

**HMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 10, 2004**

**Call to Order:** K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

**Roll Call:** Ken Freeman, President, Bill Zazzo, Vice President, Doug Allen, Island Manager, Fred Fath, Secretary and Treasurer, and Al Moren, Board Member. Ferd Reichlin, Board Member was excused for absence.

**Previous Board Meeting Minutes**

Fred Fath made a motion to accept the December Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Fred Fath reported that 2 pieces of correspondence were received by HMC this month. One from Pierce County outlined a process for the mainland parking lot wetland determination issue. The second was a proposal for aquatic farming around Herron Island.

**Finance:**

Treasurer reported that the expenses are in line with expectations. There was a meeting with the accountant and new cash flow reports are being generated. This will aid in the financial monitoring and budgeting process. Fred Fath made a motion to move \$35,000 from the general fund into the Ferry drydock reserve fund. Motion carried.

Fred Fath made a motion to pay the monthly island bills which are in line with expectations. Motion carried.

**Island Manager's report:**

A detailed assessment of each section can be found in the Island Manager's written report. Additional discussions that occurred between the Board and HMC members present are shown below.

Washington Shellfish, Inc. wants to talk about aquatic farming around Herron Island. This may or may not be an HMC issue as it is the individual property owner who owns the inter-tidal area. There are issues with property restrictions and resale that need to be addressed. The main area of HMC interest might be North Beach and if the income was sufficient it might be worthwhile.

**Legal Liaison:**

There will be a cost of \$480 paid to the county for wetland boundary determination on the mainland parking lot. This fee is lower than other alternatives found. There will be requirements for some signage and restricted use that will be outlined by the county.

**Land Use**

It was discussed that property obtained via foreclosure eliminates the liens so Herron Island cannot recover past unpaid assessments. The new owner is planning to sell the property.

There was discussion of the use of HMC lots for a “victory garden”. The original proposal was to use area around the playground but other lots may be more appropriate.

**Transportation:**

The hiring process for a fill-in captain is almost complete. Training will begin shortly.

There was discussion on a part-time deckhand being able to work at a lower wage for internship in order to upgrade his CG license to captain. This will be looked into by Doug Allen.

The generator issue on the ferry for emergency lifting the ramp will wait until spring for resolution.

**Rules & Regulations:**

Board will hear an appeal today. Separate minutes will be recorded.

**Fire Department/Emergency Preparedness:**

There will be a meeting next Saturday on emergency preparedness. No 911 calls this month.

**Water:**

On the issue of HMC billing an owner for expense incurred during the repair of a water leak on private property, a motion was made by Al Moren for HMC to pay 2/3 of the repair due to the HMC faulty valve. The owner will pay 1/3 to HMC for their expense. The basis for the reduction in billing was that a HMC shutoff valve was not closing completely and this caused the need for the repair work done by HMC. Had the valve worked properly, the owner could have fixed the leak at a later time without the HMC involvement and the resulting cost. A new invoice should be sent to the owner.

The board agreed to start the process for a special assessment to install fire hydrants and new mains along Maple Ave.

**Parks:**

There was discussion on replacing the window in the hall. Tracy Anspach will try to get glass from Nick Huff and will replace the window. Tracy will also repair the backstop where it is.

Repair to the boat launch was discussed. The plan is to repair by buying the material and getting the forms and concrete now. There has already been one payment and the contractor will pay more as repair progresses. Bill Zazzo made a motion to start the project and the motion carried.

**Roads:**

HMC billed Pacific Utilities Contractors for road repair. They have paid in full.

Al Moren made a motion to have a tree on HMC property removed as it is leaning and could be a danger. The remover could have the firewood. Motion passed.

**Boosters:**

Meeting tonight. New phone book is coming out but needs final input. Input is to be by phoning information to Al Moren

**Beachcomber:**

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Next issue is in January.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Membership Questions:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Bill Zazzo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Fred Fath, Recording Secretary