

**HMC**  
**Island Manager Report**  
**Board Meeting**  
**July 12, 2003**

**Summary**

**Administration**

- Linda Shettlesworth has resigned as Office Manager Trainee. Patricia Haenen Jones has replaced her in that position and has started working with Barbara Huff.
- Mosquito control: Pierce County Surface Water Management Agency was contacted and asked whether the County anticipates doing any spraying for mosquitoes this year. They do not plan to spray any properties at this time.

**Transportation**

- Update on hiring a new fill-in captain: Of the six respondents to our advertisements who were interviewed by phone, the two most promising were interviewed in person. Both have regular jobs. One is currently unavailable (in Alaska) and one is only available certain weeks. Another potentially viable candidate has not decided whether he wants to continue the interview process. It may be necessary to advertise further.
- Current fill-in captain: Megan Alford is still involved in a long procedure to upgrade her captain's license and continues to be without a valid license. Late September appears to be the earliest that she will have a valid license.
- The Ferry Vehicular Access Policy has been updated as requested by the Board in June. Requires a Board vote to put it into effect.

**Finance**

- Member Brian Wilson recently brought a large crane to the island to be used in building construction. When coming off a barge it damaged some sections of the North Beach boat ramp, which already had some damaged parts. Brian has agreed to cover the cost of new materials (concrete and reinforcing steel) to build new ramp sections. A work party will have to be put together to pour new concrete sections and install them.
- The Trew property (deeded in lieu of payment) now belongs to HMC. This looks like a saleable parcel. A Board resolution is required to list the property for sale with a real estate firm.
- The Christman property is in the process of being deeded to HMC. Combined with the adjacent HMC parcels, this may be marketable.
- Discussions with Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer's office resulted in lower assessed values on two more properties owned by HMC. This was accomplished without going through a formal appeals process.

**Legal Liaison**

- No report.

**Land Use**

- No report.

**Roads**

- Road dust control continues. The various mechanical components (watering truck, electric pump station) have been working well.

- There have been a number of complaints regarding children and teens of varying ages driving recklessly on island roads as well as doing wheelstands and deliberately spinning circles and throwing gravel. There is a potential liability issue for HMC. Some suggestions that have come in include requiring all off-road vehicles on the island to be registered and to display a numbered sticker, making it easier to identify the operator or owner. Another suggestion is to drop the rule regarding direct supervision of unlicensed operators, since HMC already has a rule stating that provisions of the Washington State Motor Vehicle Code (RCW) apply on island roads.

#### Water

- A recent monthly coliform sample tested as "unsatisfactory." Per State Department of Health requirements we immediately took four additional samples, all of which tested fine (satisfactory). This indicates that the original sample was most likely inadvertently contaminated during the bottle filling, and that the water itself meets requirements.