

## Island Manager Report

May 14, 2016

### **Administration:**

**Volunteers:** Thanks to all those who helped reinstall the small boat docks. Karl Shafer, thanks for your help with the hundreds of envelopes, stickers and stamps, Mike Shettlesworth, for help with our trash cans and moving the fire engine; Steve Ohlsen brought in a new set of maps and donated office supplies and coffee carafes for the BOOSTERS. Dave LaLonde has been helping with his annual weedeating at the mainland parking lot. Way to go, volunteers! Look for more chances to help with the roads work party.

**Audit:** The 2015 Audit has arrived for Board review. Following that review, it will be posted on the HI website.

**Reserve Studies:** Mike Fleming of Association Reserves has completed his site visit and is working on both the HMC general, and water reserve studies.

**Water Operations:** Charles Smith will report. Hydrant flushing is planned for later this month. There is generalized concern about lead in drinking water and it's time to remark again on the good quality of Herron Island water. The "actionable" level for lead in drinking water is 15 ppb (parts per billion). On one of five most recently tested locations on the island, the lead level was 5 ppb. The other four tested locations registered no lead at all. The next test is not due until January 2017.

On May 18, USDA staff will visit to conduct a compliance review. This consists of a visit to confirm that we aren't doing any of the things we testified to in the documents we signed for the loan – like misusing federal funds for lobbying, discriminating, keeping our ADA bathroom and parking area available to use.

**Water Committee Report:** Charles Smith will report for the committee.

**Fire Department Liaison:** The chief has indicated he will want to address the Board meeting regarding an upcoming levy, and will also respond to questions about volunteer fire service.

**Land Use:** No report.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Meeting Saturday after the Board meeting.

**Parks: Committee Report.** Plans are in the works to improve drainage at North Beach in the area of erosion on the south end of the beach. Tracy Anspach extends thanks to all those who helped put in the docks last month, and those who turned out for the Earth Day Parks Cleanup.

### **Roads: Committee Report.**

Jack Wells will report for the committee. The roads crew has been working several projects around the island, installing culverts to reduce erosion and stabilizing eroding roadsides. A plan is being developed for the failing retaining wall at Maple & Yew by Goodpaster Park. Additional barriers need to be in place at the corner of East Herron & Maple; the committee is checking the availability of recycled barriers for use on the corner.

Road grading is set to happen after the Memorial Day weekend. This schedule will help repair the inevitable damage caused by heavy traffic on a holiday weekend.

The Roads Committee is proposing a roads work party for Saturday, June 18. The work party would focus on weedeating in the HMC ditches alongside the roads and around the 40-plus fire hydrants. Additional work might be done inside the pump station, readying the area for storage of clean roads materials or painting the interior of the old reservoir (roof work needs to be done before this happens).

The water truck is currently sidelined with mechanical problems. An employee of Sam Argo's is assisting with the repairs. The fuel tank pump is not working and the fuel filter rusted out during the winter. Jack Wells will put the salt water pump in working order so that road watering can begin.

**Rules:** All rules complaints have been resolved. Many thanks to the work of the Rules Committee – Max Hochanadel, Mark Anderson and Beth Owen.

### **Herron Island Ferry:**

**Dolphin Replacement Project:** Plans should be 60% complete by May 13, and permit applications are nearly complete. USDA has reviewed and approved our engineering contract with PND, meaning that HMC is eligible to include the contract's costs in the total loan package; however, funds for this portion of the project are available in existing reserves. At this point the project is waiting for response from the Department of Ecology before the project proceeds further. We are pressing hard to move this project along, as USDA Rural Development funds are limited, and annually appropriated by Congress. Once funds are authorized, we need to obtain interim financing and put the project out for bid. But first --- borrowing to fund the project must be authorized by a vote of the membership, which should occur with the counting of the budget ballots in July.

**Ferry Crew:** This report is very much like last month's: recruiting, interviewing and screening potential candidates for ferry crew. Donnie Surratt's medical leave is continuing at least through July.. Kevin is now working the weekday shift. Dale Miller and Rich Urfer are working as fill in deck hands. A recent trainee standby captain did not complete training, and we are searching again. Our standbys captain are now Eric Helpenstell, Jon Robinson and Joe Taylor; however, all have other employment are available only with advance notice. We will also be looking for an off island standby deckhand.

**Ferry Schedule:** Low Tide Cancellations are posted on the website. July 4 weekend presents a special challenge this year, with low tide cancellations July 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Anyone planning on coming over that holiday weekend would be well advised to plan ahead.

**Transportation Committee:** The Committee will meet for one hour at 2 p.m. following the Board meeting, in the Community Building. The Committee has broken into subcommittees and, among other issues, is reviewing an early prototype ticketing system being developed by Fred Fath.

**Technology:** No report.

**Legal Liaison:** We currently have 8 delinquencies, 5 of which are with the attorney for collections. Two delinquencies are in amounts of less than \$200. Delinquency rate of 3.7%. Last year at this time we had 20 delinquencies, with 13 at collections. Currently, HMC has 383 Assessable Units and 397 Water customers.