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12/3/78 TOWNMEETING COMMITTEE

Present: Carter, Flynn, Gorman, Harrick, Klain, MacVane, Perry, Mienzer, Rowe, Schensted, Tiffany, Williams

Russ Edwards

Absent: Murray, Warren, Heller, Galope

Carter

1. A follow up letter has been sent to Mayor Taliento with distribution copies included for other City Councillors reminding him of our existence and charge as well as following up on Island input at the 10/28/78 Neighborhood meeting. The committee also charged Carter to send a copy of the letter to A.J. Wilson and Department Heads.

There was concern that the Townmeeting Committee was not informed of a Transportation Committee meeting with the Waterfront Planning people. There was unclarity as to our own procedures for informing other Committee members as well as the Island as a whole about issues and meetings as they arise.

Proposed and accepted: The recorder is to be notified and will coordinate communicating any information that needs to get out to Committee members as well as serve as a "clearing house" of information regarding dates and times of our own sub-committees.

2. A follow up on the October meeting which dealt with "problems" between the Call Men and Public Safety. At that meeting, it was suggested we approach Chief Flynn and Mr. Amorose to suggest that Chief Flynn be formally recognized for his expertise and ability to coordinate fire fighting. Chief Flynn is willing to accept a role he has already been fulfilling in a more "formal" way. Mr. Amorose is also favorable and Carter is attempting to organize a meeting with Amorose, Flynn, John Mazza, head of the Call Men to "formalize" this matter. Chief Flynn suggested that due to a pending change in Public Safety, we re-check with Mazza and the Call Men to see if this action is still desired and, if it is, holding a coordinating meeting after the Public Safety leadership issue is settled.

Carter will continue to follow up on this.

MacVane and Schensted

3. An Ad Hoc committee has met through Don Megathelin of the Portland Planning Department to deal with a report of a study done on Casco Bay transportation with specific focus on Casco Bay Lines. Members of CBIDA were in attendance and Mr. Megathelin was informed the TownMeeting Committee would like to be kept informed and attend meetings. Irene Schensted has a copy of the study.

The transportation committee of the TMC is charged to follow-up on this to assure our involvement as well as to keep islanders informed as needed.
Edwards
4. The Transfer Bridge is being built to handle 20-30 tons which will increase dramatically the carrying ability of Casco Bay Lines. At this time CBL charges BOTH for the vehicle as well as for the weight it is carrying. Edwards suggests the TMC explore with the PUC the issue of specifying "necessary services" which will not be subject to this dual charge, i.e. feed, fuel, residential building materials. Since CBL normally goes for its rate hearings in February, the Transportation Committee will deal with this and consider calling a Special Town Meeting in January.

Edwards
5. Island fuel for islands all along the coast to Rockland is under the "monopoly" of Harbor Supply. Charges for fuel is at times maddeningly over what is charged on the mainland according to Edwards who suggests we explore with the PUC putting this company under observation to look at this disparity and possible needs for "control".

Edwards
6. A crew has been observed working around the back shore and in the woods spraying something like kerosene. No island group has been informed of any plans for defoliation.

Needs and Services is charged to look into this and will stay in close touch with Irene Schensted and the Water Quality Committee since spraying of toxic substances has great impact on water.

Edwards
7. Update on special inspection stickers for island cars
   a. State law provides for an exception to the need for inspection for "farm" vehicles operating within 12 miles of their land and requires only inspection of brakes, lights, and running gear.
   b. Legislation has been enacted which provides that any island vehicle that does not leave the island need not be registered.

Island vehicles in this category who are registered now may seek a re-bate by presenting current registration and current license plates to Motor Vehicles. In lieu of plates, exempt cars will be issued a bumper sticker valid only on the island.

Edwards suggests we look into providing that these "exempt" cars should also rate the same type of special inspection afforded farm vehicles. Transportation Committee is charged to look into this.

Edwards informed the Committee that he will be lobbying in Augusta for the Home Builders and has offered his services to the Committee and Town Meeting as needs arise.

Transportation Committee Report - MacVane
8. A.J. Wilson, at the Neighborhood meeting requested input on the parking needs of islanders. Irene Murray, through the Peaks Island Times, is planning a questionnaire. Additionally, it has been
suggested that the City call existing parking areas to find out the extent of their current use.

9. There has been a delay in the Transfer Bridge construction completion date to 1/79 due to difficulty in steel transportation.

Carter

10. A call from Carl Hall suggested we look in to communicating with South Portland regarding their waterfront plans. At this time the Committee felt communicating with Portland was our first imperative unless there are specific problems involving South Portland.

German

11. Report on the problem of vandalism at TEIA. There have been two break-ins with the last causing considerable loss. Mr. Amoroso has been contacted and has been cooperative in follow-up on the investigation of this felony although no arrests have been made. German feels part of the problem may rest with the Public Safety decrease in staff with the termination of CIDA funds which covered the cadets who answered the phone.

Islanders are reminded to use the "in-town" number to reach Public Safety since this allows them to be contacted while on patrol.

German will also look into the problem with lighting. The street light has allegedly been "out" for the last 3½ weeks.

Mienzer -Youth and Recreation Committee Report

12. Parks and Recreation has agreed to back the following services
   a. Monday night volleyball at the school - this activity should be free although in the past $.50 has been charged to cover custodial services.
   b. Trading Post open on Thursday evenings with Dot McTeague coordinating at least for a time.
   c. School gym will be open Thursday evening probably for an "adult" basketball activity.

Mienzer reports Recreation services to the island have been cut from past years and her committee is in the process with communicating with City officials to make input into 1979 plans, needs and budget.

13. A Portland City Service has been the formation of a youth job bank - "Put Youth to Work". Mienzer is exploring the possibility of an extension of this service to island youth. The service provides youth to define the services they provide and "employers" a means of learning about and contacting them for services.

The TMC supports this committee to further explore setting up such a service as well as attempting to get feedback from youth on their needs.
Presented architectural plans for the Public Safety-Community Building. Additional funds are being sought so "the whole package" can be completed. Construction is slated to start early spring with a hopeful completion date of Fall 1979.

Next Town Meeting Committee Meeting on January 7, 1979 at 6pm at the School. For information regarding specific Committee Meetings, contact Jill Tiffany, Recorder (766-2875).