

**HMC  
Island Manager Report  
Board Meeting  
August 10, 2002**

**Summary**

**Transportation**

- The ferry goes into drydock on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, probably for about two weeks. Plan is to remove all old bottom paint and repaint the hull (protection against marine organisms).
- Contact was made with an individual who may be able to assist with the ferry ramp motor brakes problem (periodically slipping). He is out of state until mid-August and will advise when he is available.

**Finance**

- Efforts to appeal property values on various HMC-owned parcels that have no to very low values have been stymied this year by County policies and state laws. On many, we received notification in late June that taxes were going up, but because it was due to removal of exemptions that were there because of County mistakes we are not allowed to appeal the valuations this year. We can do so next year and attempt then to get valuations lowered for at least a couple of previous years.

**Water**

- Study by Montgomery Water Group is underway. Bob Montgomery, the principal in the company, is planning to meet with the Board at the September meeting.

**Legal Liaison**

- No report.

**Land Use**

- A request to remove trees and do some grading along the one-way road has been received. Board approval of the project will be required if it is to go forward, since it involves encroachment on common (HMC) property.

**Parks**

- No report.

**Roads**

- The saltwater pump installation at the North Beach is complete. Problems with holding a prime at the pump (due to a long hose run to the water as well as a fairly high lift at mid-height tides) seem to have been cleared up through the use of manual and spring-operated valves at the bottom end of the intake hose.