

Shaw Inc 2010 Town Meeting
September 5, 2010

Brian Lynch called the Town Meeting to order at 1:05 pm and review the Articles of Incorporation listed purposes and how they relate to the Town Meeting, and to the community. 40 people were present.

Reports:

Shaw Island Schools – Sue Jefferts, Board member. School begins this next week with an addition of 4 students to bring the total to 20 children. Sue outlined the format for the school day, and gave a brief review of the proposed multipurpose space that is being planned for the future. The School Board has had two vacancies this year with Will Hamilton filling the vacancy of Terri Mason. The second opening is to fill Allison Lengyl's position.

Shaw General Store – Terri Mason. Terri thanked the community for ongoing support during what has been a difficult personal year. A new delicatessen is to be added within the next few weeks. A cook/baker has been hired. A Shaw cookbook is proposed with the proceeds to benefit an emergency medical fund for Islanders. A change from charge accounts to debit accounts will be an upcoming possibility.

Shaw Island Library & Historical Society – Chris Hopkins. Two new Board members were added this year, Diane Clifton & Amy VanDongen; and officers were re-elected. The summer Library reading program for the children was very successful. 2,207 visitors used the Library last year. New Librarians are always needed. Suggestions for books are always welcome.

Shaw Emergency Medical Team – Helen Riggins. 6 EMT's make up the Medical Team with having 13 calls this year. New EMT's are needed and a class will be held on Lopez in January. The class is about 160 hours and the possibility of having some of the classes on Shaw would be possible if Shaw could get 5 participants. CPR classes will be held as soon as the new guidelines come out.

Shaw 4-H – Jan Sanburg (in absentia). Shaw Island Pioneers had 17 members in various projects this year. The new year will begin in October.

Shaw Respect – Deborah Jacobs. 45 scholarships have been given in the last 9 years, totaling about \$40,000. Contributions are greatly appreciated.

Washington State Ferries Advisory Committee – John Brantigan. Traffic is up 2% from 2009 and Shaw traffic is 21% over 2009. The mid-day ferry is always overloaded to Shaw at 140%. The Committee is looking at actual statistics (loading data) as to use and encouraging the State to base their decisions on better information. John stated that the Committee is attempting to work with the State as actively as possible to enhance service to the Islands.

OPALCO – John Bogert. John reminded the audience that all residents are members of the cooperative. All the islands in the San Juans are served by OPALCO. The service is 83% hydro, with the rest represented by coal, etc. and 1% windpower. The agency is financially sound. The Northwest has lower power rates than the rest of the country, however the future will probably bring higher rates at 3-6 times the current rate. Conservation is helping to keep OPALCO's need for power lower than others, and is attempting to encourage cooperative members to utilize rebates and update appliances and conserve electricity. Energy audits are offered at \$25/member to help members conserve even more electricity and utilize current rebates. The MORE (Member owned renewable energy) is a new program being offered and can be reviewed on the Webpage. Fiber-optics are available throughout the Islands. Undergrounding, and replacement of old cables

continues. Meters have also been replaced by electronic meters rather than people-read. Cleanup after power line clearing by contract workers was a problem for one participant.

SJC Roads – Jon Shannon. Proposals for road maintenance on Shaw. Hazardous waste day is Saturday, September 18th, from 11-1. Revenues for roads have decreased in the last 2-3 years. Gravel road conversions are being considered as a cost saving project. The plan for Broken Point Road and Hoffman Cove road would be on the schedule for 2012. The alternative is posting roads these roads as Primitive Roads which decreases maintenance frequency. The Beloved Recycle Box availability is questionable in the future due to decreased funds. The Recycle Box costs about \$12,000/year and the possibility of Islanders supporting it if it is cut should be thought about for the future.

A meeting on October 6th will be posted to share the results of the recent survey on recycling.

Shaw County Park – Cy Field. The recent levy lift has helped the County Parks funding. Funding for the Shaw Park is 50% from campers, 35% of the budget is from the County Lodging Fund, with the General fund contributing \$200k from the levy lift bringing the Parks back to the 2008 maintenance standard. A poster of the Shaw Park master plan was available. Occupancy rates during the summer have been over 90%. Proposed maintenance at the Shaw Park are to replace windows in the cook shack and maintenance of the water fountain. An easement for a trail to connect the two parts of the Shaw Park is being discussed with the SJ Preservation Trust. Because of misuse by campers of the Squaw Bay Headlands the area has been closed to motorized vehicles. The possibility of a ballfield has been raised again by members of the community, and is part of the Shaw Park Master Plan. A meeting of interested people will be held in the near future and to include the School Board and members of Shaw Inc, and possibility Shaw Respect.

Treasurer's Report was presented in written form. The organization is in a positive financial state. The 2011 Budget will be included with the membership letter in October, and voted on by the membership at that time. The new two year Directory will depend on information gleaned from the mailing, as well, and people were encouraged to get that information back from the mailing.

Proposals to be included in the October mailing for vote:

1. Digital Projector Project installed in the Community Center. To date programs have had to rely on members of the community for loan of their personal projectors. The possibility of installation of such a projector has been researched by Amber Borner, Jason Vance, and Paul Gingerich and a formal proposal is now available to the Board and the community. The project proposal would cost about \$7,500. Helen Riggins pointed out that the training for EMS programs would greatly benefit from the project. Several educators in the audience also spoke in favor of the project. The question of changing the building accessibility to a locked facility was raised. Insurance coverage would be re-visited if the project is approved.
2. DSL Internet Service – Would be helpful for training programs and ability to stream things from the internet. The wireless router is part of the Digital Projector Project and an internet fee would be a monthly charge (approximately \$50). If the Digital Projector project is not voted in, then the cost of the router would add a one time cost to the DSL proposal. This would be part of the October ballot, as well.

John Brantigan reminded the audience that people need to be at the ferry at least 20-30 minutes prior to sailing. Since there were no other questions, the meeting was dismissed at 3:02 PM

Lola Deane, Secretary.

