

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2012**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 28, 2012, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Sharon D. Dillon, and Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Dahlstedt led the gallery in the salute to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

- a) 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Decision: Closed Record Appeal Hearing PL-11-0056 Robert Weeks and PL10-0493 Evergreen Islands

Chairman Dahlstedt stated that the Commissioners were present to render a decision on the matter. They heard the appeals and reviewed the official record. Their job was to decide whether or not the Hearing Examiner made a clearly erroneous decision and that they could not consider any new evidence. Chairman Dahlstedt said that the standards were high. Commissioner Wesen said that this case dealt with long-term issues and whether or not the project was vested in 1993. Commissioner Wesen said that the law had to be followed and that Skagit County has many protected rural areas. Commissioner Dillon agreed with Commissioner Wesen. The plat was 17 years old. She thanked Evergreen Islands for their work preserving the quality of life in Skagit County and said that the community had decided to protect Skagit County's rural character and that Skagit County had been clarifying Ordinances so that this type of matter did not come before the Commissioners again. She did not think that the Hearing Examiner made a clearly erroneous decision. Chairman Dahlstedt asked Planning and Development Services to do their best and clean up old applications like this one. He did not want staff trapped in the middle of these types of situations either: past projects conflicting with new regulations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to affirm the decision of the Hearing Examiner. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Dahlstedt said that the Resolution reflecting their decision on the matter would come before them for signature on consent agenda next Monday.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:07 a.m.

- b) 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Public Comment Period

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

Gail Nichols of 780 West Shore on Guemes Island informed the Commissioners that she was helping to collect signatures on petitions requesting the senate to reverse their decision on granting personhood to corporations. She reported that seven states had passed resolutions against the decision as well as some counties and cities in Washington.

Lynn Torset of Sedro-Woolley expressed concerns about the various property tax increases. He said this was an increasing hardship on retired individuals with fixed incomes. He said he estimated that 10% of his income goes to Skagit County.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Nichols and Mr. Torset for sharing their concerns.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:41 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Hammons, Clerk of the Board