

The Local Trust Committee held its first meeting of the new year and new term on January 26th. Our new Chair George Grams, elected on Salt spring Island, gave an introduction to his background and his expectations of his role as our Chair for the next four years. Not being elected on Mayne island, George feels it is important that the two Mayne Island Trustees make local decisions, and in the case of the two Trustees being unable to agree on a business item, George, rather than simply breaking the tie with his vote, would choose to encourage reconsideration of the decision and ultimately consensus on the part of the two locally elected Trustees.

Due to the rescheduling of our business meetings to Mondays, we were unable to have our regular minute taker Pat Todd. Sharon Lloyd-deRosario from the Victoria office filled in. It is hoped that Pat will return in June when she can make adjustments to her other work schedule.

The Oceanwood application has been removed from our agenda. The applicant has clarified that the current economic climate in the Islands is not encouraging for new developments at this time, they will continue to live and work on Mayne Island as they have done for many years. In light of this request to not proceed any further with the rezoning application our business meeting was short. We did, with the suggestion of our Chair, agree to have him write to Todd Stone, Minister of Transport, asking that matters relating to numerous ongoing road issues be given more consideration by the Ministry of Transport. Georgina Point Road with a lack of shoulders on the west side, the ongoing drainage problems from Montrose Road and Mt. Park Park and a number of other road related problems impact many landowners and road users.

At 2:30 we convened a brief informal coffee break so that attendees could discuss issues of concern with planning staff and their three Trustees.

We next meet February 23, 1pm at the Agricultural Hall

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