

Westport Area Business Association Meeting – Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:00 Dinner, Meeting called to order at 6:20PM.

Attendees: Harry Pray, Steve Hodgson, Jen Hodgson, Barb Winchester,

Call to order/Roll Call for Quorum – Board Members: Ila Cottone, Mark Koors, Bonnie Hahn, Bryan Gatewood, ~~Sandi Billieu~~, Jackie Elliott, Terri McGrath, ~~Becky Tichenor~~, ~~Joann Smith~~, ~~Mike Gasper~~,

Minutes of 10/21/2020 Meeting – Bryan Gatewood – Motion to Approve by BonnieH, 2nd by Terri McG. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Bonnie Hahn- Motion to Approve by BryanG, 2nd by MarkK. Motion carried. Bonnie reported that the cost to publish the Town Crier has increased.

Membership Committee Chairman Report – Becky Tichenor – no report

Public Relations Committee Chairman(s) Report – Sandi Billieu/Jackie Elliott

New Business Committee Chairman Report – Mike Gasper – no report.

Old Business:

Ila volunteered to Audit the Books. Ila completed the audit.

JackieE, Terri Mcg, and BonnieH will be recommending board members for 2021.

Large (telephone pole) Christmas decorations have been re-furbished and are ready for hanging.

- It's possible that they won't be hung until the Friday after Thanksgiving. BryanG and HarryP will contact MarkT/JayM from the town to see who will be working that weekend so they can give access to barn at the lagoons.

New Business:

Recommendation of new Board Members for 2021.

- JoAnn, MarkK, and BonnieH were up and they are staying ON. Ila is also staying on as President for 2021.

President's 2020 in review.

- Membership goals for 2020 were met in spite of Covid-19.
- Ila would like to pursue some grants next year to help re-vitalize downtown.

Harry gave an update on Briarwood. The new owners came to the November Town Council meeting. Water project has started and is underway.

SteveH – He was re-doing the Police and Fire Dept. websites and he has now added short videos for both Westport PD and Westport Fire Dept. Steve was wondering if the Business Association wants to do something on promoting the Town? Ila suggested this might be a good idea for 2021.

Steve also gave an update on new laws requiring all websites to become ADA compatible.

BryanG made motion to pay Street Smart for another year of hosting/maintaining the Business Association website. Terri Mcg 2nd. Motion carried.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn BonnieH, 2nd BarbW. Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Next Meeting **Wednesday, January 20, 2021, Dinner 5:30, Meeting 6:00.**

Up Coming Events:

Saturday 11/28 - Main Street – Santa's Christmas Bazaar at the Community Building. Vendors 2PM-7PM. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6PM at the Gazebo downtown with Santa arriving at approximately 6:40 PM.

Covered Bridge is on track for being turned-on Thanksgiving evening 11/26 and will be on dusk-to-dawn timer.