

**HMC Management  
Island Manager Report  
Board Meeting  
January 14, 2006**

**Summary**

**Administration**

- For Board discussion: a proposal has been made to put in wireless connectivity at the HMC office, now that DSL has been installed there. Expert advice, however, suggests that is not a good idea, as unauthorized access to HMC computers would be an issue.
- For Board discussion: consider imposing a fee for any vehicle, such as motorcycles and ATV's (typically brought over by guests) or vehicles not capable of operating under their own power (i.e., junk vehicles), that are carried or towed onto Herron Island and that do not have a current HMC sticker of the appropriate type.
- For Board discussion: authorizing the attorney to conduct so-called "stake-outs" to serve legal papers on specified delinquent owners (by pre-arrangement with HMC).

**Information items**

- On both Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Insurance (FUTA-SUTA) HMC's rates have dropped to the absolute minimum that is charged. This is due to excellent claims records over the past four years.
- We will shortly be requesting Pierce County to release the set-aside funds (\$1500.00) they required for the new water reservoir permit.
- Because of the need to maintain privacy of individual's records in the office, a small swinging gate has been installed to help insure that visitors remain in the front desk area.

**Emergency Preparedness/Fire Department**

- A report to the Board has been prepared by Carole Crowley.

**Land Use**

- A serious landslide has occurred at the rear of a lot overlooking South Beach. Property stakes at the top of the cliff there indicate that the material that broke away was on HMC property. The I.M. recommends the Board consider hiring an expert in geotech matters to advise HMC regarding this situation. Legal counsel may also be in order.

### Legal

- One of the principals in our attorney's firm is leaving, in a friendly "divorce."
- For Board discussion: the fee schedule for lien placement and removal at the attorney's office. Also, consideration of adopting a "collection policy" as recommended by the attorney.

### Transportation

- The cost of using a locally-available landing craft while the ferry is in dry-dock has been determined to be \$150.00 per hour. This does not include crew costs, fuel costs or special (temporary) insurance costs.

### Roads

- No report.

### Water

- Recent special testing required by law of copper and lead content have found that both were non-detectable (neither were found in tests several years ago, either). Since the new reservoir went in service there have been no bacteria detected in the monthly testing.
- The Montgomery Water Group has sent a new agreement (ready for signing) to move ahead with the Small Water System Management Program that will, among other things required in it, detail how to plan for, purchase materials for and install a new water distribution system.