

Orchard Beach Community Group - 24th Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at the fire hall on Orchard Beach Drive by President Richard Simpson at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 7, 1997. Twenty people signed the Annual Meeting Roster.

The 1996 minutes were approved as read. The 1996-97 financial statement was reviewed and approved as presented. It was reported that all water tests over the last year have been satisfactory.

Discussion was held about how to assess late charges for the two system users who have not yet paid their 1996-97 water fees. Members stated that the fee is to *maintain* the system – not just for water usage. *A motion was moved, seconded and passed reaffirming the \$5.00 per month late charge as is in the bylaws.* The consensus seemed to be that the late charge be assessed after a user is 6 months late.

Discussion was held about the possibility of replacing dual water shut off valves with single shut off valves. The cost would be about \$175 per lot if Davis Drilling did the job.

It was noted that the power was off for 9 days during this winter's storm and that Richard Simpson maintained the generator to keep the water tanks charged every day, three times a day. He did so at no charge for the gasoline used. Also, Simpson, Jim Porter and Mark Richardson and others were thanked for clearing up many of the downed trees and branches encroaching on Orchard Beach Road even after the county crews had done their work.

There was a concern about combustibles on the vacant lot next to Mary Brown's lot. Simpson said he would look into it.

Concern was expressed about debris in the creek crossing under Orchard Beach Road and the possibility of the culvert washing out in a winter flood. The creek is county property. It can't be cleaned if salmon are spawning.

There was a question about who owns the fire hall and pays the utilities. The building is owned by the fire district and sits on a 30 X 40 foot piece of land deeded to the fire district by the Breidensteins with the understanding that the property reverts back to them should the fire district sell the building. The district has offered to sell the building to the Breidensteins, but they don't want it. Questions: Should the group buy it? How much are taxes, utilities? If an individual is using the hall for personal business, are our fire district taxes being used to pay for taxes and utilities?

Concern was expressed about the Ewart dog showing up at homes, getting into garbage and taking things. It was suggested that Animal Control might come in if enough calls were made.

Peggy Day reported that her investigation into the cost of putting in bulkheads showed no advantage for lot owners contracting jointly to put in bulkheads. It would cost about \$10,000 per 60 feet, singly or jointly, regardless of the type of material chosen. Fees and permits would cost \$1,000 - \$1,500 more. The only advantage (about \$1,000) in jointly contracting is if rock were used. Peggy's advice is to keep a bulkhead application as simple as possible.

It was stated that elevators to the beach are no longer permitted under the Shorelines Management Act.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Financial Report September 1, 1997 to August 31, 1998

Balances September 1, 1997

Checking	\$ 2,724.03	
Savings	3,377.01	
Petty cash	.01	\$ 6,101.05

Income

Water fees	\$ 2,570.50	
Interest (checking)	89.64	
Interest (savings)	94.16	\$ 8,855.35

Expenses

PUD #3	\$ 468.51	
Davis Drilling (service)	97.11	
Wash. Sec. of State (filing fee)	10.00	
Mason Co. Treasurer (water tests)	54.00	
Mason Co. Treasurer (full 1998 property tax)	65.39	
U.S. Postmaster	69.54	
Printing/supplies	46.39	
Attorney fees (Ken Valz)	20.00	
Potluck food/supplies	90.95	(\$ 921.89)

Balances August 31, 1998

Checking	\$ 4,454.99 (plus August interest)	
Savings	3,478.46	
Petty cash	.01	\$ 7,933.46

Water fee bills were sent to all users in September 1997. A second notice was sent to those with outstanding balances in May 1998. A special notice was sent to 4 users in July 1998.

As of this report, one user still owes \$42.00 for this year, One user owes \$230.00 (for 1996-98 fees plus a \$60.00 late charge).

There are four(4) cabins on the system which are never used and are not billed for water usage.
