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10 MILLION DOLLAR QUIMPER VILLAGE PROJECT BREAKS GROUND

Port Townsend, WA July 14th Quimper Villagers, along with City Officials, Contractors, The Chamber of Commerce and others celebrated the kick-off of construction on the multi-million-dollar, 28 unit project. Well over one hundred gathered July 14th at 4 pm on the six acre site near F Street and San Juan Avenue to raise their glasses and plant their shovels. QV Board President David Hundhausen welcomed members of the community and outlined the progress of the two plus year (to date) 10 million dollar enterprise. The construction alone will cost over seven million dollars, employ many local subcontractors, and bring added revenue to Jefferson County.

The idea for arguably the first senior cohousing village in Washington State sprang from the fertile minds of Pat and David Hundhausen. In late 2013, they discussed with a group of friends how and where they wanted to live their senior years. “Not in one of those big corporate-owned retirement communities,” Pat Hundhausen stated, “but rather in a village constructed to the members’ own tastes and controlled by them.”

From a group of five households, membership grew. They engaged architects Charles Durrett and Katie McCamant, selected the six acre site near F Street and San Juan Avenue, and began working toward the construction of Quimper Village. The group hired project manager Fred Kimball, attorneys John Mericle and Colette Kostelet, and local architect Richard Berg. In May of 2015, they presented the plan to the City of Port Townsend. On January 14, 2016, the Hearing Officer gave the project a thumbs up.

The project's Construction Interface Team solicited proposals and after numerous inquiries and interviews, selected Fairbank Construction of Bainbridge, a company big enough and experienced enough to handle the project. Still, much of the work will be done by local subcontractors. Construction is expected to be completed by the summer of 2017. Of the 28 units, 24 have already been sold

City Planner John McDonagh spoke on the process of approving the project. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Teresa Verraes told of the many local businesses that have and will benefit from the venture. David Wrinkle and Tom Naylor from Fairbank Construction expressed that it was an honor to have been selected as the major contractor. Then the Quimper Village Social Team hurried among the crowd pouring Champagne and non-alcoholic drinks, and Port Townsend Deputy Mayor, Katharine Robinson raised her glass and led attendees in a champagne toast. Pat Hundhausen broke the Quimper Village soil with a golden shovel provided by The Port Townsend Chamber of Commerce, followed by other guests. This was followed by food and more beverages provided by Quimper Village.

David Hundhausen stated, "The dream is becoming a reality." Villager Jim Daly waxed more poetically in the QV Newsletter, "Now we look forward to the parting of the Earth, the flowing of the concrete, and the first timbers rising into the sky. It's a village ... it's Quimper Village!"