

**HMC Management
Board Meeting Summary
July 9, 2005**

Administration

- The Board approved the office staff recommendation of the following changes in office hours/days: office open 10AM-6PM Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Friday hours will replace Monday, and the office will be open later in the afternoons to allow those coming to the island on the 4:30 and 5:30 ferry runs to have access to the office.
- The Board voted to send Patty Haenen-Jones, the Office Manager, to a two-day class on Microsoft Access, to be held in Tacoma. All HMC bookkeeping will eventually be on an Access database.
- The Beachcomber: preparing and publishing the Beachcomber, a very important medium for getting information to the membership, is very time-consuming. While currently done entirely with volunteer work, there may be a need in the future to make it part of the Office Manager's duties. It is hoped that members will take the time to read the Beachcomber when it arrives. Also, if anyone has a notice or item they wish to put in the Beachcomber, it needs to get to the office in advance of the publishing deadline (usually determined at the monthly Board meetings) and be approved for inclusion.

Emergency Preparedness/Fire Department

- A report to the Board was prepared by FD volunteer Firefighter/EMT Michael Jones.

Land Use

- A team from Pierce County Responds will return to the island on Thursday, July 14, to follow up their recent visit and help residents with property clean up. Dump fees assistance is available, up to \$100. All interested owners are encouraged to contact P.C. Responds or the office.
- A great deal of discussion (Board and members attending the meeting) concerned issues surrounding previous and future sales of HMC-owned lots. The Board decided to place a moratorium on future lot sales and develop a master plan for both sales and retention of HMC-owned lots.

Legal

- As part of a proposed settlement of a class action suit against Aon Corporation (a large insurance company) HMC can receive a very small amount from Aon.

Transportation

- We still have only one fill-in ferry captain and he is rarely available to work. There is also only one fill-in deckhand, though two applications are pending.

Water

- After a lot of time has passed, final permits to construct the new water reservoir have been received from Pierce County. A pre-construction meeting is planned for Tuesday, July 12, with representatives from all the contractors involved attending, as well as Herron Island residents who are working on the project.
- Note: piping construction is expected to begin in late July, with the concrete reservoir being built in stages during August. If the schedule holds, the new tank should be available for use in mid- or late September.