

Report of Roads Committee

HMC Board Meeting

May 14, 2022

1. Roads Committee met on April 29, 2022 and had 12 agenda items.
2. Island manager joined meeting and accepted a recommendation to bring Mountain View Grading to the island to improve the roads prior to the Memorial Day Weekend.
3. Discussion also centered on ditch cleaning and which areas need to be included this spring.
4. The Dust Buster will be put into operating condition this month. The bed under the tank needs to be replaced and the air cylinders that operate one of the side panels need replacement. In the fall the Dust Buster was taken to a truck repair shop to correct problems with the brakes and to perform a chassis inspection as well as an oil change. The vehicle is in good condition.
5. During the park work day it was discovered that the pump for filling the Dust Buster had been exposed to the king tide salt water while in storage at the North Beach Pavilion. The pump is being repaired by Bill Placek. He has also taken the motor in to a shop in Tacoma to clean it and bring it back into operation.
6. There are at least three people wanting to be trained to drive the Dust Buster. After the system is ready they will be trained by Bill Placek.
7. There was discussion about cleaning and upgrading many of the street name signs on the island. Some volunteers have stepped up to take on that task.
8. In concert with the ditch cleaning contractor the committee will be performing some culvert cleaning during this busy season.
9. The committee has offered some suggestions for criteria regarding road encroachment for power line excavations and other such work affecting roads. We are trying to establish measurable criteria for determining when the road restoration is sufficient. A number of locations have shown compaction after closure and that causes bumps in the road and pathways for rain to cut into the road surface.

10. There was substantial discussion regarding pothole repair between grading contractor appointments, especially during the winter. Those who had made repairs in various locations received gratitude for their efforts. A plan to acquire gravel and make pothole repairs was agreed to and will be used during the next winter period.