

PRESS RELEASE

The Island County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants for a position on the County's Historical Review Committee in connection with the Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve in Coupeville. This position is to complete a vacated term which will run until August 13, 2012.

The Board of County Commissioners appoints Historical Review Committee members for four year terms, which may be renewed by mutual agreement. The Historical Review Committee consists of seven members: one representing a local patriotic, preservation or historical society or organization; an architect, if available, or a landscape architect or planner; two community representatives who reside within the geographical area of the Reserve; a member of the Island County Planning Commission; one community representative with knowledge or expertise in historic preservation, if available; and an Island County Building Official or designee as a non-voting ex-officio member. In addition, two representatives of the Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve Trust Board shall be appointed upon recommendation of the Trust Board. The current opening is for a representative who resides within the geographical area of the Reserve.

According to Island County Code 17.04.050, the committee makes determinations concerning the eligibility of individual properties for special tax valuation; verifies that improvements are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings; enters into agreements as required under WAC 254-20-070(2); approves or denies applications for special valuation; and monitors property for continuous compliance with the agreement and statutory eligibility requirements.

The Historical Review Committee meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. The first Tuesday meeting is held at 8:30 a.m. and the third Tuesday meeting is held at 4:00 p.m. All meetings are held on the County campus.

Applicants can provide a letter of interest and statement of qualifications by mail, email or FAX to: Island County Board of Commissioners, Attn: Ingrid Smith, Re: Historical Review Committee Vacancy, Post Office Box 5000, Coupeville, WA 98239. The FAX number is (360) 679-7381 and email applications should be sent to ingrids@co.island.wa.us. Application materials should be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2009. For additional information please phone (360) 679-7353 or e-mail Ingrid Smith at the above address.

*John Dean, Chairman
Board of Island County Commissioners*