

# South Whidbey Tilth Special Council Meeting

## Proposal: Moving onto South Whidbey Tilth Campus

Monday, August 29, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.  
South Whidbey Tilth Sustainability Campus

Prescott, president, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Council members Prescott, Michael Seraphinoff, Pete Little, Dorcas Young and Judy Kaplan (Fred Rouge's vehicle stranded him). Also member J.C. May and Mokihana Calizar

Mokihana distributed copies of a proposal from her and Pete to move onto the Tilth Campus. She opened the meeting with a greeting to the ancestors and a thank-you to the land.

**Proposal:** (illustrations not included here)

Pete and I prepare to move from the woods in Langley, where we have built the original tiny home, chemical free and fragrance free [Safety Pin Cafe lifestyle](#). The strong and swirling winds of winter during the past couple of years have brought White Pine tree tops and limbs too close for comfort. The dampness and mold of a deep forest life is also more difficult for me to manage. These two issues spur us to take action, and care for ourselves. So we have come up with this proposal to move our Safety Pin Cafe lifestyle to the South Whidbey Tilth, at least for the winter, 2016 (late October/early November, 2016 until April, 2017). This email and photographs provide a way to open the conversation about our move onto the South Whidbey Tilth Campus on Thompson Road and Highway 525.

The general areas of discussion related to our move onto the land and campus include:

- 1 **The vardo**
- 2 **Upgrading the existing bathrooms**
- 3 **Modifying the kitchen (temporary modifications for the winter)**
- 4 Modifying the exiting shed/stall next to the classroom (for storage)
- 5 How our presence, and this project on the campus adds value to South Whidbey Tilth's infrastructure, mission and future vision
- 6 The timeline and costs involved in this move
- 7 Other concerns or questions

This email focuses on the **first three areas** (the vardo, upgrading the existing bathrooms, modifying the kitchen) using photos, to give the South Whidbey Tilth Council members a look at the structures or modifications we envision. The meeting scheduled for Monday, August 29, 2016 will be a time to have conversation, ask questions, clarify and mull over this proposal. While we are on the campus we will be able to **talk and walk through** first hand the positioning of the vardo, upgrades/building onto the exiting bathrooms, and modifications to the kitchen and shed.

**Discussion:** Pete and Moki would prefer restrooms and entry gate be locked at night except for Tilth events. Water use and electricity would be monitored to evaluate cost. There would be labor to build a shower extension to the restroom building and refit the kitchen. We walked around the area behind the pavilion to explore the best siting. [The worm bin area might be best]. The position of the Tilth propane tank and potential leakage is a concern.

Prescott will explore how residential use would affect our current insurance policy.

Pete will meet with electrician Lance Moore for the hot water tank estimate. (see page 2)

**Conclusions:** South Whidbey Tilth's site plan includes a caretaker home. The proposal moves this intention closer to realization. We will look at the county codes and ask questions without naming specifics until enough knowledge is gained to move forward. Everyone present supports Pete and Mokihana's welfare and recognized the considerable gifts they each bring to the organization.

Meeting adjourned about 8 p.m.

Notes prepared by Prescott

## South Whidbey Tilth Special Meeting minutes, 8/29/2016

**Proposal withdrawn:** September 6, Mokihana wrote, "Pete and I have decided to withdraw our proposal to move onto the Tilth Campus."

### **Bathhouse materials**

Hi Prescott My estimate for the bathhouse materials

\$350 30 gal hot water

\$100 plumbing pipe, fixtures ec

\$350 concrete foundation/ floor

\$150 metal studs

\$400 metal siding/skylight

\$300 windows/doors

\$200 insulation

Total \$1850

Lance"s bid is below

Pete

**From:** Lance Moore <[lancemooreelectric@gmail.com](mailto:lancemooreelectric@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2016 10:22 AM

**To:** pete little

**Subject:**

pete, estimate for bathroom addition.

wiring for hot water heater. hot water heater not included.

2 wall heaters with stats.

exhaust fan.

2 lights. light fixtures not included.

electrical permit.

total w/out tax, 2500.00.

there must be a dividing wall between the sink and bath tub/ shower. the existing electrical panel cannot be in the same room with both plumbing fixtures, (bathroom).

any questions please call me, 206 391 0775 or email. thanks, lance

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