

Town Administrator's Report

May 27, 2014

The areas and issues in which we have been involved and/or taken action are as follows:

- Healthcare and Health Clinic – discussions and negotiations regarding the expansion of hours and services at the Health Clinic were conducted. Lease issues were discussed. The above interaction culminated in a Special Town Board Meeting to consider healthcare and the Clinic lease.
- Gene Clark/NOAA Shoreline Erosion Study – Discussion regarding the potential of a revised and recast study of storm erosion of shoreline have taken place. Mr. Clark, of the UW SeaGrant Institute is now scheduled to meet with the Board on June 10th to discussion his thoughts and receive input from the Board as to interests and intent.
- Memorandum of Understanding with Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve regarding Invasive Species Intern. A MOU was drafted and examined/edited by the Town Attorney to memorialize/codify the tacit understanding between the Town and MIWP regarding the rights, roles and responsibilities of each entity relating to the ISI. It was apparent that the understanding be set down on paper – including funding and administrative – to ensure everyone is on the same page and of the same understanding.
**The MOU is on this evening's agenda.
- 197 Big Bay Rd – Continued monitoring of issues and initiatives related to this location and its building. It appears as though decisions can be made and tools can be put in place to better deal with situations and circumstances that parallel those encountered in this matter
- Semi-Truck and Trailer on Mainstreet – Meeting and discussions/negotiations with owner of property and truck/trailer were undertaken. We were able to secure written permission to remove the truck/trailer. In addition, discussions and negotiations have taken place whereby the Town may acquire (have conveyed) the property in return for the vacation of judgment against the owner. We are undertaking legal

review and assembling the appropriate documents and agreements to move toward acquisition. ***This issue is on this evening's Agenda.

- Restoration of Island Control of Shoreland Zoning – The Ashland County Board voted unanimously on 5/22 to include the Island's modified Shoreland Zoning Ordinance as a part of the County Shoreland Zoning. This concludes the reaction and response to the Hegwood decision that caused havoc with Island Zoning.
- CEDs – We completed revisions to projects, scheduling and amounts for various projects that may be eligible for funding assistance – this is an annual revision and submission called for by the Northwest Regional Planning Commission.
- Continuing work with Town Foreman to address issues and projects – the Town Foreman and Administrator have been working closely and collaboratively to identify projects and/or infrastructure repairs. Most recent has been the need for additional rock to protect the Griggs Approach ramp from being undercut by the forces of nature.
- Rapid-Response to questions and complaints from citizenry and elected officials regarding perceived violations and/or questionable practices occurring around our community.
- Public Outreach and Community Communication – we continue to reach out to citizens, business owners and municipal officials regarding issues, concerns and complaints to ensure that we, to the greatest degree possible, build consensus and address pressing community issues.