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## May 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting for Blue Ribbon Committee on Sagamore Creek Land to Include Public Input Session

PORTSMOUTH, NH – The next meeting of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on the Sagamore Creek Land will be held on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The Committee has worked since February on its charge to create a plan for public usage of the City-owned land at Sagamore Creek. This meeting will include a public input session to receive feedback from the community about the Committee's draft vision and guidelines, which can be found here: <a href="http://cityofportsmouth.com/sagamorecreek.html">http://cityofportsmouth.com/sagamorecreek.html</a>

The Committee, which includes representatives from the community and the Recreation Board, Conservation Commission, School Board and Sustainability Committee, has met five times to discuss and review the site's past usage and history; its environmental characteristics and natural resource value; its past use as a landfill; previous plans and studies associated with the parcel; and options for landfill reuses. The Committee met with multiple representatives from the City's School Board, Recreation Board, Conservation Commission and Sustainability Committee to discuss current uses of the site and gain the perspective from these representatives on the future uses of the parcel.

Residents who are unable to attend the public input session on Thursday are able to submit comments via the online public comment form included in the above website. Interested members can also reference the website to view presentations and documents reviewed by the Committee, as well as their minutes and meeting notices.