

Island Manager Report April 10, 2010

Administration:

Facilities: We continue to await repair of the driveway in front of the community building. Steve Kramer is assisting with this. Please watch your step!

Signage: New signs have been ordered for the mainland and island side, at the request of the Transportation Committee. These will probably be going up during the April 24th weekend. Two other burn ban signs are being ordered for placement at the top of the ferry road, and near the whiteboard sign at the top of the island.

WebSite: The webmaster added an "Island News" box to the front page of the website, where announcement or topical events can appear prominently for members.

2010-2011 Budget Preparation; Continuing on this, and awaiting input from committees.

Volunteers: Many thanks to the volunteers this past month, including Steve & Coleen Chapin (auto decals); the Beachcomber Committee; and those who assisted with mailing of ballots. Terry Fletcher also gets a "thank you" for his help with technology issues.

Water System Replacement/Upgrade: We have continued to collect some information on environmental review requirements, but have been unable to move further on these issues until a vote of the members regarding authorization of the project and the funds to support it. So far, we know we will need to do the cultural/archaeological survey, but we want to keep this survey, and its cost impacts, to a minimum. During the month, we attempted to put information up on the island website regarding the USDA loan.

Water: Mike Davis has indicated that he intends to resign from his position as our certified water system manager. He has agreed to work with us to find a successor, which will probably be off-island. Mike's services to HMC have provided a great benefit to members at a nominal cost, and he is owed a debt of thanks. Although we will try to secure services at a reasonable cost, undoubtedly water system management costs will increase. In addition, should a water emergency occur, there may be additional emergency ferry run costs if we need to bring in an off-island manager. This could cause a significant change in budgeted water maintenance costs.

Emergency Preparedness:

Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: Lou Dooley of Pierce County Emergency Management has sent us an updated section of the plan, which I will forward to the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Lou would like to talk with the Board and request Board approval of the plan. In the next few days, I will send you a copy of the plan, along with some suggested areas for your review.

Fire Department Liaison:

Island Spring Burn: May 15 has been recommended as a date for the spring burn, if this is acceptable to the Board. When approved, this date will be posted on the web site.

Land Use: Dana Gruber has requested permission to remove a small, multi-trunk tree half on HI right-of-way and half on her property. The tree is located at the entrance of the main driveway. She intends to replace the tree with a flowering tree inside the property line, and will bear all costs to cut the tree and have the stump removed. Does the Board need to refer this to the LUC, or simply approve?

Legal Liaison: Currently, five delinquencies.

Parks: From Tracy Anspach: “Planning is underway for our Earth Day/Parks Appreciation Day event on April 24, 2010. This has been posted in the Beachcomber and will follow the same process as in previous years. The one change this year is that we’ve combined the dock installation into this event. Mike Shettlesworth has volunteered to do the dock repairs prior to the event. Repair costs will be tallied and reported in our next report.

Please gather your family and friends and join us. We’ve got a large list of projects and so we’re hoping for a good turnout. It’s a great community event and a chance to meet some new people.”

Roads:

Maintenance: Dick Mowry will be servicing the water truck for use this summer.

Rules: No report.

Transportation:

Oil Spill Containment: The alternative plan has been sent to APP. We are attempting to set an implementation date around November 1, which would allow us to break even on this change in the first year, given that we will have to pay for training of the crew and used containment boom. Training is offered the second week of each month.

Pierce County Wharf Easement: No news regarding “land swap”.

Dock Inspections: We received the final report on dock inspection and have forwarded it to Pierce County, which found it satisfactory. Copies have also been provided to KPFF for consideration in the Marine Facility Survey, and to our insurance broker to verify that we are taking care of our infrastructure. Although none of the recommendations is urgent, we will gather budget estimates for future painting. The ideal schedule would include painting with any other work that might disrupt ferry service, such as drydock or dolphin repair.

Marine Facility Survey: We met April 1 with KPFF and the environmental permit consultant from Landau Engineering. John Farris, Mike Shettlesworth and Kathy Deuster attended to help provide background on our marine facilities. We also went over related file materials. The team from KPFF/Landau will return at low tide April 27 and 28 to begin the assessment.

Phase I is the conditions assessment. Phase 2 would be a design report, laying out more specifically any work to be done, including permits, costs and schedule. Phase 3 includes Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E’s), permit applications, and special studies necessary to construct repairs, rehabilitations, or replacements included in the Design Report.

Drydock: The ferry will go into drydock this fall for periodic servicing and engine overhaul. Capt. Farris is attempting to secure a date in September. This information will be posted on the website under “Island News”, and in the Beachcomber.

Technology:

Terry Fletcher continues to help us in the office with file backup and file sharing improvements.