

**HMC Management
Island Manager Report
Board Meeting
December 10, 2005**

Summary

Administration

- The County Council's office for District 7 researched the question of whether the County will pay HOA dues. Though there are no laws, whether in the RCW, the WAC, or County ordinances, that pertain to this, the County does not and will not pay dues. HMC does have the option of foreclosing on the County-owned properties.
- Efforts to find new office computers at sale prices continue. A recent attempt to purchase them was not successful as not enough were available at the time of the sale.
- The CPA office that HMC has used for annual audits but no longer uses for regular accounting work has indicated that they cannot start on our audit until at least January. It appears that we will need to find another CPA firm to handle the audits.

Information items

- A check for \$20,000.00 has been received from member Dick Pugh as his contribution to the rebuilding of the shoreside bulkhead adjacent to the island ferry ramp area. Mr. Pugh requested, as part of the agreement, that HMC have the contractor build rock steps into the bulkhead south of the ramp. He also requested that HMC build a fence on the north side of the ramp, to connect with a fence that he will build on his property. The letter of agreement has been signed.
- As part of the search for ways to transport people to and from the island during the time that the ferry is in drydock (every two years) discussions have been had with the Gig Harbor owner of a small landing craft. The boat has a drop-down bow ramp that allows walking access to a beach from the boat without going through water. The owner indicated that the vessel could be made available in September, 2006. Cost has not yet been discussed, as there are several questions to be answered first, including what legal status his boat would have as a passenger-transporter and whether there are any restrictions on it landing along the mainland shore.

Emergency Preparedness/Fire Department

- The new Emergency Preparedness Committee Chairperson is Carole Crowley.

Legal

- Attorney Jim Strichartz's office is recommending that they be used to place liens on delinquent properties, rather than the HMC office doing it. The main benefit would be that they automatically get notice from the County when a tax foreclosure sale is pending, and we do not.

Transportation

- The new fuel supplier, Associated Petroleum Products, has made two deliveries and the prices, which vary with the date of delivery, have been excellent.
- The two new part-time deckhand trainees have completed their initial training.

Water

- Pierce County requested two small items be taken care of at the wellsite prior to final sign-off on the reservoir permit. These have been accomplished but the inspector has not yet returned.
- The new hydrant was tested for flow capacity on December 8.