

Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee

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Summary Meeting Minutes

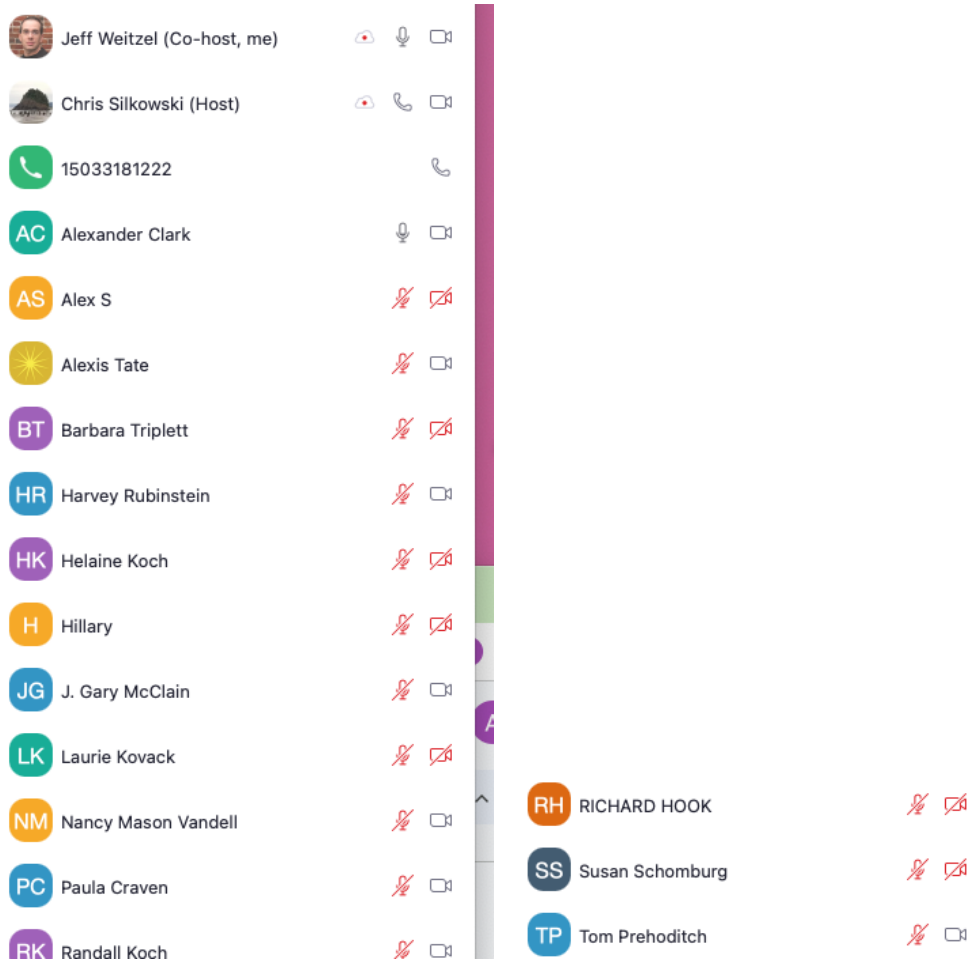
August 7, 2023

Full Video Recording: <https://youtu.be/FSJ3lt5KTR4>

Chairman, Mark Everett, convened the virtual meeting of the Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee (NCAC) at approximately 6:13pm via a Zoom conference. Officers present were Chair Mark Everett, Vice Chair Alex Clark, Treasurer Chris Silkowski and Secretary Jeff Weitzel.

Participants

Eighteen persons attended via zoom.



A screenshot of a Zoom meeting participants list. The list is displayed in a vertical column on the left side of the screen. Each participant's name is preceded by a circular profile picture icon. To the right of each name are three small icons: a red camera icon, a microphone icon, and a video icon. The participants listed are:

- Jeff Weitzel (Co-host, me)
- Chris Silkowski (Host)
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- AC Alexander Clark
- AS Alex S
- Alexis Tate
- BT Barbara Triplett
- HR Harvey Rubinstein
- HK Helaine Koch
- H Hillary
- JG J. Gary McClain
- LK Laurie Kovack
- NM Nancy Mason Vandell
- PC Paula Craven
- RK Randall Koch
- RH RICHARD HOOK
- SS Susan Schomburg
- TP Tom Prehoditch

Conflicts of Interest

Mark asked the officers to state any conflicts of interest they had with items on the agenda. None were reported.

Proposed Special Meeting for Community Plan Effort

Jeff shared an idea for a Community Plan Steering Committee modeled on the STR committee with officers and attending members, and the idea that we should schedule a special meeting in the near future to gather input from the Membership on this proposed steering committee.

The officers expressed support for these ideas.

Jeff proposed that the special meeting have an agenda item to solicit input from the community on what interests should be represented on the Steering Committee, and the size of committee the community supports.

All the officers were in support of this agenda item. Mark, Alex and Chris also all highlighted the tension between representing as many interests as possible while keeping the committee to a workable size.

There was discussion with the membership about this agenda item, with all comments being in support and none in opposition.

Alexis Tate asked a question about obtaining outside, professional help with the Community Plan, and this precipitated some discussion, but no one present had a confident answer to this question. Tom Prehoditch shared that Sarah Absher expressed a desire to him to be very involved in the Community Plan effort going forward.

Alexis Tate also suggested that a guiding document would be useful for people considering joining the Steering Committee.

Jeff suggested another agenda item for the future special meeting, to invite NCAC Members interested in serving on the Steering Committee to express their interest and introduce themselves to the chair and the general membership. All of the officers were in support of this agenda item.

Jeff suggested a third agenda item for the future special meeting, to collect input from the community on what the Steering Committee's responsibilities should be and how it should work. All the officers were in support of this agenda item. Chris offered that the right term for a guiding document describing the committee's responsibilities is a "Charter".

It was agreed that the officers will seek to have a rough draft of the Steering Committee Charter prepared in time for the August 12th meeting.

Jeff raised the question that after we have gathered input and heard from volunteers at the Steering Committee special meeting, the chair will need to render that into a list of nominees to submit to the membership for approval. The Bylaws give the chair the discretion to use his judgment, but if the chair wishes to do something takes more guidance from the membership, we will have to invent a mechanism to do that.

Mark expressed a preference for allowing the membership to vote to select the members of the committee.

Jeff pointed out that this method might not necessarily produce a group that represents the different interests in Neskowin well.

Alex spoke of a process that starts with a call for volunteers, and may involve some voting, but wherein the chair might adjust the committee to ensure a good balance.

Chris shared a preference for a process in which, after a call for volunteers, the chair uses his judgment to pick a representative committee.

Alexis Tate shared a solution in which volunteers might “slot into” representing particular identified interests in the Neskowin Community, allowing the chair to more easily pick a representative committee.

Tom Prehoditch shared his experience on the STR committee, and suggested that if the choice of members on the steering committee was up to the general membership, “residents might want to vote for resident volunteers, and people that have vacation homes might want to vote for theirs”. He suggested that the best course is probably for the chair or the officers to select the committee members after interviews and input.

Alexis Tate shared how she was recruited into the STR committee to represent Business, as an example of the value of leaving some discretion to the chair.

Mark expressed a preference to collect more input from the general membership about how the Community Plan Steering Committee should be formed during the August 12th meeting.

The date of September 12th was selected for the Community Plan Steering Committee meeting.

August 12th Meeting Preparation

Chris and Jeff discussed the details of the poll for the Bylaws committee election.

The officers walked step by step through how the Bylaws committee election will be conducted.

Mark called out that some Bylaws committee nominees will not be present on August 12th to give personal statements.

Alexis Tate suggested in the chat that those that can't attend record a video statement, and Mark agreed to ask the candidates if they can provide one.

Jeff put forth the idea that the elected Bylaws committee could work on amending the Bylaws to allow for six members, thus allowing all the volunteers to serve on the Bylaws committee after a short transition period. Jeff also suggested that the Bylaws committee could invite the sixth volunteer to participate in their meetings informally until they can formally join. Mark expressed support for these ideas.

Alexis Tate expressed a desire that the motion she brought and withdrew on June 10th, a change to how NCAC Members can join committees, be added to the agenda and voted on on August 12th. Mark, Jeff, and Nancy Vandell all spoke of the importance of adhering to the process in the Bylaws for amending the Bylaws, and that the next step for this proposal is to be referred to the Bylaws committee after the Bylaws committee is seated.

Checkin on August 22 special meeting with Sarah Absher

No changes or discussion was needed for this item.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Weitzel, Secretary