

January 24, 2017

To: Haines Borough Assembly Members and Mayor

Re: Appointments to the Historic Dalton Trail Road Maintenance Service Area

I believe that several appointments to the Historic Dalton Trail Road Maintenance Service Area were made in violation of borough code at the last assembly meeting. Haines Borough Code requires that members of service area boards be “persons from within the service area.”

HBC 7.04.080 Boards.

A. The ordinance establishing a service area may provide for appointed or elected boards of **persons from within the service area** to make recommendations concerning services or other purposes, as permitted by statute. For appointed boards, all appointments shall be made according to the provisions of HBC [2.60.055](#). If the assembly determines that an appointed or elected board is not necessary, or if a board lacks the minimum membership required by the ordinance establishing that board, the assembly shall perform the functions of such board.

I requested a copy of all committee/board applications up for confirmation at the January 10 assembly meeting from the Deputy Clerk and received them by email on January 17. There was no letter of interest from Bob Bell. The letter of interest from Robert Venables states that he is “only physically there on an occasional basis for this season.” The letter from Darsie Culbeck states that he “would be a good go between” for Constantine and the borough however he isn’t “from within the service area.” (please see attached letters of interest)

I suggest that the assembly vote in favor of reconsidering the January 10 decision confirming the appointment of Robert Venables and Darsie Culbeck to the Dalton Trail RMSA board and table the motion to confirm until the borough attorney can advise on whether these appointments comply with HBC 7.04.080.

Also, the Haines Borough Application for Board Appointment should be revised to include HBC 7.04.080 which would inform future applicants for RMSA boards of the qualifications for board membership. Perhaps if all the applications had been included in the assembly packet as they usually are, the assembly would have had the information needed when voting on whether to confirm these appointments. Also, borough staff could review applications for RMSA boards for compliance with borough code before they come before the assembly.

Thank you for reconsidering the vote to confirm these appointments in order to ensure compliance with borough code.

Carolyn Weishahn

## Alekka Fullerton

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**From:** Julie Cozzi  
**Sent:** Friday, October 28, 2016 6:36 PM  
**To:** Alekka Fullerton  
**Subject:** FW: Historic Dalton Trail RMSA

-----Original Message-----

From: Jan Hill  
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 3:06 PM  
To: Julie Cozzi <[jcozzi@haines.ak.us](mailto:jcozzi@haines.ak.us)>  
Subject: FW: Historic Dalton Trail RMSA

FYI....

-----Original Message-----

From: darsie culbeck [<mailto:darsie@live.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 3:03 PM  
To: Jan Hill  
Subject: Historic Dalton Trail RMSA

Hi Jan,  
I would like to volunteer to be on the Historic Dalton Trail RMSA board. I am very familiar with the area, some of the history and am in regular communication with Haines Borough Management on some of the issues in the area.  
As you know Constantine is a large landholder in the area and I would be a good go between for them as well.  
Thanks for the consideration.  
Darsie

Darsie Culbeck  
[darsie@live.com](mailto:darsie@live.com)  
Cell 775-313-4997

**From:** [Robert](#)  
**To:** [Alekk Fullerton](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Fire Service Area #3 and Historic Dalton Trail Road Maintenance Area terms  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 4:54:17 PM

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Hi Alekka,

I am quite willing to continue serving as long as the mayor/assembly/residents finds that to be of value. I am still a registered voter in Haines but only physically there on an occasional basis for this season. My institutional knowledge of having served on these 2 boards for over 20 years each, adds value to those service areas – especially when faced with challenging budgets and increasing needs. If reappointment is problematic, I am happy to continue serving until replaced (which could also be open-ended).

Thanks,  
Robert Venables  
HC 60 Box 2657  
Haines, AK 99827  
757-5700

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**From:** Alekka Fullerton [mailto:[afullerton@haines.ak.us](mailto:afullerton@haines.ak.us)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 3:27 PM  
**To:** [venables@aptalaska.net](mailto:venables@aptalaska.net)  
**Subject:** Fire Service Area #3 and Historic Dalton Trail Road Maintenance Area terms

Mr. Venables-

I notice that your terms on the Fire Service Area #3 and Historic Dalton Trail RMA committees are about to end. If you are interested in continuing on these committees, please let me know.

It would be nice for the Mayor to know why you would like to continue on the committees if you are willing to share your reasons. The only requirement, however, is that your request to be reappointed be in writing.

Please let us know by the end of the month if you would like to continue so that the Mayor can make her appointments timely.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

**Alekka Fullerton**  
Deputy Clerk