



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes – June 2, 2015

- 1) **Roll Call** - The meeting was called to order at 7 PM. All Directors were present: Thad Van Bueren, Sally Grigg, Kevin Michel, Robert Scott, and Bill Knapp.
- 2) **Approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting** – The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted, having been moved by Bill Knapp and seconded by Robert Scott.
- 3) **Public Expression** – Tom Kisliuk presented the idea of “Community Forestry” and specifically the Redwood Forestry Foundation Inc. (RFFI), which operates the Usal Redwood Forest within the WMAC Sphere of Influence. Tom believes that RFFI should be a community resource for the Westport area and would like WMAC to engage with them and explore possibilities.
- 4) **New Business**
 - a) Local Citizen of the Year award – Director Scott presented the idea of promoting an award, possibly annually, to a member of the Westport Community who has provided notable benefit to the community at large. Discussion was held on possible nomination, selection, and presentation related to an award.
- 5) **Old Business**
 - a) **Standing Dead Timber** – The letter written by Director Knapp regarding the topic of wildfire safety in general and standing dead timber practice was approved for transmittal to Dan Gjerde, with a cc to all of the BoS via the Board Executive. It will also be published on the WMAC web site.
 - b) **Local landline Telephone Problems** - Director Michel reported that the most effective way for AT&T customers to communicate service problems is to contact the AT&T service rep. If that does not provide resolution a formal complaint should be filed online with the PUC at the ca.gov web site. It was suggested that an article in the Westport Wave would be a good means to provide information to the community on how to contact AT&T and PUC.
 - c) **Speed Control in Westport Village** – This is a recurring topic brought up by community members. After some discussion a motion was passed to send a letter to CalTrans requesting information about and assistance in obtaining signs displaying actual speed of approaching vehicles and the posted limit.
 - d) **Broadband Update** – Directors Michel and Knapp provided current info on local broadband options. It was verified that Willits on Line did receive a grant to provide DSL service to the Westport Village area. However no schedule has been provided for that project. The setup and equipment fees will be ~ \$150 with monthly rates between \$45 and \$65 based on speed and data limits. The FurtherReach group in Manchester has no current plan to expand to the Westport area.
 - e) **Inviting Legislators to meet the community** – Director Scott updated us on possibility of Congressman Huffman, State Assemblyman Wood, and State

Senator McGuire coming to the WVFD BBQ in August for informal meet and greet with community members. Schedules not finalized at this time.

6) Announcements/Correspondence – Continuing alternate director vacancy. No response to previous Wave articles. Current directors would like to see a resident of Westport Village proper join the Council. Some discussion of possibility of direct recruiting.

7) Set preliminary agenda for next meeting, July 7, 2015 -

- a) New Business – RFFI
- b) Follow up on Citizen of the Year Award (Scott)
- c) Telephone Problem Wave article
- d) Possible response to speed calming letter
- e) Legislator visit update

8) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM

The foregoing minutes approved by the WMAC

Thad Van Bueren – Chair

Bill Knapp – Secretary

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