

HMC Board Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2019

Call to Order: Reed West, President

Roll Call: Reed West, Chet Latimer, Ferd Reichlin, Kathy Deuster, and Merry Kogut. Jane Wooster (Island Manager) was excused.

Motion was made and approved unanimously to suspend the traditional agenda and adopt one in which membership input would be made after the committee reports.

Treasurer's Report: The Board met with HMC's auditor and we learned that we passed the audit. The Auditor made a few suggestions; HMC's accountant and auditor will work to make things smoother and in better compliance with auditing standards going forward.

- Motion was made and approved unanimously to pay the HMC water and HMC regular bills.
- Seal-coated Ferry St. hill – moved and approved unanimously to use \$4,100 from Ferry hill reserve to pay the bill.

Prior Month's Minutes: Motions were made and approved unanimously to accept the July 13, 2019, Board meeting minutes and the July 13, 2019, reconvened annual Membership meeting minutes.

Correspondence (not in chronological order):

1. Email from mainland neighbor concerned about the parking lot light.
2. Email from Member seeking paving of part of a Herron Island road leading to his island property.
3. Emails from Member concerned about the Board's upcoming tiebreaker vote about assessments.
4. Email from Member seeking time on the agenda today to raise concerns and make suggestions about three island issues.
5. Email packet from Member requesting reimbursement for scrape on the ferry October 2018.
6. Letter from Pierce County Noxious Weeds regarding tansy on 1119 Madrona Blvd.

Island Manager Report: Chet Latimer delivered report. Topics covered included.

- HMC received \$10,800 from the company that filmed the Ford commercial, which more than adequately covered HMC's costs.
- HMC is seeking a person to back up the Office Manager

- Consumer Confidence Report mailed to all Members; water quality is good. Charles Smith is still out on leave. Contact Dan Marten or Jane Wooster for assistance.
- Thank you to Jim Davies who served as Parks Committee Chair. New Chair is Dale Miller
- Rules: One case is open with a hearing scheduled
- 17 delinquencies; 11 with attorney for action

See Manager's Report for more information and complete details

Committee Reports:

- Maintenance: Gary Wanzong reported that there is a problem with one ferry engine and with oil sampling.
- Water: NW Water will be visiting the island to deal with a leak on West Herron
- Policy Review Committee: Request to Board to review requirement to get a signed certificate of liability from someone renting the Community Building. The revised Ferry Access Policy was presented to the Board, discussed, and approved by motion/unanimous vote. Members suggested (1) an ID card instead of decaling vehicles, and (2) revisiting emergency runs not triggered by a call to 911 (such as for an injured pet). The latter issue is on the Board's agenda.
- Roads: Ferry St. hill seal-coated with two coats. Revisit issue in five years. Thank you to Ted Jensen for his work.
- Small Boats Docks: Alan DeGood, October 19th starting 8:30 A.M.: docks to be removed with repairs made as needed.
- Emergency Preparedness: Ken Higgins will have two articles in the August Beachcomber. To protect homes keep plants at least 5 feet from home; cut branches 10 ft up trees; 5 ft to 30 ft from home keep ground cover/branches cut; keep roof and gutters clean. Use metal mesh screens on vents to keep blowing embers out of house. Remove things from under deck that could prove dangerous in a fire.

Budget Vote:

On the budget vote counted on July 13, 2019, the results were a tie:

Choice One: Two equal assessment payments of \$1355: 53 votes

Choice Two: Two equal payments of \$1199 and one special assessment of \$312: 53 votes

Choice Three: No on budget: 24 votes

The Board consulted the Bylaws and obtained legal advice that it could vote to break the tie. The Board cannot change the terms of what was proposed.

A lively membership discussion ensued, that also covered the necessity of covering more than 10% of the existing reserves. Reed pledged to inform Members about the proposed budget earlier in the year going forward, and present the information in terms easier for lay people to understand. A motion was made to allow for two equal payments of \$1199 and one special assessment of \$312. Board discussion centered around the advantage of an easier payment schedule for the members versus the estimated cost of \$1700 for an additional bill being prepared and mailed. Chet and Ferd voted no. Reed, Kathy, and Merry voted yes. The motion passed. Kathy pointed out that Members can always pay more in advance or make monthly payments. The amount due in January will be a separate billing and must be paid by the January deadline to avoid delinquency.

Membership Input: Some of the matters discussed included:

First ferry on weekend be at 7:30 a.m. year round.

Provide more information to vacation rentals' renters, such as to observe sound curfew and to observe speed limits on roads. It would be helpful to put this into the Beachcomber again. It would be useful to put large stickers on vehicles on the island, such as quads and motorcycles. Children should be under adult supervision. Hand out rules to guests in vehicles.

Have drydock later in the year, such as in mid-October, instead of interrupting part of summer.

Charge members \$10 for cars and \$5 to walk on, but continue to sell books of tickets for \$72.00. The Task Force on rentals made the same recommendation.

Video surveillance – Ken Higgins is an expert and will put a proposal together.

CenturyLink – Shelly was a CTL project manager and will reach out to the local planner to learn whether service can be improved.

Boosters: Merry (Boosters VP) reported that there will be no potluck tonight, but that there will be a Paella Party on Saturday, August 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Beachcomber: Beachcomber articles are to be submitted by August 14th at 5:00 pm.

Old Business:

- Drainage repair on the single lane portion of East Herron Rd is moving forward.
- Report on vacation rentals and the Board's response will soon be posted on the Herron Island website at Herronisland.org

New Business:

- Certificates of appreciation presented for Curt Haney and Bill Placek. Jim Davies will be staying on Parks (just stepping down as Chair).
- North Beach cleanup Saturday and Sunday September 7th and 8th from 9:00 a.m. – noon. In addition, the erosion at NB near the kayak racks may need a taskforce.

- HMC Management Facebook page – cease using it. Use the Herron Island membership group for posts instead.
- Ted Jensen: Salty's Marine will be available by appointment September 18th to work on small boats. Merry will put the information in the HMC Calendar.

Executive Session: None

Reed adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. .