

Mayor's Corner February 2020

Happy New Year! Happy New Decade! Hope your holidays were joyful. It promises to be an exciting new decade for our town as we work to acquire the lands for a community forest and make plans for their stewardship and utilization.

Fireside Chats on land acquisition. We are holding informal chats at the Sugar Pine on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. ***The next meeting is February 12 at 6:00pm.*** Cory prepares wonderful nibbles for the event and Don chairs the meetings. Hopefully, we can keep you updated on the acquisition process, answer any of your questions, dispel rumors and, most importantly, discuss how we as a community want to use and manage the land.

At our last meeting we discussed our vision statement:

Create a holistic carbon conscious community that is ecologically sustainable and supports environmental education. Provide for forest restoration, recreation and community revitalization through a multigenerational approach.

We took the vision statement apart and discussed how each concept might look on the ground. The notes from that meeting are on our Facebook page.

Public Meeting. The next public meeting for the town and surrounding area facilitated by Regional Solutions and Oregon Solutions (both from the Governor's Office) is tentatively set for March 12 at 6:00pm at the community hall. The grant progress and content will be shared and we will continue to define how we can best utilize and manage the land.

Land Acquisition Update. We submitted a grant on January 6th to the U.S. Forest Service, Community Forest Program for half the price of the acquisition. The grant must be approved at a regional and state level before going forward for national consideration. We are identifying the best grant opportunity for the second half of the money.

Composting Program. We are hoping to start a community-wide composting program. If you are interested in working on this initiative, contact us at the Town Hall.

Opportunities for Involvement: We still have openings on the Planning Commission and Budget Committee. We could also use additional volunteer fire fighters and emergency medical personnel.

Your attendance and voice would be most welcome at Council Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Community Hall.

Respectfully,

Linda Spencer, Mayor
Town of Butte Falls