Observer Notes: **Port Commission Meeting July 27**

On August 8 at 12:00 at the Yacht Club will be a **public hearing on the Airport Plan.** The Port is receiving grants of $5 million for airport Improvements as part of the Federal Infrastructure Program.

There was public input on the question of **a fee for EV charging in the airport parking lot**. It would be complicated to implement, but the Port Commissioners may waive such a fee by issuing a resolution that EV charging is part of the Zero Carbon portion f of the Port’s Strategic Plan. Final decision was set for the upcoming Airport Plan Meeting

Friday Harbor Mayor Jackson asked the Airport Plan consider **noise abatement measures** for town residents.

Previous minutes and current vouchers and payroll were approved.

**San Juan Tiny Suites abatement extension** was approved.

**Port Labor was approved to build A/B Hangar**

A Proposal for a **joint City, County Port Meeting in the Fall** was approved

The Commissioners approved exploring the **expansion of Port manufacturing capability** to serve other ports in the region. Two ports have expressed in in such services. A challenge would be ramping up staff given labor shortages.

**Staff: Reports:**

Auditor: **Audit is underway.**

Harbormaster: **Port Activity is picking up but down a bit from last year** given high fuel costs and the fact that Canadian ports are open to U.S boaters now, Staff hard to find. Handful of wooden boats need insurance.

Executive Director: They have received $600k additional and now have $**940k total for Barge Landing Project**

They are working on getting **Port land into the Unincorporated Growth Area in the Comprehensive Plan update** which allow them to become part of the town.

**The Port, Town and WSF** will be doing **a traffic flow study** to look at better n managing ferry traffic.

**New Fisheries rules** could impact and **delay Port projects**, as permit approval has become extremely back-logged

The Port staff met with the Town to present/explain the Port Master Plan

**Commissioners:**

Gib: Met with Audit team. Will work with Parks and Rec to increase Port **fees for kayaking** companies so there is parity between Port and County.

Victoria talked to FAA about the flexibility of their standards and confirmed that ATP funding can be used for solar installations.

A proposal is being drafted to **improve signage for aircraft** at the airport