**LWVSJ Observer Corps Friday Harbor Port Commission August 24, 2022**

The Port Commission approved a **$3000 grant** for the Chamber of Commerce **July 4th fireworks display.** The request for up to $6000 vs. last year’s grant of $2500. With Commissioner Compton recused, the Commission approved a $**19,000 grant** to the Economic Development Commission, the same as last year.

A group of citizens came to discuss **airport noise abatement.** The Port Director and one Commissioner met with representatives of the local pilots’ association, who also had members present. They reported **advancing steps to reduce noise** that would **be more effective** than the proposed adding mandates for Port property tenants, including adjusting landing patterns, higher approaches and improved communication and outreach with pilots both local and especially in the wider region. It was suggested that the **Fly-In Open House** be reinstituted and with the port and Pilot’s association sharing the organizational work.

The Commission agreed to an increase **of Port tariffs by the CPI of 9%** and communication about plans to raise tariffs for 50 foot and 60+ foot berths to the Salish Sea average in future years.

The Commission also agreed to address **Downriggers encroaching on/blocking outdoor public space** with some of their activities.