

Laura Bozarth

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To: Laura Bozarth
Subject: "Marina's Tax"

According to L.B. , "Rep. Dean said the tax would look likeprobably a fee of 2.00/ slip/ year"

We have 100 slips so we would generate \$200.00/ year. There are 3 other marinas in Mallets Bay, our size and with our level of service and amenities. So that's another 300 slips, or \$600.00/ year.

Side note: the town wants to reappraise the "MARINAS" in Colchester, and are only looking at the "4" mentioned above. There are approx 4 others, and 2 yacht clubs (moorings), and other smaller facilities that fall under sic code 4493, and NAICS code 713930...defining marinas that the town chose to ignore ...but would amount to another 1200-1500 boats in Mallets Bay

VBMA, vermont boat and marine association publishes a pamphlet of marinas and their location and service levels. There are 16, in Vermont. Some are not as large as CMI, some are larger.....but estimated. avg , is 100/

So doing the math we come up with 1600 slips, or \$3200.00. / year. If we doubled it (to compensate for "errors") that would be \$6400.00/year. Hardly a strong revenue stream, and would probably cost more to administer.

By the way, our customers pay the fuel tax when they purchase fuel for boating, One of your proposals is for .01/gallon increase in the gas tax. Our marina customers would be paying approx \$800.00 into that fund.

I would suggest,\$1.00/ year / boat registration (handled through DMV), and or \$1.00 tacked on to the cost of fishing licenses. I don't know the numbers, but i am sure someone in the Committee has access to those numbers.

Or... the area of the basin in vermont is approx 2950000 acres > to raise 50M, would be a fee of 8.50/ acre cost to all land owners, municipalities, state, and businesses for 2 years...

I am away for two weeks but have access to e-mail and phone

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