**LWVSJ Observer Corps\*: Friday Harbor Port Commission December 14, 2022**

During Public Access several people representing a coalition of groups planning to submit a **proposal for create a suite of facilities for agricultural and food producers on Plot B** in the recent RFP asked the council to allow more time before choosing a proposal. The Commissioners were interested in the idea and encouraged the group to present as full a plan as possible by the January 15 deadline and to come to the January 25th meeting, where the RFP responses would be reviewed and discussed. They were also encouraged to look at other Port properties as potential sites.

The Commissioners approved a contract for **Shipyard Cove Marina Expansion** of up to $175k and an agreement to **manufacture floats for SJ County for Orcas Landing.**

There is a proposal to put a **Native American Welcome Pole** for Friday Harbor on Port Property and it was decided the **deck by the clock tower** would be the best location.

The Shipyard Cove Expansion Design will include **a free breakwater** which would provide unserviced tie-up moorage on two sides for larger craft. The Commission discussed the process and schedule for the **Jensen and Shipyard Cove Master Plan Update.** There are key priority and policy questions that the Commission needs to decide on after which they may reconstitute a Citizens Advisory Committee to get additional public and stakeholder input. They will seek information on what **environmental cleanup measures** are **available to inform consideration of future uses.**

The Maintenance Supervisor reported the **power is back on at Jensens.** They are doing some landscaping projects on port property, sprucing up the showers and replacing some pumps.

The Commission agreed to accept a **$684 insurance settlement for Jensens**.

Port director reported the only bid for the **port restroom remodel** was $1.5million, vs, estimated $400k cost. He proposed updating the showers and replacing the portable bathroom. The Commissioners will make **one more attempt to find a local contractor** for the job, as the plan was to use the space occupied by the portable for badly needed parking.

A commissioner met with group interested in getting **a glass crusher** on SJI and po siting it on Port property. One key will be updating local codes to allow or require crushed glass in construction uses.

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