

August 8, 2015

Administration:

Volunteers: Thanks to the roads Work Party volunteers – Steve Drake, Jan O’Connor, Joseph Pentheroudakis, Ted Jensen, Kathy Deuster, Bob Hartnett, Mike Gage, Jim Davies, Anita Bray, Steve Kramer, Jack Wells, Dana Gruber, and David Ellsworth. Boosters provided lunch: Judy Greinke, Carla Vierra and Sue Drake. Judy Greinke made the whiteboard signs, and Janet Podell made the work party announcement.

Del Robertson gets a vote of thanks for doing an air conditioner repair, permanently attaching the vent hose which kept falling off.

Tansy: Pat Zazzo, Leslie Sanderson, Karl Schafer and John Farris helped out with the annual tansy pull party, with some thistle thrown in. Jim Towslee, of Pierce County Noxious Weed Control, came in to the office to announce that the island looked better than it ever had.

Burn ban sign: Once again a souvenir seeker has removed an HMC sign. If found, please return it.

Water Operations:

Considerable work has been done on a plan to create a “water maintenance trailer” which would carry fire hose and would be easily transported to locations on the island. Thanks to Larry Eccles for his hard work and assistance with this. The plan needs to be reviewed, and the equipment tested. Our insurance broker has advised us that a “volunteer fire company” not under the auspices of Fire District 16 will not be covered for liability.

Some Members whose names have repeatedly appeared on the leak list has not yet taken action to fix those leaks. The biggest leak, which has defied understanding until recently has been repaired. Thanks to the Member for taking care of this. Other Members will soon receive letters providing them the details of their water usage and the consequences of failing to take action, up to and including water shutoff.

Backflow devices were successfully reinspected, and all passed inspection. These inspections are required to help guarantee that system contamination does not occur.

Water Committee Report: None.

Fire Department Liaison: The fire department levy passed, as only a simple majority vote was required. Total voter turnout was only 20%.

Land Use: A Member asked whether it was all right for the property owner to remove branches from trees on those properties, if the branches overhung the HMC roadway easement. The answer is “yes”. If the tree is on your property, it’s your to trim or remove. Just be certain to check the property line, roughly three feet behind the water meter or power pole.

Recently two members have inquired about purchasing HMC owned properties. The pricing of these properties have not been reevaluated for several years, and one member has offered a purchase price below the current posted value. Volunteers would be needed to review and propose revised pricing for these properties, which then, according to policy, are offered to all members. The policy regarding purchase of HMC properties is posted on the island website.

Emergency Preparedness: The small pump has been mounted on the dust truck and plans to test it are in the works.

Parks: Committee Report.

Small Boat Dock Removal: Tracy Anspach reported that the removal of the docks will be planned for Saturday, October 10, starting at noon. If the ramp painting project is incomplete, this will be reset to Saturday, October 24. Expect to see further announcements.

Please do not remove driftwood from the beaches at North Beach or South Beach. These help reduce erosion along the beachfront and are part of the natural environment.

Roads: Committee Report.

A second culvert needs to be replaced at the driveway into the pump station. This work will be done after the cost is determined. A large rusted culvert at the end of Single Lane Road and Maple needs replacing during the summer, possibly while the ramps are being painted and there is less traffic. Additional projects include drainage, removal of the dirt pile opposite the pump station.

Rules: One unresolved complaint. Until membership of the Rules Committee has been resolved, the complaint cannot be served.

Herron Island Ferry:

Low Tide Cancellations: There are no further low tide cancellations this year.

Ferry Ramp Painting: Nothing further to report at this time. The project engineer is working with the contractor regarding acquisition of materials and paint. A ferry schedule has been posted on the website, and copies are available in the letterboxes outside the office.

There may be exceptions to this schedule, and we will try to use whiteboards, the website and email to get the word out. Also, the small boat docks will be in and usable, but the outermost dock will be reserved for emergency access by the fire department. The painter will be storing a small skiff overnight, and will need space on the dock, as well. Staging areas for materials are yet to be determined on the island; on the mainland the contractor will use the beachside area closest to the dock.

Vehicle parking area will include the beach side lane of Isted Road, with one lane left open for vehicle movement. The County has given permission to use the road for parking.

Any additional security on the mainland needs to be coordinated by volunteers. If a volunteer wants to coordinate overnight parking lot security, please get in touch with the office.

Dolphin Replacement Project: The project engineers send the following report:

Hart Crowser (HC) – Permitting:

HC have researched and drafted up the JARPA application for the test pile program. The application should be ready for review next week. They are reaching out to WDFW and DNR to let them know this is coming and to solicit early feedback.

APS Survey and Mapping (APS) - Survey:

Due to work load and scheduling conflicts, APS will be on site Monday the 17th of August – the 18th. They are anticipating a quick turnaround to get PND a base map.

Quigg Bros – Test Pile Program contractor:

Quigg brothers will be performing the test pile program for the project. Our contact is on vacation this week but will talk with them next week to ensure the test pile program is on their schedule and they are ready to go once permits are obtained.

Other:

We continue to recruit for standby captain candidates. Currently we have two qualified standby captains, both of whom have other jobs that affect their availability.

Technology: No report.

Legal Liaison: We currently have 9 delinquencies, 8 of which are with the attorney for action, and two of which are making installment payments. Delinquency rate of 2%. Last year at this time we had 15 delinquencies with 6 at collections. Currently, HMC has 383 Assessable Units (a reduction of one from last month) and 397 Water customers.

