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RE: Pool Status

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Sent: Sun 5/18/14 2:12 PM
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Wow, that's a lot of effort and energy put into the potential pool opening! Good, detailed, sobering research. Thank you.

As I read the mounting costs of temporary fixes to open this year, I really begin to question the wisdom of opening this year. If a decision were reached soon, we could include a statement citing the costs with some details and rationale with the newsletter and letter/statements.

In addition, if we proceed, we need to be prepared for interference. We have community members who seem to feel a responsibility to check everything we talk about out with regulators at all levels (emphasis added):

From: karen shaak [<mailto:karenshaak@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 9:28 PM
To: Dennis Egan
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Subject: Re: Budget committee response BOD

Three things that I think should be fixed:

1. Susie said that we got an exception for ADA compliance to open the pool in the short term. This didn't make sense *so I spoke with the state today and there is no exception for handicap access for a pool*. Do we have something in writing that indicates that no chair is required? If not, we need to add money for a chair that enables access to open this year.
2. \$8,000 in income is too high - that would equate to 2000 swims @ \$4.00ea which I doubt is likely.

3. We didn't add money for handicap access porta-potty rental. We discussed it but it didn't get added.

karen

Not only are the costs to open mounting up, but by the time we get the mud cleared from their interference (Maria, Karen – both, by the way, not in good standing), there may not be any time left to have the pool open.

Sorry to be the pessimist, but I admit that I'm getting worn down and tired of the dissention.

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From: Suzy Palmer [mailto:suzypalmer1@me.com]

Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2014 11:09 AM

To: Dustin Frederick

Cc: Ed Delahanty; chris hendrickson; Fred Salmon; Kurt S. Blankenship; Steve Morrow

Subject: Re: Pool Status

Thanks Dustin...it's good to hear you are thinking of us. We will let you know how and when. Ed has really followed up on things so we will have all the information in order to make good decisions. Steve has been great about keeping up on the financial side of things. We have a great group and limited amount of time to really make changes that will benefit everyone. Thanks for sticking with this.

Suzy

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On May 18, 2014, at 09:21 AM, Dustin Frederick <dustin@local519.org> wrote:

Ed---thank you for the update ---and thank you for all the time and energy you are putting in as President. And---a big thank you to the rest of the board members and committee members who are putting in time on community issues. I know all of you who live in the cove are putting in a lot of time.

I'm somewhat ham strung not living on the island in helping with the needs you described below. However, as issues come up I want to help out in any way possible---so keep me in mind if you need something that can be done off island. I'll volunteer as I see things come up but don't hesitate to call me if I missed something.

Have a good vacation.

Dustin

From: Ed Delahanty [<mailto:whshed@live.com>]

Sent: Saturday, May 17, 2014 4:25 PM

To: chris hendrickson; Dustin Frederick; Fred Salmon; Kurt S. Blankenship; Steve Morrow; Suzy Palmer

Subject: Pool Status

Hi All,

I've spent some time following up on what I consider the highest priority items to aid our decision on the viability of opening the Pool this year.

On Thursday, I sent an email to WMS Aquatics, Aqualine Pool & Spa & NW Hot Springs asking for estimates to replace the 5 skimmer housings & lids, assist with servicing the chlorinator, replace the peristaltic pump (controls pH balance by adding muriatic acid to pool water) and replace the defective parts on the Polaris Watermatic chemical controller. I made it clear that I was asking for estimates and that a separate Request for Quote would be coming once we understood the various options.

I've yet to hear back from any of them, may with some luck on Monday.

When Russell Chamberlain met the AmeriGas driver at the shelter to have that propane tank filled, he learned that AmeriGas could send a technician out at no charge to evaluate the integrity of the propane system on the Pool Heater. I scheduled a tech to come out yesterday and met him at the Pool in the morning.

In brief, results of his evaluation:

- Lines to connect a propane tank of adequate size to the Pool Heater and the changing room hot water heater were apparently removed to a point below ground when the prior tank was removed last year. Probably capped off.
 - New lines and most likely new regulators for both heaters may be required. I'll request a quote from the AmeriGas in Oak Harbor. The tech guessed the cost would be around \$1,000.
- After hooking up a small tank upstream from the regulators he discovered the following:
 - There are two small gas leaks in the Pool Heater lines, easily repaired by disassembly and application of new thread sealing compound and re-tightening.
 - There is a defect in the ignition circuit that prevents the automatic pilot from lighting which of course prevents the entire system from lighting as well.
- The heater has been tagged as unsafe to operate until the above mentioned leaks are corrected.

I spoke with Jean Salls today to refresh my memory on the events of 2012 that lead to the early shut down of the pool. Some time in August, after the small fire occurred and a NW Hot Springs tech rewired and checked out the heater, the lifeguards noticed a strong gas smell when opening up one morning. The gas was immediately shut off and Barron Heating & Air conditioning sent a tech out to check the system. He determined that one of the large solenoid valves that controls gas flow to the main burner was leaking. The valve was not available locally and would likely have taken a number of weeks to arrive. Cost for the valve was estimated near \$500.00 plus installation cost. I'll call Barron on Monday to see if they have records of what valve is required, confirm the cost and how soon they could come out to install and check out the system if given the go ahead. I recommend rewiring the Heater system as well. Once a tech starts on the system there could be other issues as well.

I called Hayward Pool Products Friday afternoon to see if Trina & I could get some pointers on the Stratum VRS (device that will shut off the main pump if the main drain is blocked - making us compliant with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act, a Federal requirement). I was on hold for over 20 minutes, then dropped since their customer service line closes at 5pm EST and it was 2pm here. I'll try again in early June when back on Whidbey.

I believe I mentioned at our Board meeting that I'll be visiting family in Michigan - leaving on May 20, returning on June 3. In my absence we'll need someone to interface with the various suppliers if they need access to the Pool to complete their quotes etc., Carol could potentially handle that if necessary but best if a Board member is involved. Anyone available?

One more issue requiring a volunteer - Looking at our most recent power bill, Steve noticed its about \$80.00 more than prior months. This is likely due to the pool pump running mostly full time since April 26. So it looks like having the pump running costs a little more than \$5.00/day. Keeping the pump running full time keeps the chemicals blended better in the water and helps clear debris off the water surface. On the other hand, having Trina run the pump for a day or so after adding chemicals will probably keep things more or less under control, but make more work for Trina clearing debris from the bottom of the pool. It would be ideal if someone could stop by the pool and run the pump for an hour or two each day. I can show how get things going Sunday or Monday. I'll ask Harry Lynam and Doug Smith if they're available, any Board members who could be involved as well?

Carol & I believe we can operate while not being in compliance with ADA if we are operating strictly as a limited use pool for property owning members only (no associate members); we'll be contacting the appropriate officials to verify in the next week.

Although the last time I spoke with Maria she assured me she had photos showing noticeable water loss, I have a series of photos taken with my phone camera showing no appreciable water loss since May 4.

I'll be available by phone most of the time while away and hope to be on line almost every day. Since Michigan is 3 hours ahead, I'd appreciate no calls after 7pm PST.
Please call if any questions,
Kind Regards,
Ed