

Westport Village Society
Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 9 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Thad Van Bueren at 9:05 a.m.

Directors Present: Thad Van Bueren, Bill Knapp, Lesli Langslet, Melinda McLaughlin, Sarah Cullar, Steve Brigham

Guests: Bob Bushansky, Robert Finnell, John Allison, Baile Oakes, Lee Tepper, Dorine Real, Aimee Maxey

No additional items.

2. Public/Member Input

None

3. Administrative Items

The minutes of the October 22, 2017 Quarterly Meeting were approved with a **motion made by Bill, seconded by Steve, and a unanimous vote.**

The minutes of the December 16, 2017 Special Meeting were approved with a **motion made by Melinda, seconded by Bill, and a unanimous vote.**

The Financial Report, which was distributed via email ahead of time, was approved with a **motion by Thad, seconded by Steve, and a unanimous vote.**

There was no correspondence that needed presenting.

4. Active Business

a. Rec Center

Thad started by giving brief background on the current situation: FBUSD is planning to sell the building; the WVS has decided not take ownership of the building. The Westport Community Church board and WVFD board have also declined involvement. MCRPD is a possibility, but not likely. If the community were to take it on they would need to raise substantial, ongoing finances to keep it in use as a Community Center.

A group of community members have met twice (January 10th and 16th) to discuss finding a path that keeps the building in place and in use as a Community Center.

For the WVS to be involved, a community group would need to come forward and take responsibility for raising the necessary funding for utilities, insurance, maintenance, and operating costs. Long term they would also be responsible for the cost of demolition (estimated by FBUSD currently at \$15,000). The WVS does not have the funding. The Headlands fund is out of the question, the Community Center fund currently sits at \$5,000, and

the General Fund would potentially be depleted over the long run by the financial burden; at the very least the expenses would prevent any future efforts at establishing a permanent, more functional facility.

Several board members and members of the public gave their thoughts on the matter. After much discussion the WVS position remained the same. However, should the community group that has been meeting about the building wish to approach the WVS at some point about WVS support for their effort, the board is not opposed to hearing them. Lee volunteered to pay the utilities for the next three to four months. Bob Finnell proposed creating a Non-profit Mutual Benefit Corporation to take over the building as a community center.

b. Executive Committee Update

Sarah is almost done digitizing WVS secretarial records. The committee will meet to consolidate electronic files.

c. Headlands Committee Update

Gary has proposed that the Bridge Rock Beam also be used to hold memorial plaques. Bill explained that the idea is to connect to the past with an educational plaque about the history of the beam at one end and memorial plaques at the other end. Thad proposed incorporating the Fin whale bone display into the Bridge Rock display. Thad will develop a sketch of this idea and circulate it to the directors for their consideration.

d. Mini-Grant Update

Recent mini-grants have included two holiday events for the local kids.

e. Ducky Event Planning, etc.

Thad spoke to Elika, she will be heading up the Ducky Race event again. He will ask Elika to set up a planning meeting soon. Thad will continue participating as he and his family have in the past. The quilt is being made and Bobbie is on board to do the raffle again. Steve has the flowers covered.

f. Update on offer of assistance to State Parks

Bill talked to Lauren Rex regarding Pete's Beach and Westport Union Landing. There is nothing definitive as of yet. He is aware of our interest but there is no clear path to proceed.

5. Agenda for next Board meeting April 21, 2018

In addition to the usual items, a key point of discussion will be the Ducky Race.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.