

**Town of Twisp
Council Minutes
Special Minutes of Council Workshop Retreat 4/10/09
11:15 AM**

Meeting called to order at 11:25 am by Mayor Boosman.

Council Members Present: Clint Estes
 Tom Gehring
 Soo Ing-Moody
 Tom Mulgrew
 Hans Smith

Council members absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

“BOARDS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE”, by JOHN CARVER

Mayor Boosman led a discussion of some of the principles laid out in this book about boards. Discussion topics included the following and other topics:

- The Open Public Meetings Act in Washington includes language wherein the public insists on being informed about government’s actions and retaining control over instruments they have created.
- The model of hierarchy that should be used is with the public on top, Council below that and Mayor next. The staff is under the Mayor, who is the CEO of the Town.
- The Mayor is at the intersection between the publicly elected council, and the staff.
- Varieties or Types of Boards as applied to our local Council and boards.
- Strong boards need strong executives (CEO’s); the CEO is accountable to the Council in its whole.
- Council members need to strive to keep the council perspective; they and the sub-committees don’t exist to assist the staff, but to further the goals of the public and the council.
- The Council needs to know the choices they can make, and the implications and consequences of these choices to be able to make decisions.

Other discussion topics:

- Does the Town have an effective mission statement or need one?
- The Town’s code has sections that need to be revisited and rewritten.
- How can the Town better communicate with its related commissions and entities like the PDA?
- Does the Town have policy gaps that need to be filled?
- What are the priorities and functions that need the most attention right now?

- Twisp Council Ground Rules adopted in April 2009; do we need to revisit or is there a lack of follow-through that can be improved upon? How are the meetings functioning?
- It would be good to have another Council workshop to discuss vision, scoping of the town, long-range planning.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mayor Boosman adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor William A. Boosman

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Colleen G. Storms