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The Mission of the Port of Port Townsend, a county-wide municipal corporation, is to responsibly develop property and facilities that encourage job creation, private investment, local economic stability and diversity, and to better the quality of life for the citizens throughout Jefferson County.

Regular Port Commission meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 1pm and 7pm respectively. The two monthly meetings take place at the Port's Administration Offices in the renovated Hospital Building at Point Hudson Marina, Port Townsend. Check our web site for information:

www.portofpt.com

Port Commission:

Bob Sokol - President

Dave Thompson - Vice President

Herb Beck - Secretary

Executive Director:

Larry Crockett

Deputy Director:

Jim Pivarnik

Director of Finance:

Donald Taylor

Marine Facilities Director:

Ken Radon

If you have questions or comments about Port business please feel free to contact Larry Crockett at: Larry@portofpt.com or by phone: (360) 385-0656 or stop in the office....the door's always open.

Boating Season Officially Opens; Facilities Busy In '06

Boating season officially got under way on Saturday, May 13th as numerous boats of every size and type lined up for the boat parade past the Port Townsend waterfront. Sunny weather with light wind gave a glimpse of what promises to be a very busy season for the Port. Operations statistics for the first 5 months of the year show a real strong comparison over 2005, and indicate the Port and its marine-related businesses remain very busy in 2006.



Commission President's Message by Port Commission President **Bob Sokol**

Finishing a project is always a good feeling and the Port's historic preservation adaptive re-use of the Point Hudson hospital building is no exception. The community can look forward to productive use of that building for the next 75 years. The Point Hudson Marina rehabilitation is ready to begin as soon as the Corps of Engineers issues the final permit.

Working with private partners at the airport will bring us to completion of the Aero Museum and new FBO facility prior to the next newsletter. The new hangar project is set to get underway as soon as permit issues are addressed.

We are always striving for a vibrant economy and shoreline access.

Administration Offices Move To Renovated Location

The Port's Administration offices moved to their new location in the renovated Hospital Building at Point Hudson the week of May 15th. Efforts were combined by many Port employees, and the business hours and functions of the Port administration were maintained throughout the moving process. "This is not a small task, moving the entire office even a short distance," said one staff member. It took several days to vacate the old offices in the Boat Haven and set up administrative functions at the building in Point Hudson, which had formerly been a hotel, and vacant for over 3 years.

The Port Commission approved office leases for three new tenants in the Administration building, with one space still available. Per the City's Shoreline Master Plan, 70% of the building is required to be leased to marine-related businesses.



Scenes from the move to the new Administration offices....



Quilcene Dock Repair Contract Awarded

Winter storms wreaked havoc on the Herb Beck Marina's docks, and the Port moved as quickly as possible to assess damages and submit figures for insurance claims. A contract has been awarded for dock repairs. Other projects such as dredging and ramp area cleanup are being planned.

Because of the permitting process for dredging and other work, it always takes some time to get the contract awarded and begin the work. But the Port Commission placed the project at the top of its list due to many area users of the facilities there relying on the marina for their shrimping and other marine-related activities.

"This is a priority to us, and we understand and have heard the concerns of residents in the area. We're moving as quickly as possible to bring about the needed repairs and improvements," said Commissioner Herb Beck, who represents the district on the Port Commission.

FAA Extends Grant Deadline

-- Airport Continues To Evolve

The Jefferson County International Airport continued its facelift as the FBO and Aero Museum evolved from a wet, muddy winter / spring construction period. T-hangars have been moved and the Spruce goose has extended its restaurant hours. Deputy Director Jim Pivarnik indicated at a May Port Commission meeting that the FAA has extended the grant deadline for the taxiway and improvement projects until August 2008. This extra time will allow the Port to iron out remaining issues with the Corp of Engineers and complete the scheduled projects under the grant funding.



Port's Interests Represented

Commissioner Herb Beck has been representing the Port at the WRIA 17 meetings, as well as the DOT's Transportation Advisory Committee (which deals with major projects affecting Jefferson County). If you would like details about these ongoing project groups and their impacts on property, the Port, and all of Jefferson County, contact Commissioner Beck at the Port or by email: herbbeck@earthlink.net

Did You Know ?

The National Response Center (NRC) is the sole *federal* point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact them toll-free at (800)424-8802. They operate 24/7, 365 days a year.

Fly-In Scheduled For July 15-16

The Experimental Aircraft Association's local Chapter 1026 has scheduled its annual fly-in for midsummer at JCIA. The event provides the public with an opportunity to see the Airport and anywhere from 50 to 150 experimental and light aircraft. Admission is free and the event takes place all day Saturday and Sunday, July 15-16, 2006. The Airport is 6 miles outside of Port Townsend off Airport Cutoff Rd. photo:sportpilot.org



"Waste Not Want Not" Space Comes Available; Port Seeks Marine Tenant

The Port is trying to fill this prime Boat Haven space with a marine trade, but is also investigating the concept of a marine-trade incubator. For more information contact the Port's Deputy Director
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PORT TOWNSEND BOAT HAVEN:
5000 sq. ft. industrial building.
\$.50 per foot NNN. Zoned
marine industrial.