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Island Manager's Report

Conserve Water

Water usage during the Memorial Day weekend was high at a record 91,000 gallons. The next weekend was 48,000 gallons. Everyone is reminded to conserve water on the island. The loan from the state for the RO system is dependent upon us following conservation guidelines.

Junk Cars

All junk vehicles for which the office has titles are now off the island. If you have a title and want to get rid of your junker, please contact the office.

911

911 from the pay phones on the island is now operational.

R.O. System Update

On June 7th I had a meeting with our consulting engineers at Gray & Osborne in Seattle. We are in the process of submitting the project to the Department of Health for approval. Jerry Andes is going to be on the island on the June 14th to complete the survey work. We have revised the SEPA check off list and applications for the county. The Community will not have to rezone Lot D-25, the lot where the building will be located. Instead we will be asking the county for a conditional use permit. This will save about \$1500.00 in the cost of the permit. The bid for the drilling of the well is in the works. After the well is established and the water is tested the bid for all of the equipment will be finalized. Bill Windsor has designed the building and the final design will be decided upon when the equipment bid is awarded.

On June 18, in the Everett Herald, the community ran the legal notice for the Finding of Categorical Exclusion (NEPA) and Finding of Categorical Exemption (SEPA) as required by the State Department of Public Works. This is a condition of the State Revolving Fund Loan.

Cars and Junk

On June 19th the Community, with the use of Larry Bender's truck, will be doing a junk run to clean up the marina area. Please do not dump any more junk in the vehicles at the marina. The Marina Parking Committee is looking for volunteers. Please contact Linda Ebner at (206) 878-2339.

Holiday and Elsie M Runs

There will be no Holiday ferry fun on Tuesday July 4th. The July Community Elsie run will be July 8th, the second weekend of the month due to the 4th of July festivities being celebrated on the 1st weekend of the month.



Fireworks

Anyone wishing to bring their own fire works to the ball field area at the Marina for the 4th of July weekend celebration may do so on Saturday night, the 1st of July. This is the only time and place fireworks may be discharged on the island. The Hat Island Fire Dept will be on hand to cope with any problems.



Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the community will be held at the September meeting. There are two board positions open for this years election. The two members who's terms are up are Bill Windsor and Charlotte Maulsby. Anyone interested in running for the board, please contact the office or any board member.



Parking Lot

The final 6 cars with titles have been removed from the island. The remaining cars have a few hoops that the committee must jump through before the State Patrol will release them as abandoned vehicles.

We are in desperate need of more volunteers for the parking lot committee. We have lost members due to moving and health. Need volunteers to help with
landscaping
installing the runoff tank and drip system
contacting D. O. L.
ticketing cars in violation of parking lot rules.
Please contact Linda Ebner at 206-878-2339



Owner Events

Events property owners have scheduled at Hat Island this summer:

July 13 Suds & Strokes Golf Tournament
July 23 Droge Family Picnic
July 23 - 30 Younce Party - reserved Picnic Area
Aug 5 - 6 Beck Party
Aug 11 - 13 Joanne Wright - Cub Scout Group - reserved Picnic Area
Aug 11 E & E Lumber Golf Tournament
Aug 19 Oelrick Family Picnic - Reserve Picnic area
Sept 8 Dave Surface - Reserve Picnic area
Sept 16 Clay Erickson - Golf Tournament

Please note that when the Picnic Area is reserved it is closed to the Community since they have paid a fee for the area.



HIC Board Meeting Minutes

The June board meeting for HICI was held on Wednesday June 14, 2000 at the Everett Elks in Everett. Board President Larry Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Larry Petersen, Ken Baxter, Linda Ebner, Bill Odgers, Larry Bender Charlotte Maulsby and Bill Windsor.

A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes from the April meeting as published in the last printing of the Viewpoint, the Hat Island newsletter. The motion was carried. Another motion was made to amend the December 1999 minutes to include the daily moorage increase motion that was passed at that meeting but was left out of the minutes. This motion was also passed. That moorage increase motion changed the daily moorage rate from \$.40 to \$.50 for members and from \$.50 to \$.60 for guests.

While on the subject of moorage, a motion was made to charge daily or annual moorage for dingys that are not being used as a tender on a larger vessel. After much discussion the motion was passed. The motion reads as follows.

All water craft not attached to a larger vessel or did not arrive attached to a larger vessel will be subject to an annual or daily moorage fee if it is left moored in the Marina basin when the owner is absent from the island. The object here is to discourage the long term, unattended moorage of smaller boats in the 'DINGY MOORAGE AREAS'. On many occasions it has been necessary for island maintenance to rescue these boats and motors from sinking. This is not where we want our maintenance time spent.

In the discussion, another subject was broached. Several community members live in areas on the island not accessible by roads and regularly have to leave their boats moored in the marina when they are off the island for longer than usual periods of time. These members will be given consideration by the Harbormaster and Manager on an individual basis. They are of course subject to existing moorage fees.

Treasurer's Report: Linda presented the treasurers report. Linda's report is printed in this issue of the Viewpoint. There were a couple of questions about the money we have in CDs and it was pointed out that Linda and Skip are giving this a lot of attention and looking to various banks etc. so that we can get the best return on our short term investments.

Golf Report: Charlotte reported that we are getting some direction from the Dept of Natural Resources regarding the Beetles attacking the pine trees on the golf course. It appears that in dry times the beetles infest these trees and inevitably kill them. A question as to whether a member could buy multiple annual golf memberships for use by non-members. The answer was a resounding NO. It was pointed out that books of tickets are available to members so that they could distribute them to visiting guests. A brief discussion concerning rebuilding of the greens was had. Someday it will have to be done but it is not affordable at present.

Vessel Report: Ken reports that the Holiday needed some extra maintenance after the Yacht clubs charter to Langley due to high winds and very rough water. The Holiday has had some woodwork repair above the water line and needs more. Nothing new with old ELSIE.

Maintenance Report: Larry Bender reported that maintenance is going along smoothly. Jim has knocked weeds down on just about all the intersections on the island. This certainly was welcomed. The community did have to replace its 'weedwacker'. The new one is an updated model of the old one, which apparently gave us good service. It was mentioned that STOP signs are being considered for some intersections. A number of signs have fallen down and some are faded. Some intersections have never had signs and some are badly placed.

Marina Report: Bill reported that the septic system for the Marina building has been accepted by the county and that he is waiting for the building dept. to come out for their final inspection process. The apartment over the office is just about ready and looks great. There are a number of people waiting to rent the apartment. A list of tenant rules was drafted to establish rates, check in time and check out

time, numbers of occupants and pet limitations. This draft will be a guideline and will be administrated by Island Management and will be altered as required as various questions and situations arise. Bill said the breakwater project is still moving along and hopes to pull it all together well before the winter storms come. The launching of the system will be tricky and will probably need a number of volunteers.

Water Report: Bill Windsor had nothing special to report in the area of water.

A brief discussion was had concerning the excessive use of water in the next 2-3 months and that only last week some homeowners did use unexplained large amounts of water.

The island mgr. felt that a number of important details concerning the nature and construction of the proposed R/O building were vague or not officially established. Therefore a motion was made that the structure be of wood frame construction with vinyl siding and metal roof. Further, every consideration will be given to make sure the building is attractive and will blend into the area. The motion was passed.

See 'New Business' for summer water rates.

Old business: Remember that the Viewpoint will now accept advertisements for business and items for sale etc. Business card size ads will be \$100 / yr. And other ads will be \$5 for each 10-word line. (This would be for one time only)

New business: A motion was made, discussed and passed to increase water rates for July, August and September for the year 2000 and that a rate change for those months will go into effect annually to encourage conservation.

In the discussion concerning the rate change it was pointed out that the island, as part of the water plan submitted to the state, must essentially impose and enforce water conservation measures in order to conform to the plan. It was suggested that the names of members who use excessive water should be published and that further rate adjustment be leveled against those who do not exercise reasonable conservation.

A motion was made to allow the island manager to find and buy what he felt was the best price on a new computer package and also get access to the Internet. The motion was discussed and passed. When available, the islands E-mail address will be published.

Announcements: Volunteers are needed to carry on the great work done by the parking lot committee. Three of the members who have done so much up to now are not able to continue their efforts. They are Jan Schmauder, Mart Gismervig and Del Hirzel.

If you want to volunteer to help keep this project on course or in other ways contribute, please contact Linda Ebner. It must be noted that Linda as well has given much time and effort to this program.

The secretary would like to announce that he was in error in his report concerning the opening of a store on the island. He was not at the May meeting and in his inimitable way paraphrased what he felt to be fact. To clear up this whole misunderstanding let me restate.

The question of a store on the island will not be a measure to be voted on at the annual meeting in September. It was established at the May meeting that the person wishing to build and operate a store on the island would have to circulate a petition and if he were to get enough signers the board would be obliged to take some action on the issue.

A motion was made and carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Apologetically submitted,
Bill Windsor, Secretary



Note from your Treasurer

Skip has been doing a great job collecting delinquent assessments.

On May 2, 2000 Everett District Court Civil Department placed a lien on 5 different properties (to run for 6 years on all properties in Snohomish County). The court will charge the owners an annual percentage rate of 12% interest and all expenses incurred to collect the moneys. During the first 6 years the Community has the option to obtain judgment for the collection of the moneys through garnishment of wages, bank accounts, and foreclosure.

The total amount of moneys owing in the above mentioned liens is \$5, 537.26.

There still 39 lot owners who are more than 360 days late and denied access to Hat Island.

Know your neighbors

There are times when property owners come to the island who are not recognized by anyone, to dig clams, play golf, etc. We have property owners who will ask for a name and a lot number for identification. It is the right of all property owners to take advantage of all the island has to offer. It is also the right of property owners to protect what the island has to offer and to protect their personal property. This is a private island and it is great that property owners care enough to actively do this. However, this should not be a confrontational situation by either party. Please keep in mind that claiming on private property is illegal without that property owner's permission. Almost all of the beachfront property owners do not mind anyone digging clams on the beach.



Note from Your Editor

If you have something nice to say about someone, anyone, please write me a letter so we can all share.



Your Point of View

Thank You from the Manager

I would like to thank a few people this month for donations to the community. Tye Tyson and Barb Rosenkotter donated a fan and a new small refrigerator for the office, Pam Berry donated nice furniture for the apartment, Sharon Morris donated a refrigerator for the apartment and cash donations are still coming in from the Shropshires and the Wothes for the marina building. The Shropshires also donated money to help in the cost of removing junk vehicles when we receive more titles or when the police clear them for removal. Sharon Morris has also done an outstanding job in getting the apartment ready to rent.

Skip Stienstra
Manager



Grocery Store Letters

This letter is in response to the Board's request for comments on allowing a convenience store to operate on Hat Island. Our covenants appear to be quite clear in this regard and a store in no way should be considered for approval.

William Bagley, C-3

To whomever it may concern:

We would like to see Hat Island open a grocery store on the island. We would use it and it would save unnecessary trips to the mainland. People could bring flowers or vegetables from their gardens to sell on Saturdays in the spring and summer. It could be a place to go to buy coffee and a cookie or doughnut and say hi to your neighbors. It would bring the island closer together.

Good luck,

David and Linda Surface, H-



The Dinghy Dock

After reading the past issue of Viewpoint, I have some concerns over the new regulations regarding dinghies. It says that all boats must pay annual moorage (or daily). People can have only one boat in the marina. They must be on the island when their boat is in the marina (this is to include dinghies according to the new harbormaster). Is this true? Who made this decision?

I'm for charging all boats to be in the marina. I think a dinghy should be allowed to stay on the dinghy dock (if paid for). There are people who ride the ferry and then use a dinghy to go crabbing. Some people have a water access lot only and need to have a dinghy to use as transportation. Some island residents have both a commuter boat and a dinghy. They use the dinghy for groceries or crabbing. If they follow the rules they will be forced to remove their dinghy each time they leave. Where will they park them? If they pay annual moorage for them can they put them in a 20-foot slip when they are there? What about the lost revenue for dinghies that will not be put in the water as a result of this rule change? Can you picture a parking lot full of boats and trailers? We could take a few of the shallow areas (docks) and expand our dinghy area. The dinghy dock is a useless area. Why not use it to make some money and let people have some fun..... Isn't that the reason we come to the island?

Dan DeWitte, Division I



Take Note

HIC Income and Expenses

MAY 31, 2000

INCOME

Special Assessments 6,314.16

Regular Assessments 6,307.90

All other Sources 26,513.42

Income RO 4,280.42

Income to 10% reserve 1,176.48

Total 44,592.38

EXPENSE

Special Assessments 00.00

Regular Assessments 38,851.92

Total 38,851.92 CASH AVAILABLE

Regular Checking 97,586.78

Special Assessments 66,011.38

10% Reserve Account 22,065.00

Total Available Cash 185,663.16

CD (Bond Deposit) 1,100.00
CD 572.03
RO Account 120,214.86
CD RO (6 mo.APR 5.74) 75,000.00
RO Total

NOTE: More detailed reports are available at monthly board meetings and are also available in the Community office on the Island.



Holiday Ferry

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Schedule of Events

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