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**From:** Wentworth, Emily  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2026 9:53 AM  
**To:** 'bare cove'; Sjostedt, Paula; Conservation; Palmer, Shannon  
**Cc:** Justin Evans  
**Subject:** RE: Conflict that Stifles Public Participation

Good morning, Brian, Noelle and Marcy.

Thank you for reaching out. The Conservation and Planning Departments have already coordinated on the May 4 schedule to avoid any potential overlap. The Commission is expected to take the 25 Bare Cove Park Drive matter up first and the Planning Board will open its hearing after the conclusion. You are most welcome to attend both hearings that will be held on the same evening, but not at the same time.

Best,  
Emily



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Please share the below message with the responsive board/commission members - Thank you!

Dear Planning Board Members and Conservation Commission Members:

On Monday May 4th at 7pm, we understand two simultaneous Town committees are discussing the 8 proposed pickleball courts for Bare Cove Park. Namely, the Hingham Conservation Commission is holding a public meeting to discuss the Notice of Intent to construct 8 pickleball courts at 25 Bare Cove Park Drive, and the Planning Board is holding a public meeting to discuss the Site Plan review for that same development.

Hingham's Master Plan states that Hingham "encourages and values its tradition of public participation in government" and we applaud that goal. However, when a public hearing for Site Plan review is being conducted on the **same day and at the same time** as a public hearing on a Notice of Intent on the very same project, public participation becomes an illusion. The public simply can't participate in both meetings simultaneously and are forced to give up participation in this material development project. Surely that is not what our Planning Board and Conservation Commission intend and we respectfully ask that one of these meetings be rescheduled to allow the public participation that our Town's Master Plan promotes.

Thank you,

Brian Seppala, Noelle Marquis and Marcy Breier  
Bare Cove Preservation.