

E-mail note to Tonnadoonah Board

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Hello – I’m sorry to say that as I stated last year, I am no longer willing to abide by the Tonnadoonah dues situation. A flat-fee dues structure that treats seasonal vs year-round homestead residents alike is not fair and never has been. Nor is paying \$30 per (small) bag of trash (that I would often have to stuff into an overfilled dumpster) for a trash collection system that appears to have spiraled out of control.

I was able to tolerate things right up until last year’s annual meeting, but my ability to play-along ended then when I was singled out for a prolonged, dose of public harassment – and for what? Ostensibly over a 60 year-old deed restriction (violated by others) that hasn’t been relevant to the property I inherited since 1972. It was bizarre and humiliating.

In response to this situation, I have drafted a number of items that I have posted to a webpage I created, including a means that the dumpster situation and annual dues could be altered in a manner that I believe would make them fair to everyone. I don’t expect there will be a rush to make changes based on my “protest” or recommendations, but I felt obligated to make a good faith effort and offer up some suggestions.

I’m also planning to send a community wide note a few weeks prior to the annual meeting. With this note, that next one and the info on my webpage, I feel I will have stated my piece clearly and I am not planning to attend the meeting.

I do not intend to use Tonnadoonah’s dumpster service this year or anytime in the foreseeable future. I will continue to take all of my trash home with me - exactly as I did last year. As I hope you all know already, although I did not use the dumpster last year, I paid full dues anyhow. As I stated to Jim Carroll then, that was intended as a gesture of good will to provide a one year “grace period” to give the Board time to mull things over. That will soon be past. Going forward I will not continue to pay for a service I don’t value and don’t use.

I hope the Board is able to work things out without a need for legal intervention, but based on what Jim told me last year that I should expect (a property lien), I am preparing to respond to that outcome. I have set up an escrow account with \$600 in it which should cover this year’s dues in full. That will remain there until there is either an acceptable agreement or a judgement. Again, I hope legal action is not required, but I am prepared to take what comes.

Ok, sorry for this distraction. I’m sure you all have better things to do. It seems I don’t. I’m also sorry about what took place at least year’s meeting (and the one the year before that). Feel free to respond with any questions or comments you might have. Thanks.

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Link to webpage I set up: <http://runlikehal.org/RunLikeHal/Tonnadoonah.php>