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Hamilton Parish Council (HPC), Annual Report for January to December, 2016

Membership: During the course of the year there was one resignation, Robin Gilbert and two new members Trevor Williams and Judy Lindo joined the Council.

Meetings: The Council was scheduled to meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Lyceum on Wilkinson Avenue. The Council membership was published in RG in January 2016 and HPC met 10 times during the course of the year. There was one public meeting held in 2016, on Monday November 14th at the Aquarium in Flatts.

Audit: 2015 audit finalized by the Auditor General.

HPC # 9 Radnor Road: Painting and repairs to the house roof and exterior walls was completed in 2016. Meetings were help with a lawyer, Wendell Hollis to explore options for sale of the undeveloped land owned by HPC. Mr. Hollis confirmed that the property had a legal ROW and prepared a description of the property to be included in a tender document.

Hamilton Parish Scholarship: A total of \$10,000 was awarded for the Hamilton Parish Scholarship program, information and the program is on our website, our Facebook page and on Bermudascholarships.com. HPC members contributed funds and attendance fees to the scholarship. A total of 23 applications were and received, 13 applicants were ineligible and 3 received funding from other sources, a total of 7 students were interviewed by the committee. As a result of the quality of applications, three scholarships were awarded, \$5000 to Jahlae Outerbridge and \$2500 each to Maya Palacio and Eryn Beach.

Website and Facebook: Hamilton Parish has a website and is also on Facebook. The website and Facebook page are used as a tool to store important documents; administer our scholarship program; manage communications, and share information with residents of the Parish.

Bathrooms at Shelly Bay Beach Field: The need for bathrooms to serve the youth soccer and summer cricket programs was shared with Government Estates and Youth and Sport in 2015 and in 2016 the bathrooms were renovated.

Hamilton Parish Cleanup: the cleanup was held on 13th May, 68 participated in the Clean Up, 125 bags of trash were collected and after the cleanup 55 volunteers were treated to a lunch held Bailey's Bay Cricket Club.

HPC public meeting Agenda items included website, Facebook, scholarship, accounts, Radnor Road property, Shelly Bay Field toilets, Railway Trail, Hamilton Parish Cleanup, Scholarship Program and Seniors Scrambling on the Railway Trail.

Parish Signs: The Councils of Hamilton Parish and St Georges have worked together to install parish signs at Blue Hole Hill, application was made to the Planning Department and we await a response.

Heal For A Well Bermuda: Council members attended a number of presentations from the Health Department on their program, "Heal for a Well Bermuda".

Richard Winchell

Chairman - Hamilton Parish Council