

MINUTES OF THE WESTPORT VILLAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 @ 7:00 P.M.
@ Westport Community Center - Abalone Street- Westport, California

1. *Call to Order: - Establish Board Quorum /Agenda*

Mr. Thad Van Bueren, Vice President/Director welcomed all attendees and called the Meeting to order at 7:10 pm. This was the first “in person” WVS meeting since March 2020. As part of outreach, the Board of Directors also timely posted and published an optional ZOOM meeting connection. However, there were no attendees via this ZOOM link. Notice included preliminary Meeting agenda and supporting documents such as prior meeting minutes posted to the WVS website, financial account structure and budget variance presented to the Board in advance and presented to the Attendees at the Meeting.

Per the WVS Bylaws, membership quorum established for voting Board candidates via in person and mailed ballots was fourteen (14). Board Members present at the inception of the Meeting: **Mr. Thad Van Bueren, Mr. Gary Quinton, Mr. Derek DiOrio, Ms. Dorine Real, and Mr. Robert Finnell.** Directors unable to attend: **Mr. Bill Knapp (Chairman and President) and Mr. Rock Bush (Treasurer).** Members of the public attending as evidenced by the proffered Sign-In Document: **Ms. Carla Thomas, Mr. Nathaniel Simpson, Mr. Rob Scott, Ms. Rosalie Scott, Ms. VB Goodwin, and Mr. Lee Tepper.** Mr. Van Bueren functioned as Chairman of the Meeting and as noted below, Mr. Finnell (Secretary) recorded the Minutes of the Meeting.

2. *Overview of Westport Village Society (“WVS”) and Mission Statement*

Mr. Van Bueren led a PowerPoint presentation regarding the overview of the WVS purpose and mission statement. Presentation continued with various annual activities managed or sponsored by WVS over the past year and the challenges of in person activities due to the COVID limitations. Mr. Van Bueren noted that this year is the 30th anniversary of WVS and provided historical commentary on WVS. Mr. DiOrio provided an update on the Community Garden status and progress. Mr. Van Bueren recognized the accomplishments of Mr. Quinton on WVS Headlands maintenance performance and Ms. Real’s establishment, and maintenance of a Headlands “Honey Bee Garden” supported with native plants. Mr. Van Bueren noted and presented the annual financial statements prepared by Mr. Bush (Treasurer) to the attendees. Various attendees and Directors asked questions and responses provided.

3. *Annual Board of Director Election Results (7:37 pm)*

Mr. Van Bueren then recognized Mr. Finnell (WVS Secretary and Inspector of Election) to report on the voting results. Only two candidates submitted timely applications and interest to serve on the WVS Board of Directors. Mr. Finnell noted he had tallied all ballots submitted in order with the voting rules and reported the following results from the fourteen (14) ballots submitted:

RESULTS of Annual Election of WVS Directors @ Annual Meeting October 7, 2022:
Incumbent Ms. Dorine Real ELECTED for new three (3) year term; and
Incumbent Mr. Bill Knapp ELECTED for new three (3) year term.

(Mr. Finnell stated the process to archive all ballots and supporting documentation in accordance with the WVS Bylaws and voting rules processes. Mr. Finnell will deliver all original Member checks for annual dues received at this Annual Meeting to Mr. Bush (Treasurer) for WVS processing in the coming days.

4. *Public Input and Discussion*

Mr. Van Bueren then directed attention to the item of Public Input. Mr. Finnell sought a summary statement from Mr. Van Bueren on the recent process for the acquisition of the coastal property known as the DeHaven Project. Mr. Van Bueren provided the detail and process to undertake that project and the next steps to drive towards close of escrow, currently targeted for approximately mid-December 2022. Questions were asked and answered regarding how WVS will stay engaged with the Headlands responsibilities and new DeHaven planning and responsibilities. Mr. Van Bueren spoke as well to the grant process for DeHaven project and ongoing process. Ms. Real noted that DeHaven Project will be additive to WVS, not subtractive. Mr. Van Bueren expressed support for WVS to consider, plan and execute more community “fun events.” Ms. Real noted the importance of also having a greater focus on sustainability. Mr. Van Bueren noted that the Board of Directors continues to work to develop a Five Year Plan in the coming months. Ms. Thomas inquired about involving tribal nations in WVS coastal activities. Mr. Finnell suggested again a preference for an Annual Westport Community Meeting that would include and invitation and presentations to all Westport citizenry and the supporting organizations as a whole (WMAC, Westport Cemetery Board, WVS, WVFD, Westport Church and Westport County Water Board) for more horizontal communications between the groups and then a

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summarycommunication to the Westport Community. Mr. Finnell suggested the Town of Elk's Annual Town Meeting (currently planned for January 2023) as a possible source of information and process to emulate. Questions were asked and answered.

Adjournment. Mr. Van Bueren noted the next regular WVS Board Meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2022 @ 6:30 pm via a ZOOM link and he welcomed all WVS members and community to join the meeting to help advance WVS Mission with their ideas, support and commentary.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert D. Finnell, WVS Secretary and Inspector of Annual Election