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To Mayor Janet Peake and Council Members:

I am defending public land. It is social injustice to install facilities on public land to be used by a select group of people. On public land there should be no special provisions for any special interest group, no matter how much is left for the public or how much money is exchanged. Equal is the key word; everyone must have equal usage of all the facilities provided.

If Island residents need to build parking lots and docks and boatslips

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they must build them on private land.

Marinas in the area can accommodate as well.

To us the park at Norway Point is our oasis on the lake, to Island cottagers it is a mere launchpad to their oasis.

A parking lot is a poor substitute for the shelter that the stand of trees, to be removed, provides. The trees protect the park from the road and the adjacent parking lot of the boat launch area. The quality of the park would deteriorate (if the trees are removed) socially, aesthetically and environmentally.

Good decisions were made to both

restore the shoreline planting and to overseed the lawn area with eco-lawn seed, how hypocritical to remove a stand of trees and put in another parking lot in an area where parking lots dominate the shoreline. Two steps ahead, many steps back.

For us this is one rare spot where one can be near the shoreline without a cottage in between us and the lake. It is a little oasis to be left as is.

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