PARKING -- WHO GETS IT?

The new Ferry Terminal is due to be ready in April. Next on the agenda is construction of the Ferry Terminal Parking Garage.

CBIDA's Transportation-Parking Committee, under chairperson Stuart Laughlin, and representatives from the island associations have had many meetings with the City's Tom Valleau and Frank Lewis to work out a system of allocating the 190 spaces reserved for ferry riders according to the UMTA agreement.

The plan approved for presentation to City Council is a three-part arrangement: allotment by islands, a point system, and a drawing. Based on ridership with an adjustment for the greater ease of getting a car on and off Peaks Island the allotment is:

- Peaks Island: 130
- Long Island: 30
- Cliff Island: 10
- Great Diamond Island: 8
- Little Diamond Island: 6
- Chebeague Island: 6

The point system is:

- Year-round resident: 1
- Elderly (70 and up): 1
- Handicapped (as shown on registration): 1

Points for residency and age will be given based on the information on the driver's license.

Applications will be sorted out by islands and then by points. Each island will have its own drawing. Those with 3 points will be drawn first; those with 2 points will be drawn second; then those with 1 point. Those with 0 points will be last. The remaining applicants will be drawn for a waiting list for that island.

In the event that any island has more allotted spaces than it has applicants, the extra spaces will be given to other islands in alphabetical order. If, during the three-year parking period, the "giving" island has an applicant for the extra place, that applicant will go to the top of the waiting list of the "receiving" island.

Parking leases will be for three years, payable monthly. Spaces will be non-transferable. Summer people will be expected to pay for their spots throughout the time of the lease -- not just for the months of actual use. No fee has been set but the term "market rate" has been used.

At the end of three years -- and at three-year intervals thereafter -- the whole process will be repeated -- allocations, points, and all. While having a spot in the first three-year period will not automatically assure a person a spot for the next three years, neither will that person be prevented from applying again.

The City will send application forms to island property owners. Renters should contact Tom Valleau at City Hall to request applications.

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VISIT TO CHEBEAGUE

1987 was the first year that CBIDA divided its annual meeting/island visit into separate parts.

The business meeting was held on the third floor of the Seaboard's Club which made getting to it more of a problem than was anticipated.

The Chebeague visit was hosted by the Chebeague Historical Society. A crab-roll/ham-roll luncheon was followed by a slide show by Donna Damon, life-long resident of Chebeague and former member of the Cumberland Town Council. The Historical Society had arranged for the school bus to get members from the boat to the Chebeague Island Hall Community Center and the return trip was made the long way around for a grand tour of the island. There was also time for short walks in the area of the Hall both before and after lunch. It was the first such leisurely visit in many many years and it is safe to say that a good time was had by all. Reports are that the Historical Society people enjoyed it as much as the guests.

A "WHALE" OF A TIME

Ruth Mistark

As representative of the Cliff Island Scholarship Fund, I helped organize the New England Premiere of The Whales of August, an Alive Films Production, made last year on Cliff Island, and starring Bette Davis, Lillian Gish, Ann Sothern, Vincent Price, and Harry Carey, Jr. It was presented at the Nickelodeon Theater in Portland.

November 18 was proclaimed The Whales of August Day by acting mayor Joseph Casale, who presented keys to the city to author David Berry and producer Mike Kaplan. The film opened for the public in early December and has been well received.

Tickets for the Premiere and Reception which benefited jointly the newly established Cliff Island Scholarship Fund and the Maine Center for the Blind, had sold out rapidly. The event was organized by myself and Peggy Leonard for the Maine Center for the Blind, ably assisted by Kathy Alpert of the Hoyt's Nickelodeon Cinema Chain, and volunteers from Cliff Island and the Maine Center for the Blind.

A Press Conference was held at 8 A.M. attended by the press and sponsors. Coffee and pastries were provided by the Green Mountain Coffee Shop and champagne by Horsefeathers Restaurant. A Press Luncheon at the Sonesta Hotel followed, hosted by Mike Kaplan of Alive Films.

This film had long been anticipated by all of us on Cliff Island who played such a part in its production. We were thrilled and excited. We had come to know all the participants during their two-plus months on our island and in our homes and wished so deeply for the movie to be a success -- for them and ourselves. We wanted the world to see and appreciate our island -- and we were not disappointed It is truly a warm and beautiful film and even improves with repeated viewing.

That evening a Cheese and Wine Reception at One City Center followed the Premiere. Cliff Islanders, both year-round and summer residents, were out in force, eagerly exchanging greetings, reminiscences, and opinions -- glad to see each other, David, Mike, and members of the crew again, and realizing that the film was as good or better than we had known in our hearts it would be. An eleven o'clock trip down the bay to home -- a special trip by Casco Bay Lines -- was a happy ending to a pleasant evening.

As for myself, the excitement of two days as a guest of the Sonesta Hotel, interviews by the press, days of hard work and the successful completion of two months of preparation and some apprehension was an experience I will long remember.

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A public hearing is tentatively set for March 22. It is the impression of those attending the workshops that this public hearing is to give the Board public input and that more workshop discussion will probably follow.

CBIDA urges its members to make every effort to attend the public hearing. It is important to present our views. It is just as important to support the Planning Board when their thinking is in line with ours.

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OVERBOARD DISCHARGE
THE BATTLE CONTINUES

In between attending meetings in Augusta and preparing CBIDA's written statements for the DEP, CBIDA Vice-President Barbara Paul sums up the current dilemma:

"The environmentally concerned citizens of Maine are doing battle with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in order to protect the environment!"

Celebration of the passage of LD 1268 last May may have been premature. The emergency bill forbidding overboard discharge of waste water into the waters of the state must now be implemented by ordinances to enforce the law.

While the DEP draws up the ordinances, there is much opportunity to weaken the law with exceptions.

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GERBER REPORT
BEFORE PLANNING BOARD

Members of CBIDA Steering Committee who have been attending the workshop meetings of the Planning Board considering the Island Groundwater study by Robert Gerber of Freeport, have been interested -- and delighted -- to note the basic attitude displayed by Planning Board members in considering the recommendations of the Report.

The Gerber Report recommended a density of no more than one unit per acre on islands without public sewer and water and suggested that it would be well for those islands having these amenities to be developed as though they might someday have to be self sufficient.

Members of the Board not only appeared to accept the fact that high density spelled trouble for the island aquifers but gave serious consideration to how the zoning might best be revised to keep the density down.

The grandfathering of some so-called "postage stamp" lots on the islands caused a great deal of concern. The phrases "the island people seem to want" and "how can this best be brought about" were heard frequently.

While the City has not yet learned to place island items first on the agenda automatically, the Board has been willing to move them up on request. Thrill of the year was when CBIDA had accepted spot #2 and heard Chairman Humeniuk move the Gerber Report to spot #1 when he saw the familiar faces.

Maine State Attorney General James Tierney was the lead-off speaker for the opposition when the federal Environmental Protection Agency sent representatives from Boston to hear arguments pro and con on the overboard discharge into Casco Bay proposed by Dictar Associates. Island residents were pleased to have the hearing held at Portland City Hall and the meeting was well attended. The EPA people had been in touch with the president of CBIDA to be sure that the location and time of the meeting were convenient for island residents.

EPA is allowed 90 days in which to reach a decision. As of this writing no decision has been announced. Island Institute, Maine Audobon and the Conservation Law Foundation of Boston have been taking an active part in these deliberations.

In the meantime, work continues on Great Diamond. Dictar's application for approval of the single-family Phase II is before the Department of Environmental Protection. The latest word is that no public hearing will be held -- either before the Board or before the Staff. The claim is that all necessary evidence was presented during the Phase I consideration. Opponents of the added development have pointed out that there are many new members on the Board; that if the matter of new members is not

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The Maine Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club confirmed its interest in the Peaks Island nature trail, a project of CBIDA's Public Lands Committee under chairperson Gretchen Hall, when a group from AMC visited the island and followed the trail.

David Hall's report to the Appalachian Mountain Club follows.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON HIKE
ON PEAKS ISLAND -- NOV. 15, 1987

It was a beautiful sunny day with temperatures in the forties and calm winds. Most of us went over to Peaks Island on the 1:00 P.M. passenger boat from Portland and met the rest of the group who were Peaks Island residents. Altogether we had 35-40 people plus assorted dogs. Included in the group was the city planner from the city of Portland plus the recreation facilities in greater Portland. They wanted to hike the loop trail I was proposing, and they wanted to talk with the other hikers.

We hiked up past the water tower on Brackett Avenue and then swung right onto a woods path on land owned by the state. This trail goes for about a half mile through lovely evergreen forest to a woods road. We went right on the woods road to look at Brackett Fish Pond and then returned up the woods road and then went on old military reservation roads through city-owned land to the perimeter road along the back shore. We walked along the shore and then hiked up a woods path in the Audobon wildlife sanctuary. We then looped back to the shore and then walked on a series of woods paths and woods roads in city-owned land back to Brackett Avenue. Total hike was about four miles and took about two and a half hours.

Hopefully, in time, this walk will be blazed and some new trail will be cleared to reduce the amount of road walking and to increase the amount of woods path walking.

INITIATIVE TO CITY
Gretchen Hall

The transfer of initiative on the Peaks Island trail took place in the Hall's living room on Nov. 17, 1987. Douglas MacVane and the Rev. Carl F. Hall represented the interests of Peaks Island as well as those of CBIDA Steering Committee in agreeing with the Public Lands chairperson, Gretchen Hall, that the Trail project had been carried through as far as the competence of the CBIDA Steering Committee extended, and that responsibility for completing the project lay with the City of Portland.

Richard Knowland of the Portland Department of Planning and Urban Development affirmed that the Peaks Island Trail project has high priority with the Planning Board and with the City Council of Portland, and accepted responsibility for steering the project onto the agenda of the Planning Board.

The action of the Public Lands Committee was ratified at the December 5 meeting of the Steering Committee.

CBIDA CONFERENCE
SET FOR MAY 21

Most views of Casco Bay islands are of pieces of land out there to be counted, named, sailed around, and, if possible, visited.

From the perspective of the islands, themselves, each island is -- at the very least -- a community of living things needing to be cherished and protected from exploitation.

People living on an island see themselves as a human community, able to cherish and protect the natural community as well as their own, but needing understanding and assistance from the mainland municipal communities of which the islands are a part.

On May 21, Casco Bay Island Development Association, through the efforts of its Public Lands Committee under the leadership of Gretchen Hall, is sponsoring a conference at Dam Cove Lodge in West Bath to consider the Casco Bay islands from the perspective of those who live on a few of them and care about what happens on all of them.

At this gathering we may also consider how the various municipalities bordering Casco Bay relate to the island communities that are part of each one. Some such comparison, offered from the island perspective, could add to the understand-
ing of the difference time, tide, and the environmental limitations make to people living on an island.

The meeting will also celebrate the cooperation among the owners or guardians of land on Peaks Island in making the Nature Trail available to the public. Hopefully representatives of the City of Portland, Peaks Island Town Meeting, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Maine Forest Service, Maine Audubon Society, Maine chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and STAR Foundation will be able to join in this celebration.

Well received when first suggested to Steering Committee, the Conference--still untitled--had an important place on the agenda of the February Steering Committee. It is expected that the Public Lands Committee will be presenting a Conference agenda to the March meeting.

Suggestions and inquiries may be addressed to: Gretchen Hall, CBIDA, P.O. Box 62, Peaks Island 04108.

**IN MEMORIAM**

CBIDA lost two long-time members with the passing of Cora Clifford and John Johnson. Miss Clifford was a charter member of CBIDA and continued her membership and her interest until her death.

John Johnson was an active member of Steering Committee for many years. Recent discussions often ended with, "John will know. Ask him."

COASTAL GROWTH-MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AT BOWDOIN

Jean Dyer, Barbara Paul, Gretchen Hall, and Ginny and Bud Fisher were among the crowds of people at Daggett Lounge, Bowdoin College, January 23, for the Conference entitled The Maine Coast: Can We Have Our Cake and Eat It, Too? Sponsored by the Town of Brunswick, the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust, Bowdoin College Environmental Studies Program, Merrymeeting Developers, Inc., Maine Audubon Society, State Office of Community Development, Dept. of Marine Resources, University of Maine Sea Grant, Marine Advisory Program, Natural Resources Council of Maine, and Maine Citizens for Historic Preservation, the all-day conference was organized by the Androscoggin-Sagadahoc Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Maine.

The program included a slide presentation on development in Cape Cod towns, a presentation by Robert Suminsky, a developer from Northeast Harbor and a member of the committee to decide on spending of the $35 million voted by the people of Maine for the purchase of land for the public, a presentation by Orlando DeLogue, professor at the University of Maine Law School, and a report of the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust and Conservation Committee and its cooperative work with a developer to preserve a green belt in the Cape Elizabeth area.

Both morning and afternoon sessions included small group presentations in such areas as identifying sources of surface and groundwater pollution, harbor management, licenses and permits from DEP, how to assure public access to coastal waters and others.

Key points of the conference were: development is a fact of life for the future; ownership is the best way to control use; with all due respect to the public good, private ownership is, and should be, protected by law; regional planning is as necessary as local because somebody has to provide for the less attractive needs of society.

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YES! I WANT TO JOIN CBIDA

HERE'S MY CHECK:
$5 single; $7 couple

MY NAME IS:

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to be considered the
former Board did not give
approval to Phase II which
should logically make this
Phase a whole new item
deserving a public hearing.
The glitch seems to be
that the Board did not
refuse Phase II, they
tabled the whole project
until Dictar came back
with the smaller Phase I.
Needless to say, many
many hours have been spent
preparing written com­
ments to DEP and much
money has gone into
copying and postage
costs.
All this activity is
going on even though the
EPA has not ruled on the
overboard discharge. The
Dictar application to DEP
for the overboard discharge
was considered grandfathered
by the DEP even though the
Attorney General's office
advised otherwise.
CBIDA may sometimes feel
it is playing with a
stacked deck -- but the
game goes on.

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ANNUAL BUSINESS
MEETING
At the Annual Business
meeting in August, CBIDA
members approved the vote
of Steering Committee
to change the By-Laws as
follows: Article VI,
Section 1, now states
"There shall be no less
than nine Steering Com­
mittee members in addi­
tion to the officers."
The top limit of twenty
was deleted. This action
gives Steering Committee
the flexibility it needs
not be sure of a working
force without losing any
whose historic expertise
is valuable.
Members also voted a
donation of $1000 to the
Legal Fund of Island
Institute for use in the
EPA presentation.

NEW CBL FERRY
A NAME BUT NO LANDING

Named Machigonne II after
a yesteryear's pride of
the CBL fleet, the new
passenger-ferry slated
to provide more adequate
service to Peaks Island
came to Portland from its
Rhode Island birthplace
and faced immediate pro­
blems. It was a true
Comedy of Errors, but
nobody was laughing as the
state took one look at the
massive size of the new
vessel and figuratively
put up a "No Docking Here"
sign on the Peaks Island
Ferry. There followed
a heated interchange be­
tween CBL officials and
the state as to who was
told what, when and by
whom. The state insisted
that CBL had never told
them the size of the new
vessel, to which CBL re­
plied, "Did, too!"/

Much of the difficulty
stemmed from the fact that
the cost of repair
the cost of repairs to
the Peaks Island dock was
dropped from the budget
and placed in a referen­
dum item that had so
many various and sundry
items in it that it be­
came known as a "catch-all."
To add to the confusion, the
items in the catch-all were
not clearly defined. The
voters, faced with a
lengthy list of high­
priced items, turned
down the catch-all.

In the meantime the
Machigonne II was on
its way, displaying all
sorts of seaworthiness,
but destined to arrive
a stepchild in its home­
port. The Legislature is
expected to vote dock­
repair money in the cur­
rent session and it has
been determined that by
backing into the dock and
getting equipped with
bumpers the new vessel
can do its job in time
to set the Rebel as re­
quired by UMTA.

The problem of what to
do while repairs are
made and how to get any
vehicles to the down-the­
bay islands is still to
be solved. Under considera­
tion is the leasing of a
barge-landing craft type
vessel that can land on
beaches -- providing that
beaches with permission
and access to the roads
can be found.

There are those who ask
why CBL did not check with
the state -- nag even --
when it became obvious
that nothing was being
done to the dock during
the summer and fall. There
may be even more who wonder
why CBL did not do more
to alert the public of
the necessity of getting
the catch-all passed. Nor
was general manager Pat
Christian's suggestion
that if Machigonne II was
not able to go to Peaks, she
could start earning her
million dollar cost back by
going down-the-bay, well
received by the residents of
those islands. Chebeaguers
cheerfully reminded Long
Islanders that if their
dock was knocked into the
sea with them on it they
could float down to Che­
beague.
The Portland papers
printed an editorial invit­
ing a writer such as
Stephen King to write a
horror movie about the
Monster that ate Peaks
Island.

Machigonne II is spacious,
comfortable, and brand-new.
She deserved better than
to provide such hilarity.

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DEJA VUE?

Nor-By-East did not intend to be prophetic when it published the picture of the 1980 firefighters on Great Diamond. Hardly had readers figured out the Who? When? Where? and Why? when a 1987 fire broke out in one of the Fort McKinley buildings.

Great Diamond people turned out promptly and in force to fight the fire and were able to get it somewhat under control in spite of having the hose burst at the first surge of water through it.

The gates -- usually kept locked and guarded -- stood wide open to welcome the fire truck with the first contingent and men, women, and teenagers worked with the same will they had demonstrated in 1980.

The belief of Dictar Associates that the fire was the result of arson was borne out by the fire marshal. The possibility of the fire being set by unhappy, recently discharged workers -- and naturally, opponents of the project -- were set forth -- in spite of the valiant attempts of the Great Diamond people -- not all Dictar lovers -- to get the fire out.

No final determination of responsibility for the fire was made. The building was insured.

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To present the concerns of CBIDA in an informal atmosphere, President Jean Dyer, Vice-President Barbara Paul, and Esther Clenott made an appointment with City Manager Bob Ganley. In a pleasant, friendly hour they discussed such items as Fire Protection, Contract Zoning, the Public Hearing Process, and City-Island Communication.
DUES -- ARE THEY OVERDUE?

SOME FISCAL YEARS MATCH THE CALENDAR YEARS. SOME DON'T.
CBIDA'S Doesn't. CBIDA'S FISCAL YEAR BEGINS IN OCTOBER.

(That is why a reminder that dues are due is included in the reservation for Annual Meeting or Annual Island Visit.)

DUES FOR 1987-1988 ARE NOW OVERDUE.
WE REALIZE THAT IT IS EASY TO FORGET
WE WILL BE HAPPY TO ACCEPT YOUR DUES NOW.
STILL $ 5 SINGLE, $7 COUPLE.
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FOOTNOTE: Since we are not under legal expense ourselves, Steering Committee has felt it only fair to contribute to the legal funds of our allies -- Island Institute, Maine Audobon, and Working Waterfront Coalition. We also pay rent for the Public Safety Building. Steering Committee members are generous about "forgetting" to be reimbursed for copying, postage, travel, and long distance phone calls, but our treasury is dwindling. We need your support. If you haven't paid your dues, we urge you to do it now.

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