

Westport Village Society  
Board Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2014

1. **Call to Order:** Vice President Steve Brigham called us to order @ 5:04pm. President Thad Van Bueren arrived at 5:05pm. There were no additions to the agenda. Present were Directors: Steve Brigham, Bill Knapp, Dorine Real, Gary Quinton, Nita Regalia, Thad VanBueren, Lois Senger. Guests: Beth Pine, Mendocino Coast Recreation & Parks District, Picasso Sosa, Baile Oakes, Lee Tepper, Heidi Friedland, Bob Finnell, John Allison, David Rice.
2. **Public Input:** Picasso Sousa asked about an event on the Headlands on his birthday (4/3). He was referred to the events committee.
3. **Administrative Items: Bill Knapp moved we accept the minutes of the January 22, 2014. Gary Quinton seconded. All ayes.** Bill Knapp illuminated the Third Quarter financial report. There was no correspondence needing Board action.
4. **a) Update on the future of the School/Recreation Center building:** Beth Pine of the Mendocino Coast Recreation & Park District (MCRPD) passed out copies of a letter to the Westport Village Society (WVS) expressing MCRPD's satisfaction with the arrangement whereby the Fort Bragg Unified School District's (FBUSD) decommissioned school building, sited on Westport Community Church (WCC) property under the auspices of the MCRPD, has been functioning as a community recreation center. A 5 year plan designed to maintain this arrangement is in the works. An alternate plan, espoused by Baile Oakes, would have the school building deeded to the community. In return for the greater autonomy the community would assume total responsibility for the building i.e. utilities, upkeep, taxes, insurance, etc.. Dorine volunteers to work with Baile on this approach.
  - b) Neighbor to Neighbor program:** N2N continues to rack up accolades. The NE Westport structure reduction project is complete. Good job Gary, the fire department, and other volunteers. Work has been done on the Pete's Beach access path. Good Job Bob. A community yard sale on 5/24 is in the works. Read about it in the *WAVE*, byline Thad. Good job Thad & Steve.
  - c) Headlands matters: Bench; sculpture installations? rolling the field?** Westport's beloved blacksmith Toby Hickman died unexpectedly last Yuletide. A memorial bench/sculpture to be installed on the Headlands has been created by Toby's blacksmith buddies. Coincidentally Baile Oake's languid but sensuous sculpture, *Gaia's Embrace*, is also available for Headlands display. Thad suggested a Headlands sculpture policy to address issues of liability and taste. **Dorine moved the 5/24 community yard sale on the Headlands would be a good time to discuss considerations and placement. Nita seconded. All ayes.**

- d) Coastal trail grant opportunity:** Thad has been in touch with CalTrans re: a trail from the north end of town to the cemetery. He has succeeded in vectoring this lumbering bureaucracy into an October funding consideration.
- e) Newsletter/website:** Steve reported the *WAVE* is doing well. Get your articles in by the 1<sup>st</sup>. Thad has the website, [www.westportvillagesociety.org/](http://www.westportvillagesociety.org/), well in hand. Good job Steve & Thad.
- f) Ducky event planning:** Lois has flyers for the Ducky Race on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Gary has a slew of checkered flags of various denominations. The signage is mostly accounted for. Dorine has volunteered to alert the Chamber of Commerce. Thad will submit an article to the *WAVE* regarding the Ducky decorating party on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- g) Chadbourne beach improvements:** Gary reports the access to Chadbourne beach has been greatly improved by CalTrans. Thad will write a good job letter to Danny Figuerito, the local CalTrans honcho.
- h) Possible endorsement of no-fracking ballot measure:** This measure proclaims Mendocino's sovereign right to clean water. **Lois moved Westport Village Society endorse this measure. Steve seconded. All ayes save Gary who abstained.**

**We adjourned at 7:41pm.**