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Report from the manager

Property Owners Schedule of Events

Oct 4 & 5 Kingston Cove yacht club Cruise to Island

Tennis Court

The new tennis court net has been installed. Thanks again to Brian Duffy for his help in arranging for the net.

Special Assessment Account Balances

The following are the dedicated account balances as of August 31, 2002.

Marina \$52,194.25

Water \$50,587.06

Vessels \$18,278.39

Operations \$45,267.74

Equipment 00.00

Total \$166,327.44

RO Update

The roof is on the building and the wiring is being installed. The drywall and insulation and well valves arrived the third week of September. The equipment is still due to arrive the end of this month. The original booster pump is no longer manufactured so a newer designed pump had to be approved by our engineers.

Tulalip Tribes Clam Harvest

The community received the following letter from the Shellfish Biologist in regards to the clam harvest for 2002.

" The Tulalip Tribes scheduled its 2002 clam harvest on the following property: Hat Island Division C, Lot Number 27 on June 22nd, July 12th & 13th, and August 9th & 10th, 2002. As explained earlier, the total clam population (over 38mm) on the tidelands adjacent to your property was estimated to be 17,752 pounds. Of that amount, the Tribes would not harvest more than 2,219 pounds (50% of the harvestable resource). The total Tribal harvest for June, July, and August 2002 was 320 pounds. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during the clam population survey and harvest."

Note: This article is being run in the paper to let property owners know that the Tulalip Tribes are not harvesting as many clams as rumored around the island.

Access Road Update

Ken and Roger and the volunteers have done an outstanding job on repairing the bulkhead for the access road. They have a little more work to do to complete the project. We are now in the

process of getting the paper work ready for the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit.

From your Fire Department

Jann Kaufmann, one of our firefighters/first responders brought a wonderful idea to our department recently. Many of you have seen the new First Aid Flip-Guides (magnetized to go on your refrigerator) that are available, free of charge, to all Hat Island home/cabin/boat owners courtesy of your Fire Department. Additional ones are available at our cost of \$5.00 each for gifts or your home on the other side. Please stop by the Fire Department on the 2nd Saturday of the month (fire drill day) to receive yours.

HIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, September 11th, 2002 at the Everett Elks. Board President Larry Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All Board members were present except Charlotte Maulsby.

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

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

Golf: Larry Bender noted that there were still some problems with the sprinkler heads due to either old age or people twisting them while they were on. Repairs are under way. A question as to why we don't water earlier when no one is on the course was answered that it is so in the event something goes wrong, permanent damage to the pumping system can be more easily averted. Another question was asked about whether metal spikes were allowed and answered that there is no spike type restrictions on the course.

Vessels: Ken Baxter reported that the Elsie M II needs a new well water pump. The Holiday will have it's Coast Guard inspection on the following Wednesday. He announced that the Elsie M II would be out of commission starting December 1st for approximately 30 days for the installation of the new deckhouse. Please make your plans accordingly.

Maintenance/Equipment: Bob Cook announced that there would be a need to replace the gas truck soon as it took a brief swim on the last trip to get gas. It was already having problems making it up the hill with a full load so this incident only adds to the need. In looking at potential replacement trucks, the average cost was under \$20,000 for a used truck. A ballot will be presented to approve this purchase.

Marina: Larry Petersen reported for Charlotte Maulsby that work is progressing on the dock repairs by Roger. Jim Brandon is also working on the electrical connections on the docks. A question as to what is happening with a breakwater brought out that, for the most part, nothing is being done except research into some financially acceptable alternatives. So far most ideas are far more costly than the Community can afford.

Water: Larry Petersen related that the RO building is well under way. There was a change to the pumps originally ordered as the previous choice is no long being manufactured, but this will not delay the final completion date.

Old Business: Ken Baxter informed everyone that the work on the access road is nearly complete. He plans to be done by the following week. The only remaining work to be done then will be to plant 143 trees along the road.

The Board made a motion to reimburse Bill Odgers for costs he incurred on the Community Building in the marina for which he could produce receipts. This amount was \$7,492.55. This motion was passed.

New Business: The Community received a letter from the Tulalip Tribe notifying us that they are planning digs for 2003.

Announcements: The Kingston Cove Yacht Club will be holding a cruse to the island on October 4th and 5th.

The results of the ballot for the election of trustees to replace the departing board members Ken Baxter and Larry Bender was announced. Not surprisingly, the two persons who ran were elected. They are George Alecci and Melody Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Merrill Balanag, Secretary

Your Point of View

A Legacy to Remember

Several people have praised and complimented the Hat Island board for their efforts and accomplishments. Certainly the board is to be praised for the time they put in-WORK SESSIONS once a month, COMMUNITY MEETINGS every second Wednesday every month. The efforts to develop our reverse osmosis system for more fresh water has been going on for over three years, but this is the year 002 and it is actually being constructed. This is a legacy for the Board of 002.

NOW, there is a still greater legacy to credit to the board of 002. THEY HAVE TRASHED THE BYLAWS!

Item 1. They are spending up to \$65,000 of the community money without a vote of the people. Section 3, Bylaw 5 says they must ask for a vote of the community before spending more than \$10,000. THIS WILL SET A PRECEDENT. Future boards won't have to follow any rules or bylaws. Is this what we want-A BOARD WITH NO RESTRICTIONS OR BYLAWS?

Item 2. This board has signed an agreement with the fisheries department to construct an engineered sea wall at south beach within 10 years. In this, they have encumbered (obligated) the community to a huge costly project AND without a vote of the people. If this engineered sea wall was constructed this year, it would cost between \$400,00 and \$500,00. What will it cost 8 or 10 years from now? Possibly \$1,000,000. IS THIS THE OBLIGATION THE COMMUNITY WANTS? This sea wall is 2,000 lineal feet of sea wall which is the access road to division H.

Section 2, Bylaw 5 states major decisions and moneys of \$10,000 is to go to the people for a vote. When you, the community, realize and wake up to the reality that

Future boards don't have to follow rules or restrictions or bylaws; and

That in a few years everyone may be assessed to build a million dollar sea wall.

I hope you ask, "Where did this come from?"

IT CAME FROM THE BOARD OF 002, and they are proud to leave such a legacy.

In any society where everyone waits for someone to speak up and act, the leaders can do as they please. It is easy for dictatorships to thrive where people don't notice or don't care.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

Do you come to meetings?

Do you voice obligations

Or

Do you just leave it to someone else?

Maybe we should cast the name of the board of 002 in granite so they will be remembered.

I have been trying.

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