

Memorandum

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To: Haines Borough Assembly

Cc: Dave Sosa, Borough Manager
Julie Cozzi, Clerk
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From: Stephanie Scott, Mayor, Haines Borough

Subject: FY15 Local Legislative Priorities – updated as a result of May 13, 2014
Assembly meeting

The Haines Borough Assembly met as a Committee of the Whole May 6 to develop local legislative priorities for FY15. The Assembly agreed that the list is fluid; is not yet prioritized, and will be re-visited to formalize and adopt.

During the May 13, 2014, Assembly meeting, Lutak Dock repair was added to the list.

I have emphasized (bold) the items can impact on the FY15 budget, either as an amendment (added expense which could result in an increase in mill rate) prior to adoption, or as an adjustment to allocation of revenue to meet added expense as a budget amendment after adoption.

The “working” list follows:

- Solid Waste management – establish borough wide regulation
- **Sewer Treatment Plant....go beyond design, get structure stabilized**
- **Borough’s participation in utility extension**
- Retirement of 40% requirement for election of Assembly and Mayor in Charter and code
- Modification of requirements to provide for water/sewer hookup
- Modification of notification for zoning changes and conditional use permits to capture more of the neighborhood (present requirement is to notify property owners within 200 feet of activity)
- Resolution of water delivery measurement perceived inequity: residential meter vs. flat rate

- **Provide training for Assembly members and staff with respect to engaging state legislators and agencies to address local issues**
- Provide oversight for septic system owners to prevent contamination of ground water and wells
- **Examine pros and cons of engaging a professional lobbyist to represent the Haines Borough in Juneau**
- Examine our regulations and practices with the goal of achieving a “business friendly” reputation
- **Redesign the Capital Improvement Fund to distinguish between CIP and operating expense that is maintenance**
- **Lutak Dock repair**