

HMC Management Board Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2014

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

Roll Call: Gary Wanzong, President Co-Treasurer; Janet Podell, Vice-President; Pat Zazzo, Co-Secretary; Dianne Degood, Co-Secretary; Mike Graham Co-Treasurer; Claudia Ellsworth, Island Manager (IM).

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

Previous HMC Management Board Meeting Minutes: Gary moved to approve the August 2014 HMC Management Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Email from Member regarding water usage at the North Beach.
- Email from Member asking if there were any low tide ferry cancellations this fall.
- Email from Member concerned about possible geoduck farming on Herron Island.
- Email from Member asking for designated fishing area during holiday weekends.
- Email from Member concerned that damage to a pole on his property was related to the water distribution system installation.
- Anonymous Email regarding volunteer recognition.
- Notification of building permit from Pierce County.
- Email from Member regarding a street sign.
- Email from Member regarding liability for people diving off ferry ramp.
- Email from IBU Union that members have filed a grievance.

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

We are on target with our financial expectations for 2013/2014 budget. Any carryover will be applied to our reserve accounts.

Statement given by Gary Wanzong, Board President, regarding the release of confidential information by Board Member Dianne DeGood that resulted in multiple rumors and privacy concerns of Members relative to Land Use issues. All Board Members officially signed the HMC Management Information Protection Agreement in the presence of the Members present. (For complete statement see attached).

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

Mike Shettlesworth will create a street sign for Fir Lane.

John Farris reported that tree trimming will take place after the ferry returns from dry-dock. Asplundh will reportedly be spending approximately eight weeks on the Island performing this task.

Water Operations: Charles Smith reported: No further report of water meters being turned on. There is no need to lock your meter unless you are going to be away for some time. In the event of an emergency requiring access to your water valve the lock will be broken with bolt cutters and the work will be accomplished. You do not need to fill your meter box with anything to insulate the meter for protection

from winter conditions. Just a few addresses remain on the water leak list so this issue is being resolved. System is performing well and things are settling down in regards to new service. Work at the pump station is being done as the contactor is available.

Water Committee: Judy Greinke reported: Cross-control inspections have been successfully accomplished and they will be renewed annually.

Fire Department Liaison: See Island Manager's report.

Land Use Committee: Land Use Committee has lost a couple of committee members and is soliciting new members.

Emergency Preparedness: Meeting today at 12:30.

Parks: Dock removal party will be 10 am on October 4th. The swing set will be delivered to the Mainland and will be transported to the Island by a Member. Cyclone fencing is planned for the road side of the sport court to prevent balls and children from darting into the road.

Roads: Report by Jack Wells; a couple of projects will take place during the time the ferry is out. A water runoff problem will be taken care of. The materials are already on the Island. The Committee is also planning to repaint a new white stripe on Ferry road. There are plans to have the roads graded sometime in October to restore the crown and to pull gravel from the road edges back onto the roadways.

Rules: Hearing concerns regarding barking dogs. Owner informed. No rules complaint filed.

Ferry and Ramp Painting:

Ferry will run on Monday morning as long as it needs to in order to facilitate Members who need to ferry their cars to the mainland for the duration of the ferry shipyard absence.

The contract for the shipyard work needs to be approved. **Motion was made by Janet Podell to approve the Vigor Marine Contract as written. Motion carried.**

Member asked about complaints regarding a ferry crew member. All complaints need to be reported in writing to the Island Manager.

Legal: Member asked about the status of delinquencies and whether or not HMC is able to recover without spending more than is owed. When delinquencies are recovered legal expenses and fees are assessed as well as past due amount. We have no alternative but to pursue delinquencies as not doing so would encourage Members to ignore paying their assessments.

B.O.O.S.T.E.R.S: Meeting Potluck tonight at six o'clock. Everyone is welcome.

Beachcomber: There will be no Beachcomber in October.

Rumor Control:

New Business: A Member reported activity that suggested that a company is investigating the possibility of establishing Geoduck farming in Case Inlet near Herron Island. The State DNR leases the land to the aquaculture companies. Concern that the nature of Herron Island's beaches will be altered. Member requested that the Board notify the Membership of this potential. Member states that information is available at www.caseinletshorelineassociation.org. A lengthy discussion ensued.

There was a question regarding the future of the Land Use Committee and another Member expressed concern about the committee overstepping the parameters of the LUC Charter and Mission Statement.

A Member asked if the Ferry dry-dock could be scheduled further back in the year by a couple of weeks? There is a major issue for those who are still enjoying the Island and those who are having construction projects during the nice weather. Many issues impact the schedule including weather, Coast Guard inspection date, and dry-dock availability.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Zazzo, Recording Secretary