



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes—October 27, 2008

The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on October 27, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport with the following Directors Present: Judith Vidaver, Marie Fostiak, Bill Knapp, Sally Griggs and Chairperson Thad Van Bueren presiding.

1) ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted with Vidaver, Fostiak, Knapp, Griggs and Van Bueren present. Director Eyerly was absent.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion: No discussion

Public Comment: None

Motion: Upon motion by Director Van Bueren, seconded by Director Knapp, and carried unanimously; it is ordered that the Minutes of the September, 22 2008 meeting are hereby approved.

Discussion of Motion: None

Action: Motion approved without amendment.

3) PUBLIC EXPRESSION—

Presenters: Resident of Ocean Meadows; acknowledged that some residents of Ocean Meadows appreciated the chance to voice their concerns regarding requested building permit variances and that the concerns were provided to County Planning through WMAC minutes.

4) OLD BUSINESS

a) Topic #1 – Wave Power

Discussion: Director Van Bueren relayed the information that County Counsel had to cancel attendance at our meeting due to other County business. The County has obtained “Intervener Status” and is now a recognized stakeholder in the Wave Power issue. We will try to reschedule a visit from County Counsel in the near future, possibly at a special Wave Power community information meeting tentatively scheduled for November 15. Directory Vidaver mentioned George Reinhardt as a possible speaker for the pro side of the argument and that she could take the con side. If the community meeting can’t be pulled together by October 30, it will be rescheduled.

b) Topic #2 - Cahto (Clay) Road update

Discussion: There was an update from Sally Grigg regarding ownership of the land that has the bridge crossing the Eel River at Branscomb. The property is no longer owned by Harwood. Current ownership is not known.

Gary Markley, who lives on the road was present. Discussion followed regarding possible actions that WMAC might take.

Action: A motion was made by Director Fostiak and seconded by Director Vidaver to have a letter drafted and sent to the County. The purpose of the letter is to present multiple possible actions and request a meeting with appropriate County personnel. The letter will be drafted by Director Van Bueren and reviewed by the other directors prior to sending.

c) Topic #3 – Broadband access / High speed internet

Discussion: Director Knapp provided an update on information relevant to the Westport Community. There are two options currently available; microwave based wireless and DSL. Both require infrastructure investment in the immediate area. DSL which is delivered via existing cooper wire to the house, has a larger infrastructure cost and would be limited to an approximately 2 mile radius around Westport Village. Microwave is less expensive and faster to deploy, however, current pricing is usually higher than DSL for the same level of service. Director Knapp will be involved with other groups interested in the topic and will keep WMAC appraises of any developments.

d) Topic 4: CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

Discussion: Director Knapp handed out information packets about CERT. CERT is a volunteer based organization. It is usually affiliated with the local Fire Department. Members receive training in emergency preparedness (individual, family, and community), emergency response (how to effectively assist local EMS and what to do prior to EMS arrival) and advanced first aid. It is not clear that the county provides any direct support for CERT training. Director Knapp will find out what is necessary to bring a CERT training program to Westport and report back to WMAC.

5) NEW BUSINESS

a) Topic #1 – Draft county EIR (environmental impact report).

Discussion: Director Van Bueren had sent out a response letter to the county. The letter was based on multiple discussions at previous WMAC meetings which included directors and members of the public. Director Vidaver believed that the time for response had been extended and it might be possible to add to the response. After some discussion it was determined the current response was sufficient.

6) OTHER BUSINESS/OPERATIONS

a) none

7) SET PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

The Chair announced the next regular meeting of the WMAC is scheduled for November 24, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Westport Community Church at 24900 Abalone Street in Westport. The preliminary agenda for that meeting:

- 1) Clay/Cahto Road
- 2) Wave Power update

8) ADJOURNMENT

Chair Van Bueren declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

There being nothing further to come before the WMAC, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.



Name, Chair

ATTEST:

Name, Secretary