

**HMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 12, 2002**

**Call to Order:** Nick Huff called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

**Roll Call:** N. Huff, President, J. Podell, Secretary, B. Zazzo, Water Chair, F. Reichlin, Rules & Regulations Chair, B. Turpin, Land Use Chair, Doug Allen, Island Manager, K. Freeman, Vice President & Treasurer, F. Fath, Assistant Treasurer.

**Membership input:**  
None

**Previous Board Meeting Minutes**

**J. Podell made a motion to accept the September 14th Board meeting minutes. B. Turpin seconded. Motion carried.**

**Correspondence:**

J. Podell reported that there were two pieces of correspondence received in the last month.

**Finance:**

**J. Podell made a motion to pay the monthly island bills. F. Fath seconded. Motion passed.** It was noted that there are still some outstanding bills for the ferry dry dock services. See written Treasurer's report for details

**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.

**Administrative:**

See written report

**Legal**

See written report.

**Transportation:**

See written report for details of the recent ferry dry dock work.

Nick Huff, Mike Shettlesworth, Bill & Claudia Jones were thanked for their time and effort in maintaining passenger ferry service during the two weeks that the ferry was in dry dock.

**Water:**

See written Island Manager's report

A new cover for the reservoir has been located and is on its way. It is a hinged cover that will effectively seal the opening. A member inquired about whether the island has applied for any state funded loan money. The island manager explained that any state funding comes with a requirement for meters to be installed and at this point there is no plan to move in that direction.

**Roads:**

See written island manager's report.

**Land Use:**

No written report.

**Rules & Regulations:**

No written report. Revised rules will be ready to present to the membership next month.

**Fire Department/Emergency Preparedness:**

One 911 call occurred while the ferry was in dry dock. The party was transported by the island ambulance to North Beach for transport to the mainland aboard the MoTime.

Fire Dist. 16 Chief Eric Nelsen attended the meeting to discuss the upcoming Pierce County levy on the November ballot. District 16 has seven fire trucks. The oldest one is the Herron Island truck (32 years old). The last time fire trucks were purchased new was in 1984. This will be a one-time levy of \$800K and will be used to purchase two new fire trucks. This will enable the District to replace the Island truck with a "newer used one" for the island. A new rescue vehicle will be replaced too. Fire Dist. 16 also wants to upgrade air packs that are carried by firefighters. The Districts Jaws of Life tool is very old too. A member inquired about the distribution of the funds from the levy and the Chief guaranteed that 100% of the levy will go towards new equipment. A member inquired about the potential for a new ambulance. The fire chief reported that current budget reserves could take care of that but made no promises to provide a new ambulance for the island.

**Parks:**

Small boat docks are being removed this weekend.

**Boosters:**

No Boosters meeting tonight.

**Beachcomber:**

Deadline for entries in the next Beachcomber is 11/11/02. Entries may be

e-mailed to Phyllis Krueger at: [phyllis22K@att.net](mailto:phyllis22K@att.net).

**New Business:**

The island manager reported that our relief ferry captain (Megan Alford) has been on the HMC payroll for 6 months now. He recommended that we extend her probationary period for another six months to allow for more opportunity to review her performance. **B. Zazzo made a motion to extend Ms. Alford's probation for an additional 6 months. F. Reichlin seconded. Motion passed**

The Board made a decision to lift the current burn ban.

**Unfinished Business:**

Membership attendance was very high. The community center had standing room only because of the interest in this issue. And because of the volume of discussions that occurred, no attempt was made to capture all of the details in writing.

K. Freeman made a formal presentation to the membership on the assessment methods being developed by the Finance Committee. He described the situation that brought us to this point, the goals we hope to achieve, and the options available to us that could drive out a fair and equitable solution to the revenue erosion experienced in recent years. The written presentation has been posted on the Island web site under the Members Only section. Significant discussion followed. Members reviewed the options presented and suggested that a "grandfather" option be considered for inclusion on the ballot. This option would freeze the current assessment method for existing owners and change it for new property sales. The Board agreed to study this option. Membership is encouraged to submit written comments over the next month and the Board will revisit the issues at the next membership meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

**B. Zazzo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Podell seconded. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by,

J. Podell, Recording Secretary