

HMC Management Board Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2013

Call to Order: Gary Wanzong called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call: Gary Wanzong, President Co-Treasurer; Pat Zazzo, Vice-President; Sherri Anderson, Secretary Co-Treasurer; Janet Podell, and Dianne DeGood, Members at Large. Claudia Ellsworth, Island Manager. [IM]

Gary announced that Board members would be recording the meeting for the purpose of completing the minutes.

Gary also announced there is a new phone system (polygon) that is being tested with this meeting. It will be able to be used for those off the island to attend the monthly meetings via telephone if the testing results are good.

Previous HMC Management Board Meeting Minutes: Gary moved to approve the August 2013 HMC Management Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Vandalism at North Beach over Labor Day
- Fire reported at South Beach
- Zoning complaint on proposed "Bed and Breakfast"
- Road Inspection report from County
- Ferry Schedule proposal for a new layout. Decided to keep to the ones on the website for now. Also noted there was conflict when Winter Schedule started. It is October 1st. The website has been updated.
- Received threat to the water system which was reported to the Board by NW Water Systems.
- Office Staff received threat which was reported to the authorities

Finance: On budget for this year overall and roads is over budget, but that was expected. We keep losing assessable units, lost five already so there will be a \$9,500 shortfall with next budget year which starts October 1st.

Gary moved to pay the bills for the HMC Management General Fund and HMC Water Department as presented. With no further discussion both motions carried.

Administration: See the Island Manager's report for the full report of Administration issues.

Water: Still removing dirt pile at Yew and Madrona. Once that is gone and HMC, as the owner, signs off on the project, then the County should come out and sign off on a final inspection. The first USDA payment is on the bills to be paid \$26k. This is the first of 80 payments to be made every 6 months. Charles mentioned High Pressure is 70 PSI or higher, Low Pressure is 40PSI or lower.

Fire Department Liaison: There was discussion on a stricter burn ban recommended by the fire department when the ferry is out of service. **Gary made a motion to put into effect a stricter burn ban only allowing regular operating BBQ's and North Beach fire pit while the ferry is out of service. Motion carried.**

Deputy Chief Guy Allen will meet with interested persons in forming a volunteer fire company on October 19th in the Community Building. The fire district is trying to come up with a policy where volunteers would be used specific for Herron Island only. There will be a visit from the Survey and Rating Bureau in 2014 which may result in higher fire insurance premiums for all Members, but a volunteer fire company could help keep rates from rising. Insurance companies rate differently as some only want to know where the nearest hydrant and how many, while others want to know response time, etc.

Emergency Preparedness: Meeting 12:30 today. Radios will be handed out to committee members only. Consideration was given to non-committee members and it was decided it would be best to leave the remaining radios at the Community Building and then they can be used by non-committee members when and if there is a major emergency.

Parks: Docks coming out 10/12/13 @ 9:30am. Debi Kraft mentioned Terry Kraft would like to take out the swim dock and buoys. It was recommended the buoys could be stored in the pavilion instead of left on the beach.

Tracy Anspach mentioned he bought a new commercial weed eater. He was able to get double warranty, if it needs repair, Tracy will need to be notified to take care of it.

There continues to be erosion at North Beach as there is a new trench from the latest rains. Tracy would like to use "two man" rocks at \$60/ton and \$140 for Kramer to deliver. This is about 53 feet. The Parks should have a reserve account built for another 71 feet for the old pilings that are wearing out. Gary asked the Island Manager to contact her source to determine if we need permits for repair of the bulkhead at North Beach. Pat Zazzo reminded Tracy he needs to submit this proposal in writing, signed by him and turned into the Board for consideration.

Tracy purchased new spreader bar and new straps for North Beach docks.

Tracy is shopping for mowers: Cub cadet 54 inch deck RTZ, warranty 3 yrs 120 hours, \$3.5K or Cub cadet tank which is commercial, warranty 4 yrs, 2,000 hours, \$7K. **Gary mentioned since this purchase is targeted February 2014 he made a note to have the Finance Committee look to see where the numbers are at that time.**

Beth Wanzong brought up the vandalism at North Beach during Labor Day. Boats were moved by other Members and some were damaged due to this move or from squid fishing that took place near their boat. It was also noted there are several boats that do not have HMC stickers or guest passes on their boats.

Deb Kraft brought up she was able to find out who moved their boat and talked with them and she expects that they won't be moving anyone's boat in the future.

Tracy mentioned that the Load/Unload area was not clearly marked this year and he apologized for this. He intends to mark this clearly next year and this area needs to be enforced next year.

Deb Kraft mentioned Terry found one of the missing piling caps from the docks and has it in their garage.

Roads: Gary mentioned there will be carryover of cash from this budget year and we will bring over another barge of gravel. It may not be fully paid for from budget savings, but reserves can pay the remaining amount. The extra gravel will be kept at the Pump Station. There was discussion on roads maintenance and pulling out gravel that may have gone into the ditches. Claudia is looking at getting bids for grading and maintaining the roads from contractors.

Gary made a motion to start the process of contracting for a barge of gravel. Motion carried.

Ferry: A Member brought up getting guest over to the island and filled out the guest pass but the ferry crew would not allow the guest to come over without paying first. There was discussion on this. Only vendors are allowed to charge to Members' accounts. The Guest Pass needs to be updated before the next printing so that it is clearer what can be charged to Member's accounts. Gary mentioned to the Member to discuss outside the meeting and the Member agreed

John Farris mentioned over the Labor Day weekend (4 days, Friday-Monday) that the ferry carried just under 700 cars and over 1,500 people. The ferry leaves after completion of the noon ferry return on Sunday. John mentioned all is good for the upcoming engine/transmission replacement. John negotiated with the engine/transmission vendor from a \$163K plus tax to a \$164K with tax and includes \$3k trade in for the old engines. He was able to save \$10K of sales tax. The shipyard costs are separate.

B.O.O.S.T.E.R.S: No meeting tonight. Meeting and potluck will resume next month.

Beachcomber: Must submit articles by Wednesday, 5 pm for the September/October issue. There will no longer be a beachcomber brief, therefore, October, December and February won't have a beachcomber published.

Rumor Control/Membership Questions: Gary mentioned there was a rumor about black topping the roads. HMC will not be black topping the roads.

Deb Kraft asked during the meeting if the ferry crew could have a 30 day extension for their October assessments since they are being laid off. Gary mentioned the board will discuss in executive session

Executive session: An executive session was called for the purpose of discussing legal matters and real property. The length of the executive session was estimated at 15 minutes. **No action was taken on any executive session item.**

New Business: The Board unanimously agreed to place a ballot issue before the Members regarding contiguous lots and their impact on the total number of Assessable Units.

Since there was no further business, Gary moved that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Anderson, Recording Secretary