

Dear Friends,

Now that we are deep into local election season, I hope you will indulge me by hearing my choices for the Islands Trust. If this letter is an intrusion, please delete.

Gary Holman and Robin Jenkinson get the nod from me.

Familiarity breeds contempt, or as some would have it, *a prophet is not without honour save in his own country*. It often seems that we locals are least equipped to celebrate the promise of the far-seeing Trust legislation. On an environmental scale, it puts the health of the land and sea ahead of other considerations; on an economic scale, it removes the island from the development treadmill; on a social scale it seeks to keep our fragile community intact and rooted in value, not monetized by the endless chimera of development. The most recent Trust committee has done much to confound and obscure this vision behind bogus “values”, all aimed at development. They never understood or perhaps believed in the promise of the Trust. Remember, they were bequeathed the most far-seeing community plan possible when it comes to providing for needed housing. Their machinations of the last four years have amounted to surrogate arguments for development.

Gary Holman and Robin Jenkinson are the two candidates who are steeped in the Trust idea and understand it. Gary’s record of solid achievement and dedication to the community over the years make him the most deserving of all the candidates.

Tactically, I am concerned that Robin may be competing directly with Bryan Young. While Young seems to have merit, I suggest that in this context he is not quite right for the island. He has not internalized the promise of the magnificent legislation that underlies our unique island community.

If you think this letter has merit, please share it with others.

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