

Westport Village Society
Board Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2014

Call to order: President Thad Van Bueren called us to order at 5pm. There were no additions to the Agenda.

Directors present: President Thad Van Bueren, VPres. Steve Brigham, Treasurer Bill Knapp, Gary Quinton, Dorine Real, Lois Senger, & Nita Regalia

Guests: Ann Woodhead, Bobbie Knapp, Sarah Mathias, David Rice, Lesli Langslet, & Lee Tepper, secretary

Public Input: none

Administrative Items:

Bill moved we accept the minutes of July 23rd. Gary seconded. All ayes.

1st Quarter financial report was sent out via email, twice. The hefty 2013/2014 Westport Village Society IRS filing was displayed. There was some consternation over its size, the filing, and whether we could duplicate the effort if need be. It was agreed that we had been and would continue to depreciate the Headlands structures. **Gary moved we accept the tendered documents as valid. Steve seconded. All ayes.**

Correspondence: Secretary Lee Tepper accepted a certificate affirming Westport Village Society's membership in the Mendocino Coast Chamber of Commerce.

Officers: Each newly minted Director agreed to continue in their respective offices.

Dorine moved we confirm the existing slate. Gary seconded. All ayes.

Active Business:

a. Review/approve draft tax filings for FY 2013/2014: Gary moved we accept the hefty 2013/2014 Westport Village Society tax filings. Dorine seconded. All ayes. These filings, prepared by the offices of Hogan & Stickel, require conflict of interest statements from each director as well as well as the identity of the source of any donations over \$5000. (To date, this secretary has received but 1 such statement.)

b. Sculpture installations and policy: We have determined an agreeable location for the Toby Hickman memorial metalwork opus. Gary volunteered Steve as primo landscaper for said project. Steve gracefully accepted. Nita asked how the sculpture will arrive. Ann said the fabricators will deliver and presumably help with the setting of the sculpture. **Bill moved we accept the location and begin the details of installation. Dorine seconded. All ayes.** Bill handed out *DRAFT Guidelines for placing benches, historic and other objects on the Westport Headlands.* Thad asked that a specific agreement between Westport Village Society and the source of the object to be installed be added to the guidelines. Dorine asked that the guidelines be informed by our Headlands vision, aka the original Headlands management plan. **Gary moved we accept Bill's Guidelines with the addition of an explicit contract between Westport Village Society and the providing party. Lois seconded. All ayes save Dorine who abstained. Gary**

suggested the Directors review the Management Plan and discuss it at January's meeting. Dorine and Steve will convene a public meeting to discuss the Toby sculpture as well as generally adding objects to the Headlands. Thad will email the latest Management Plan to Directors.

c. Update from Community Center Committee: Sarah has been exploring possibilities for repurposing the decommissioned Westport School to a Community Center. Currently the Mendocino County Recreation and Parks District is sponsoring life enrichment classes there taught by Tabby and others. The Parks District has made the building available to Westport as an incubator Community Center while we get a line on our Community Center needs. The building is a tad small, has no kitchen, and the unresolvable issue of alcohol make us long for a building built to our Community Center standards. Sarah was tasked with sounding the community on what and where a new Community Center should be. A questionnaire may circulate. The *Pea Patch* report may even surface.

d. Mini-grant update: Bobby has been administering the mini-grant program according to initial guidelines e.g. Up to \$250 per grant for up to 4 grants. Two grants have been awarded, one for \$250, one for \$200. Gary wants to replace the \$450. Following a group surmising on the original refunding intent. e.g. \$1000/year? \$1000/quarter? \$1000/forever?, **Gary moved we replace the \$450. Dorine seconded.** Thad suggested fiscal responsibility should temper the somewhat open endedness of the current plan. Dorine said we can resolve this at our January (2015) meeting but for now lets be as encouraging as possible. Lois voiced agreement. The motion was brought to a vote. **All ayes.** Dorine suggested we make the mini-grant program an agenda item.

e. Inholdings acquisition: Thad reported an agent wants to sell Westport Village Society the larger of the 2 inholdings at an offer we can't accept.

f. Goal setting for 2014/2015: Goal setting was postponed till next time.

In the pre-adjournment hubbub Bobby told Lois she would make the next Ducky Quilt!
Good Job Bobby!

We adjourned @ 7pm.