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### Report from the manager

#### **Community Dumpster Day**

The community is looking at doing another dumpster run in April of 2003. Property owners will be charged a fee to use the dumpsters to help defer some of the cost involved. Please watch the View Point for the date and times of operation.

#### **Skippers**

We have advertised in the Seattle Times and the Everett Herald for a part time Ferry and Elsie-M skipper. Loyd is planning to spend time down south this winter and Kim is only available after 400pm during the week. This leaves Ian with no licensed relief.

#### **2003 Schedule of Events and Ferry Schedule**

These schedules will be run in the next 2 issues of the paper so property owners will get 2 copies. One is for your home on the mainland and one is for your boat or home on the island. If anyone needs more copies please contact the office.

#### **Junk Vehicles**

Our tow truck driver has his truck repaired so we will be removing 8 more vehicles off of the island before the work starts on the Elsie M,, bringing the total taken off the island this year to 30. Anyone wanting to get rid of their vehicle can send the title to the office and we will get rid of the vehicle.

#### **Water Update**

We have started replacing old water meters and valves around the island. This will continue as time permits through out the winter only during the week. You will be notified if it affects your house. Our goal is to have all the meters updated by the end of 2003.

#### **Burn Ban**

The Fire Commissioners have lifted the burn ban on the island. A burn permit is still required for out door burning on the island. Permits are issued by the fire department only.

#### **RO Update**

The building is complete and with the siding on it looks great. Electrical service was connected on November 19th. The high pressure pump was shipped to the equipment manufacturer on

November 15th. The equipment is now scheduled to arrive on the island the week of December 9th. We should be testing the system Christmas week.

### **Income Comparisons**

The following comparisons show that the community had a very busy year. I have compared last year to this year. This comparison is for the first 10 months of operation. I did compare the Elsie M but please keep in mind that the Elsie did have a rate increase due to using the new boat.

	2001	2002
Holiday	\$28,804.87	\$29,916.54
Golf	\$28,117.00	\$29,128.00
Marina	\$45,066.40	\$51,898.60
Elsie-M	\$53,914.15	\$68,825.00

### **Fiber Optics**

Hat Island Telephone Company is still proceeding with the permit process for the fiber optic project. This process will take about a year and then construction can begin.

### **Cell Phone Site**

The community is looking into other options to Towerlink America for a cell tower. These options could mean more revenue for the community. The only out of pocket expense would be for the contract negotiations and the writing of the contract.

### **Liens**

Out of the 53 intent to lien letters that were sent out 31 property owners have responded. The office has received some money already. For the remainder of the property owners who have not responded the liens will be placed on your property by the end of November. Article 8 Section 2 of the BY-LAWS give the Board the authority to lien property.

As of this writing the letters are being written to the property owners who are behind in paying invoices for services rendered. Article 8 Section 4 of the BY-LAWS state "Charges for services or materials rendered to members shall be paid within 15 days of the billing date or the last day of the month in which billed, whichever is later. Failure to make payment within the prescribed time will cause interest to be charged at the highest rate allowed by law, and or collection action instituted in the manner prescribed Section 2 of this article."

The Board has the authority to not only deny access to the island but also deny use of any services or facilities.

NO Elsie M II Community Run in December and January

## **Board meeting minutes**

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, November 13th, 2002 at the Everett Elks. Board President Larry Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. All Board members were present except George Alecci and Melody Smith.

Minutes: A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes from the October meeting as printed in the View Point.

Treasurer's report: Linda Ebner presented the Treasurers report. The report was accepted as presented.

**Golf:** Larry Petersen reported for George Alecci that the pump that pumps water from the holding tank to the greens is being repaired and should be done well before it is needed again.

**Vessels:** Merrill Balanag announced that the schedule for pulling the Elsie M II out of the water for the new wheel houses and transmission repairs is going to be delayed until around the 15th of December. This is because of the delay of the pumps for the RO system. Ken Baxter reported that he had been painting the Elsie M II whenever the weather allowed. He also said that there would be possibly more work on the Elsie's transmission than originally thought. He stated his concerns about the work schedule and the holidays and how this might slow getting the work done. The work will take between one and two months.

**Maintenance/Equipment:** Bob Cook noted that work was done on the dump truck and the backhoe has a fuel leak. He also related our need for a new fuel truck and that two potential trucks had been found for under \$20,000. A Motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize Skip to purchase one of the two gas trucks if they passed inspection for under \$20,000. The funds for this are available from the Operations special assessment funds. It was noted that the timing might be significant as to whether it is actually purchased this year or next. The accountant would be consulted on this.

There was also a brush cutter that was found available for around \$9,000 that would make keeping the roads open easier. It was previously owned by the state. A motions was made, seconded and passed to inspect and if acceptable, try and purchase this piece of equipment if it could be done for under \$9,000 and if and when funds are available. This would include the possible trade in of the old tractor, but only if necessary to keep the cost under \$10,000.

**Marina:** Charlotte Maulsby announced that eight more old cars would be removed. There is a power outage on D dock that will be repaired as soon as parts are available. We are looking to add Styrofoam some time before spring at some of the worse docks. A work party was suggested for April or early May. Look for more later.

**Water:** Larry Petersen reported for Melody Smith that the water building was being sided this week, which will complete the exterior of the building. The pumps are supposed to be delivered to California by the 15th and after testing should be shipped to us on December 1st. Other than the pumps, the system is done.

**Old Business:** The community is waiting for word on the inspection of the work done on the Division H access road.

The possibility of putting in a communications tower is still under consideration. It is possible that the community could negotiate contracts other than with Tower Link for a larger portion of the revenues with the help of Brad Cattle, the community's attorney. There were suggestions we pursue television and emergency services as well as cellular phone services. We will continue to investigate the possibilities.

**New Business:** There was no new business

**Announcements:** The Naval Intelligence Service visited the island to assess the threat potential of the Island in connection with homeland security and the security of the Naval Base.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Merrill Balanag, Secretary

## **In Memorium**

Scott Harold Simmons 49, formerly a member of the Hat Island Community Board, died October 19, 2002. He is survived by his loving wife Susan, sons James and Woody, of the home, his mother, Jane, brothers Dirk and Rick of Seattle and Michael of Arlington.

A memorial fund has been established in Scott's name with the Mt. Baker Boy Scout Council, Everett Service Center, 1715 100th Place S.E. Everett, 98208

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