on services as already in place. That means late ferries, broken down trams, not enough island parking and luggage handling. 40 more houses going up and transportation as usual is frightening. Please be sure that Sharpvue is a holding company. They don't have the money to invest. It's a group of private investors who have one goal...profit. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I live here full time and have no problem with the village owning the transportation system. They will make it work for the homeowners. I am ashamed of the BHA weighing in on the elections and now on the purchasing of the ferry system as though you all have the inside track on what's best for all property owners. You have lost your credibility and should stay out of any legal assumptions or disadvantages on any decision going forward. At least this time you asked for an opinion. Let's see if you listen. Yes to price caps on our only way to park get home.
2022-08-16 16:51:15	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	The village never should have got involved and tried to run the ferry. How much money have we spent on lawyers?
2022-08-23 09:52:00	Yes	No	
2022-08-23 09:51:01	Yes	No	
2022-08-15 16:47:35	Yes	No	Drop the law suit, stop wasting money on legal fees. Focus you efforts on limiting commercialization of Bhi
2022-08-15 21:30:01	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 12:43:35	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:12:20	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 11:21:45	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 17:52:28	Yes	Yes	I think private ownership with fee regulation by NCUC best alternative I am concerned about having a Private Equity firm running parking and barge runs. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I'd
2022-08-17 13:33:10	Yes	Yes	like to know what commitments SharpVue made to those investors.
2022-08-15 19:24:02	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 20:24:28	Yes	No	
2022-08-17 14:45:08	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 14:46:22	Yes	Yes	Sharpvue is buying a monopoly. They have no l'm incentive to provide great service at reasonable prices. The village is us. We will have control of our own destiny.

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2022-08-17 10:46:01	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 11:54:05	Yes	Yes	I find it a bit disingenuous to suggest that the Utilities Commission would step in and unilaterally overrule operating policies and practices supported by both the owner and customer. From what I've seen over the years, the Utilities Commission has done whatever Limited has asked them to do.
2022-08-17 07:50:51	Yes	Yes	Could the parking lot be purchased by the village?
2022-08-16 13:32:56	Yes	Yes	The NCUC is less driven by profits and will likely be a better arrangement for those of us with property on BHI.
2022-08-23 09:55:54	Yes	No	
2022-08-15 16:16:19	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 10:41:20	Yes	I don't have an opinion at this time	
2022-08-23 11:56:34	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-18 11:51:31	Yes	Yes	What will be the assessed value (or est. market value) of the real estate owned by the Mitchell interests after the asset sale to SharpeVue?
2022-08-23 20:34:27	Yes	No	we have seen that even getting on the agenda through the State Treasurer is another entry hurdle and disadvantage. They can stiff arm is any time they want, and have.
2022-08-17 18:11:59	Yes	No I don't have an opinion at this time	I do not believe this is a good idea for BHI property owners. The ferry system currently receives a subsidy from the parking operation. It stands to reason that ferry costs will increase dramatically if the barge and parking is regulated by the NCUC.
2022-08-17 09:41:42	Yes		
2022-08-23 10:43:28	Yes	Yes	Prospective purchaser's first responsibility is to investors and must answer to them.
2022-08-15 16:59:28	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-19 07:38:20	Yes	No	
2022-08-18 22:43:41	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:27:33	Yes	Yes	The village just needs to stop wasting our money and realize they aren't going to buy the ferry system
2022-08-15 17:00:13	Yes	No	
2022-08-16 14:24:28	Yes	No	

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2022-08-16 13:43:25	Yes	Yes	The parking and the barge are essential to the proper functioning of the ferry and tram. They should be regulated as a single entity. Previous private ownership of the system by the island's developer in not relevant to situation in question. Limited/Transportation had an overarching objective to sell the island as a whole which kept things in check in regards to barge and parking. No such balancing objective exists with current proposal to sell system. Only regulation by NCUC can do that.
2022-08-16 13:37:36	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:15:33	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 17:10:46	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-24 06:31:08	Yes	No	
2022-08-23 22:08:18	Yes	No	
2022-08-16 05:11:23	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 09:57:48	Yes	No	Currently like the ferry the way it is however the boats need to be updated and I feel the workers and contractor should have their on ferry that runs on the hour and not be mixed in with the visitors.. I have had training with Disney and I feel this is what they would do
2022-08-18 09:29:29	Yes	No	
2022-08-15 16:57:02	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 08:46:51	Yes	No	The desired sale of the ferry, trams, barge, parking et al has gone on for far too long. It's time to move forward. SharpVue appears to be the best buyer option to date. The Village has its hands full with its current responsibilities and BHI Limited has absolutely no intent to enter into a sale w/ the Village. While I am grateful to the Village for all it does, including their desire to buy the ferry/barge/parking/trams, they simply don't have the capability to run it. The potential tax exposure to home/landowners is far greater than the potential fare increases by SharpVue. the NCUC regulates the ferry cost today. If and when the barge or parking prices become an issue/problem, the matter can be addressed w/ the NCUC then. The Village's legal action to get the NCUC to govern parking + barge is pre-mature at this time and can be re-instated if need be. For now let's stand down on that and get the sale to SharpVue completed .
2022-08-16 16:47:12	Yes	I don't have an opinion at this time	
2022-08-16 11:57:24	Yes	No	

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2022-08-15 18:13:48	Yes	No	Presently there are no funds set aside to replace ferries or trams most beyond useful lives. Unregulated parking fees provide the most available source without dampening property values.ty
2022-08-16 10:08:46	Yes	Yes	I think the barge, parking, and ferry operations should be owned by the Transportation Authority and regulated by the NCUC.
2022-08-15 20:13:07	Yes	No	
2022-08-15 16:12:37	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 23:18:26	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:30:21	Yes	No	
2022-08-17 14:54:21	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-16 15:32:04	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-15 16:36:24	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-15 16:20:16	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 08:31:58	Yes	Yes	Ferry system is vital to the island all year long. fares and parking fees need to be reasonable to make living or travelling to BHI worth the cost.
2022-08-16 12:19:31	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 13:18:13	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-15 16:37:32	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	I feel this summary of advantages / disadvantages is mixing several issues (ferry & tram vs barge and parking). It also is very dependent on ownership. I have no interest in increased taxes or personal liability in anything
2022-08-15 20:50:11	Yes	Yes	From reading your "disadvantages" list, one might infer that you are more concerned about SharpVue's profits and perspective, than you are island residents. Regulating the parking and barge ultimately protects us more than SharpVue. And, if anything, protects us FROM SharpVue increasing prices for profits. You represent us not them.
2022-08-16 08:49:49	Yes	Yes	Regulation provides a guarantee of 'reasonable rates'. Every alternative is just a hope.
2022-08-17 08:25:39	Yes	Yes	If there were parking options I would support the private enterprise. This is geographically a monopoly.
2022-08-19 15:18:48	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 07:45:20	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 13:18:08	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 16:55:28	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-18 12:01:27	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 10:18:51	Yes	No	
2022-08-16 11:00:27	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	What I want is a reasonably smooth transition that maintains the current Premium Lot.
2022-08-15 21:38:39	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	

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2022-08-17 21:17:16	No	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	I work on BHI and am concerned about continuing access to parking (my employer pays for parking in the upper lot)
2022-08-16 11:59:49	Yes	Yes	My view is that if the parking and/or barge operations are not regulated, and those operations are transferred to an unregulated third party (such as SharpVue), then everyone will be subject to pricing set by an unregulated monopolist, when there is no viable alternative to either of these essential services - and no "market" of competitors to discipline the monopolist. How likely is it that SharpVue will actually hold these assets if they acquire them, rather than flipping (especially the parking), to someone is the business of running parking operations?
2022-08-15 17:37:18	Yes	Yes	I am interested in a private company taking this over, ONLY if homeowners finally get a break on the parking fees.
2022-08-15 16:25:30	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 12:03:47	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:04:45	Yes	No	Get the Village to Cease and desist. They are wasting out tax payer dollars.
2022-08-15 16:26:50	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	Not sure whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. I feel very conflicted about this.
2022-08-15 16:46:26	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 18:02:59	Yes	I don't have an opinion at this time	The Village's behavior over the last 20 months has been, and continues to be, reprehensible. The best option for ownership - the Authority - was deep-sixed by [REDACTED] and now we face a range of bad alternatives with higher price tags - including expanding state regulatory authority into new areas of private enterprise. The major issue will be whether the NCUC has the authority to regulate. If so, fine. If not, we'll cope with private ownership. The BHA May as well stay out of a battle about statutory interpretation.
2022-08-18 23:31:43	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 12:51:23	Yes	I don't have an opinion at this time	I believe your statement in this email that property owners would be personally liable for the bonds the Village wants to issue to be unnecessarily inflammatory and misleading.
2022-08-15 17:14:40	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-23 12:04:47	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-15 16:29:46	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 17:24:32	Yes	Yes	The parking lot and barge are critical components of the transportation system. The Association should be supportive of the Village. The revenue from the parking lot and barge belong in the same bucket as the ferry revenue. The Homeowners Association should fully support the Village in the Utilities Commission proceeding.
2022-08-16 14:18:12	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 17:33:24	Yes	Yes	Village should own and operate all parts of the transportation system including parking
2022-08-15 20:24:33	Yes	No	
2022-08-17 18:24:30	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	It is difficult to follow The various options understand what ultimately would be best for the Island residence and visitors.
2022-08-16 15:28:18	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 08:47:09	Yes	No	The village's interference in the sale of the ferry system is a complete mystery to me. There is no way the BHI village is equipped to operate the ferry system.
2022-08-15 16:25:07	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 12:34:23	Yes	I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion	
2022-08-15 16:14:40	Yes	Yes	I trust the village more than any other entity on the island
2022-08-16 12:38:30	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 10:27:25	Yes	No	
2022-08-15 17:15:34	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:09:23	Yes	Yes	

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2022-08-15 17:53:19	Yes	No	I think they should drop the lawsuit and let things progress with SharpVue without any further delay
2022-08-16 11:04:58	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-23 12:28:09	Yes	Yes	The parking and barge are monopolies ..... no real alternative for BHI owners. Rates should be regulated and limited to costs plus a reasonable return on investment.
2022-08-15 19:20:32	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 10:39:19	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:50:40	Yes	No	I don't want the village to purchase the ferry system
2022-08-15 16:20:36	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-16 21:02:58	Yes	Yes	This way an independent body without an interest in profit taking will ensure that the pricing remains fair.
2022-08-16 13:55:32	Yes	No	
2022-08-17 20:07:30	Yes	Yes	Thank you for the "attempt" to present to resent the facts impartially. In all honesty if this was truly the desire.....you failed miserably.
2022-08-17 18:38:29	Yes	I don't have an opinion at this time	I don't believe this is a matter for BHA. BHA should refrain from interfering in any manner. This is a village, not a BHA, matter.
2022-08-15 18:43:32	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 16:40:39	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-18 07:27:57	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-17 23:15:59	Yes	Yes	
2022-08-15 18:09:12	Yes	Yes	I proposed this regulation by the NCUC about 12 years ago when they met in general session here on BHI.
2022-08-17 21:37:12	Yes	No	
2022-08-15 20:57:57	Yes	No	The longer this drags on, the worse the service is going to get because we need new ferries and upgrades to the terminals and trams. None of that is going to happen until this is settled. The Village needs to reach agreement with BHI Ltd in the next two months.
2022-08-23 10:55:55	Yes	Yes	



## Ferry System: Parking and Barge

1. Are you a Bald Head Island property owner? 

Yes

No

2. Do you want the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) to regulate the fares for the parking lot and the barge? 

Yes

No

I don't have an opinion at this time

I don't have enough information at this time to form an opinion

3. Please provide any additional thoughts, questions, suggestions or ideas you have about this lawsuit by the Village that you think might be helpful to us in representing BHA in this case: 

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**Carrie Moffett**

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**Bald Head Association**  
**Monday, August 15, 2022**

## **Update on the Lawsuit by the Village of BHI Regarding the Parking Lot and Barge**

Bald Head Association (BHA) is seeking BHI property owners' opinions. Please answer just two questions, in addition to any comments you would like to include, by Tuesday, August 23, by clicking on the survey link below the following information.

On February 16, 2022, the Village of Bald Head Island filed a lawsuit against Bald Head Island Limited with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) asking the NCUC

to exercise regulatory authority over the parking lot and the barge and, therefore, regulate the fares that could be charged to park at the ferry landing or to use the barge.

Since the BHI Ferry System began, the fares for the ferry and tram have been regulated by the NCUC. The fares for the parking lot and the barge have not been regulated by the NCUC.

The Village wants to change that so the NCUC will hereafter exercise jurisdiction over the parking lot and barge so the NCUC will then regulate the rates.

This matter is set for hearing before the NCUC on October 10, 2022.

We have kept you up to date on all the relevant filings with the NCUC regarding this matter.

We, the BHA, have intervened in this proceeding in order to be able to speak on behalf of the BHA, if we conclude it becomes appropriate for us to do so.

It would assist us to know your views on this matter.

We have identified some possible advantages for regulation of the parking and barge and some possible disadvantages. As the facts are complicated and reasonable people can differ on what is the better result, people can differ on the advantages and disadvantages.

By listing possible advantages and disadvantages, we do not mean to suggest our views on what we think or suggest. We only want to list some obvious points and get you thinking about this so we can elicit your thoughts and views.

Do not ascribe any significance to the fact that our explanation of the the possible disadvantages is longer than the possible advantages. Some explanations just take more words. Nothing more should be inferred.

## **Possible Advantages and Disadvantages of Public Regulation of the Parking and the Barge**

### **Possible Advantages:**

1. There would be some level of assurance that the rates that are charged by the owner of the parking lot and/or barge will be reasonable and limited to cost recovery and a reasonable profit.
2. The process for increasing rates would be open, public, transparent and predictable.
3. The home and lot owners would have the ability to participate in the rate-changing process.

4. The NCUC rate-setting process is quite complex. There is a possibility that if regulated, the permitted returns and asset valuations would be such that the existing fees could actually be lowered from what they are today.

### **Possible Disadvantages:**

1. Since the beginning of the ferry and tram for BHI, the parking lot and the barge have been owned and operated by a private business, BHI Limited. The rates have been reasonable. SharpVue, also a private business, indicated it would carry on service substantially as it has been and only increase rates consistent with inflation. All appears to be set up for an orderly and reasonable ownership transfer from BHI Limited to SharpVue.

Public regulation of the parking lot and the barge could change things significantly. For example, the NCUC might disallow the dedicated premium parking lot and require so-called first-come, first-served parking. In addition, the return criteria and asset valuations could possibly be set at a level so low that we could possibly lose SharpVue as the buyer.

2. If the Village were ultimately to buy the Ferry Transportation System, as it wants to do, we, the real property owners on Bald Head Island, will have personal liability for increased real estate taxes to pay any losses suffered by or needed by the Village in operating the Transportation System.

In addition, if the Village buys the Ferry Transportation System with the General Obligation Bonds as it intends to do, you will only be able to sell your lot and/or your home during the 30-year life of the bond to a buyer who is also willing to assume that risk.

If SharpVue buys it, the real property owners have no risk of increased real property taxes based on the Ferry Transportation System and no personal liability for any losses incurred by the Ferry Transportation System.

3. If the system becomes regulated at a level that SharpVue is willing to accept, the cost of administrative compliance for a regulated company is high. There is much legal, administrative detail and compliance cost just to meet the regulatory demands. That cost will ultimately be passed on to the consumer in either increased fares or lesser service.

4. Regulated returns might be set at a low level and provide a disincentive for SharpVue to spend additional capital to upgrade the ferry system.

These are just a few of the possible advantages and disadvantages of regulation of the parking lot and the barge.

## **SURVEY LINK**

At this time, we would like you to answer just two questions, in addition to any comments you would like to include, **by Tuesday, August 23**. All responses are anonymous. Click [HERE](#) for the survey.

**Thank you very much.**  
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The next regular BHA Board meeting public session will be Friday, September 9, 2022, at 11:00am.

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