

**HMC**  
**Island Manager Report**  
**Board Meeting**  
**October 12, 2002**

**Summary**

**Administration**

- Based upon the Consumer Price Index, at the start of the new fiscal year (October 1<sup>st</sup>) cost of living raises (2%) went into effect for all employees.

**Transportation**

- The ferry returned from drydock on Saturday, Oct. 5 and went into service that evening.
- The deck boat, "MoTime," carrying passengers, made every run that the ferry would have made during the two weeks the ferry was gone. Nick Huff provided the boat at no cost to HMC. Nick and Mike Shettlesworth and Claudia and Bill Jones gave large amounts of their time to operate the passenger-ferry service.
- A number of unexpected problems arose while the ferry was in drydock. Some of the most significant were serious corrosion (potentially leading to failure) of one stainless steel propeller shaft, which required machining a replacement, and a problem fitting the new transmissions into the available space. The latter issue was due to incorrect information from the transmission vendor. We incurred some additional shipyard costs because of this problem and will be looking to the vendor for reimbursement of some of this expense.
- The complete overhaul of both engines went well, as did the complete stripping (sandblasting to bare metal) of the hull and subsequent applications of new anti-corrosion and anti-fouling paint.
- The ferry easily passed the mandated, thorough U.S. Coast Guard inspection that is done while the vessel is out of the water. The only problem found was with the above-mentioned stainless steel shaft, which unfortunately is a very expensive item.
- A new radar unit replaced the very old one in the pilothouse. The new one is much easier to use under various light conditions and is much more sensitive, being able to distinguish even small objects in the water.
- All portable fire extinguishers on board were serviced and tagged.

**Finance**

- See Finance Committee report.

**Water**

- An aluminum cover to adequately seal the entrance opening into the concrete reservoir has been located and is being shipped to HMC. It should meet the Health Department requirements for a better cover than is presently in place.
- Due to HMC having a high-quality water source and being in general compliance with health department rules and regulations we have been granted a waiver from having to do certain chemical testing over the next three years. This will save several hundred dollars in lab fees.
- Our water was recently tested for nitrates and arsenic. Neither is a problem as neither was present at the reporting levels. The reporting level for arsenic has been changed by the federal EPA to an extremely small amount.

#### Legal Liaison

- Our attorney was recently requested to provide information on a couple of issues but has not responded as of Thursday.

#### Land Use

- No report.

#### Parks

- No report.

#### Roads

- New asphalt has been placed at the island ferry ramp parking area.
- Dick Mowry has asked that the Board consider the condition of the roads in general and, as part of that, discuss how much gravel will be needed to maintain them in good condition over the next year.