

HMC
Island Manager Report
Board Meeting
October 11, 2003

Summary

Administration

- For Board discussion: guidelines for billing residents for water leaks occurring on their property (State regulations are coming regarding water conservation by purveyors).

Transportation

- The search for a fill-in captain: considering advertising in local newspapers again. We have contacted a number of people and several sources of information and had some interest shown, but some applicants do not yet have the required Coast Guard license and others have not followed up when they learn about staying overnight each shift.
- For Board discussion: changes in how fill-in captains are compensated.
- Megan Alford has resigned as fill-in ferry captain.

Roads

- For Board discussion: damage to island roads by CenturyTel contractor while digging for underground cable placement. HMC attorney has been asked for assistance in determining best way to insure that damage costs are covered.
- A draft of revised rules to deal with various driving issues is available to the Board for discussion, per the Board request in July. All golf carts and off-road vehicles would have to be stickered, and lights front and rear would be required after dark.

Water

- Phone contractor hit a water main on W. Herron Blvd. Water system had to be shut down, then chlorinated as a precaution. HMC has incurred other costs associated with the undergrounding of phone lines.
- Dick Provencal has resigned from the position of Water Field Operations. He has put in countless hours on behalf of the island, insuring that State-required water samples are taken and overseeing the maintenance of the water system. He will be missed very much, and deserves a big "Thank You" for all of his efforts over the years.
- To assist the Island Manager with the day-to-day operation of the water system, two island residents have stepped forward to volunteer their time: Dick Mowry and Dick Zottman will share the job of Water Field Operations.
- For Board discussion: limiting the scope of the proposed initial center-of-island "backbone" improvements to the water system along Maple Drive.

Parks

- Work to repair the small boat launch ramp is pending. The job of pouring new concrete sections can be done over the winter. Their installation will have to wait until spring weather and favorable tides.