

Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee

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Summary Meeting Minutes

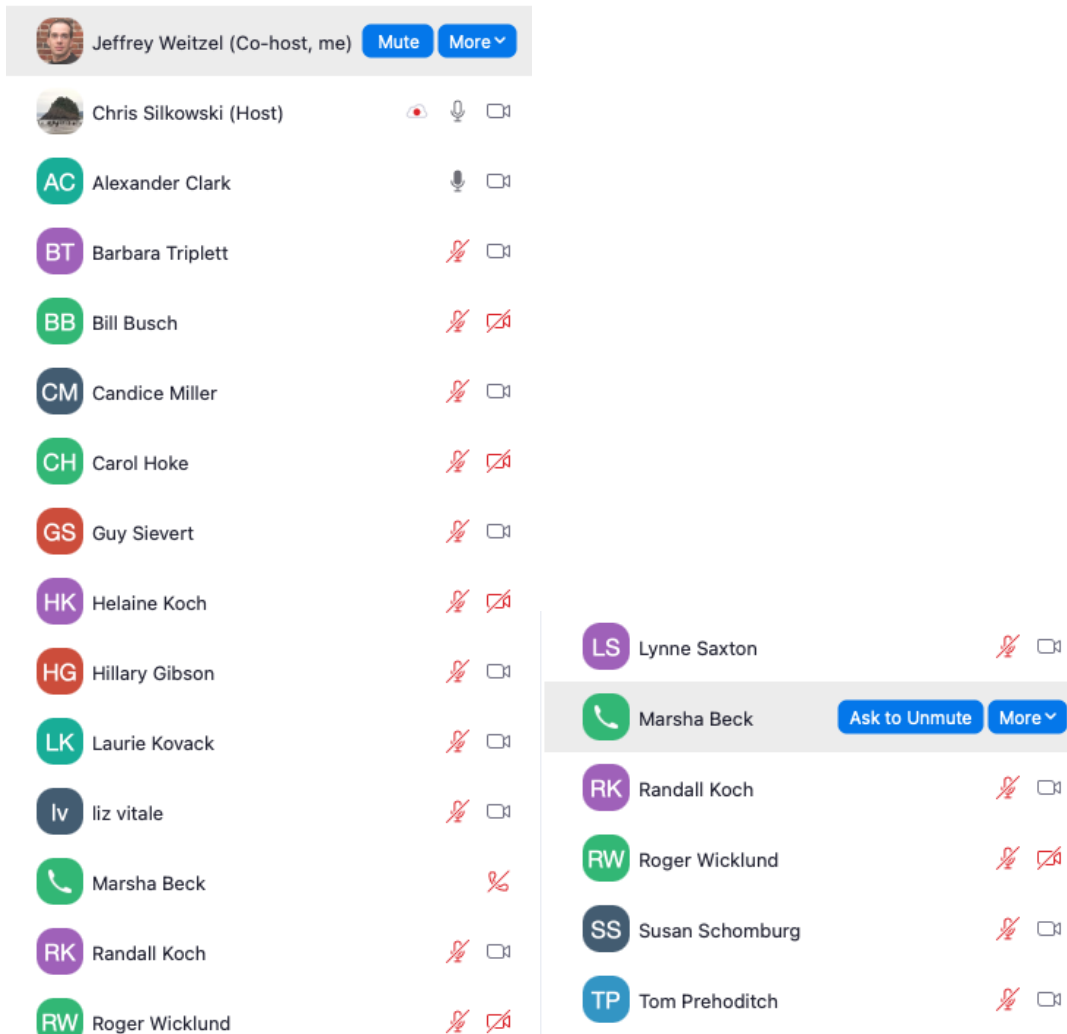
September 12, 2023

Full Video Recording: <https://youtu.be/2khHa3EquAY>

Vice-Chair Alex Clark, convened the virtual meeting of the Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee (NCAC) at approximately 7:03pm via a Zoom conference. Officers present were Vice Chair Alex Clark, Treasurer Chris Silkowski and Secretary Jeff Weitzel. Officers not present were Chair Mark Everett.

Participants

22 persons attended via zoom. (Attendance screenshots capture attendees at the start of the meeting, but more attendees joined later.)



A screenshot of a Zoom meeting participants list. The list is displayed in a vertical column on the left side of the screen. At the top, Jeffrey Weitzel (Co-host, me) is highlighted with a grey background and has 'Mute' and 'More' buttons next to his name. Below him are 22 other participants, each with a circular profile picture or initials, their name, and status icons for video, audio, and chat. The participants listed are: Chris Silkowski (Host), Alexander Clark, Barbara Triplett, Bill Busch, Candice Miller, Carol Hoke, Guy Sievert, Helaine Koch, Hillary Gibson, Laurie Kovack, liz vitale, Marsha Beck, Randall Koch, Roger Wicklund, Lynne Saxton, Marsha Beck (highlighted with a grey background and 'Ask to Unmute' and 'More' buttons), Randall Koch, Roger Wicklund, Susan Schomburg, and Tom Prehoditch.

Name	Role	Video	Audio	Chat
Jeffrey Weitzel	Co-host, me	On	Muted	On
Chris Silkowski	Host	On	Muted	On
Alexander Clark		On	Muted	On
Barbara Triplett		Off	Muted	On
Bill Busch		Off	Muted	Off
Candice Miller		Off	Muted	On
Carol Hoke		Off	Muted	Off
Guy Sievert		Off	Muted	On
Helaine Koch		Off	Muted	Off
Hillary Gibson		Off	Muted	On
Laurie Kovack		Off	Muted	On
liz vitale		Off	Muted	On
Marsha Beck		Off	Muted	Off
Randall Koch		Off	Muted	On
Roger Wicklund		Off	Muted	Off
Lynne Saxton		Off	Muted	On
Marsha Beck		On	Unmuted	On
Randall Koch		Off	Muted	On
Roger Wicklund		Off	Muted	Off
Susan Schomburg		Off	Muted	On
Tom Prehoditch		Off	Muted	On

Conflicts of Interest

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

Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes of August 22nd, 2023

No amendments or additions to the minutes being made, the minutes were approved.

Short Discussion of Oregon Land Use Goals

Jeff gave a short introduction about Oregon Land Use Goals. Guy Sievert offered some extra context about Goals 16 and 19.

Jeff launched two polls intended as a conversation starters and a very rough gauge of how the attendees feel about Oregon Land Use Goals.

The results of the first poll were as follows:

What are your top Oregon Land Use Goals (Part 1)

Poll ended | 7 questions | 17 of 20 (85%) participated

1. Goal 3: Agricultural Lands (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (1/17) 6%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (1/17) 6%

Mild (15/17) 88%

2. Goal 3: Forest Lands (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (5/17) 29%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (4/17) 24%

Mild (8/17) 47%

3. Goal 5: Natural Resources, Scenic and Historic Areas, and Open Spaces (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (9/17) 53%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (5/17) 29%

Mild (3/17) 18%

4. Goal 6: Air, Water and Land Resources Quality (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (6/17) 35%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (8/17) 47%

Mild (3/17) 18%

5. Goal 7: Areas Subject to Natural Hazards (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (7/17) 41%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (5/17) 29%

Mild (5/17) 29%

6. Goal 8: Recreational Needs (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (0/17) 0%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (5/17) 29%

Mild (12/17) 71%

7. Goal 9: Economic Development (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (0/17) 0%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (5/17) 29%

Mild (12/17) 71%

The results of the second poll were as follows:

What are your top Oregon Land Use Goals (Part 2)

Poll ended | 9 questions | 17 of 20 (85%) participated

1. Goal 10: Housing (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (8/17) 47%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (3/17) 18%

Mild (6/17) 35%

2. Goal 19: Ocean Resources (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (5/17) 29%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (9/17) 53%

Mild (3/17) 18%

3. Goal 16: Estuarine Resources (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (2/17) 12%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (10/17) 59%

Mild (5/17) 29%

4. Goal 11: Public Facilities and Services (e.g. water, sewer, fire) (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (8/17) 47%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (6/17) 35%

Mild (3/17) 18%

5. Goal 12: Transportation (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (0/17) 0%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (4/17) 24%

Mild (13/17) 76%

6. Goal 13: Energy Conservation (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (2/17) 12%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (6/17) 35%

Mild (9/17) 53%

7. Goal 14: Community Growth Boundary (Urbanization) (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (3/17) 18%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (7/17) 41%

Mild (7/17) 41%

8. Goal 17: Coastal Shorelands (between 101 and dunes/riprap) (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (7/17) 41%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (8/17) 47%

Mild (2/17) 12%

9. Goal 18: Beaches and Dunes (Single Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered

Hot! (Top 2) (9/17) 53%

Medium (Top 5, or so) (5/17) 29%

Mild (3/17) 18%

Jeff observed that the land use goals with environmental dimensions had strong support among the attendees.

Discussion of Land Use Issues in Neskowin

Lynne Saxton offered the golf course as Neskowin-specific land use topic that should be front of mind in the community plan. There was a discussion of the many different Oregon Land Use Goals that pertain to the golf course.

Laurie Kovack expressed an interest in holding in-person meetings during the community plan process, and suggested that earlier meetings on topics with more community interest could be used to engage the community with topics with less initial engagement.

Alex suggested that in-person meetings would need to be run in hybrid fashion to support community members who were not able to attend, and two attendees voiced support for hybrid meetings in the chat.

Discussion of the Criteria the Chair intends to use to compose the Community Plan Steering Committee, plus OPML

Jeff shared that the chair would likely be seeking a group of people with a good cross section of knowledge about Neskowin and knowledge about Land Use Issues, and invited the attendees to share anything that they feel is important in forming the committee.

Hillary Gibson asked if the committee would be formed in a fashion similar to the STR committee, in which the chair would name specific representation groups as the basis of forming the committee, and invite people to apply for those groups.

Jeff said that because there are so many interests to represent in Neskowin, this approach was not necessarily viable, but that this could be discussed during the meeting.

Former NCAC Chair Randall Koch, STR subcommittee member Tom Prehoditch, and Vice Chair Alex Clark all spoke in favor of a vision of the committee in which the committee members are selected on the basis of their commitment to fairness and listening to community input, rather than their ability to represent a particular interest.

Jeff shared the officers recent learnings about Oregon Public Meeting Law. If the Steering Committee is empowered to make recommendations to the NCAC, it will be subject to Oregon Public Meeting Law, so this will need to be accounted for as the committee is set up and the details of its charter are formalized.

Introductions of persons interested in serving on the committee, and discussion

Randall Koch was introduced as having expressed interest in serving on the Steering Committee and spoke about his work on the Community Plan effort to date.

Guy Sievert was introduced as having expressed interest in serving on the Steering Committee and spoke about his many years as part of the Neskowin community, recalling participating in the process that resulted in the previous community plan.

Guy also explained that he will be permitted to vote on Neskowin's community plan when it comes before the Tillamook County Planning Commission, on which Guy sits, because it is a legislative amendment.

Laurie Kovack was introduced as having expressed interest in serving on the Steering Committee and spoke about her long history in Neskowin, and the perspective her career as a realtor gives her on what makes a healthy community.

Lynne Saxton expressed interest in serving on the Steering Committee, and shared how she's been visiting Neskowin since she was a child, and how she has owned property since 1982. She helped create the last Community Plan. She served under three governors on the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission, and has other Land Use experience.

Jeff solicited opinions from the attendees about whether additional members of the committee would be desirable.

Laurie Kovack spoke in favor of soliciting more participation with another email to the NCAC membership.

Hillary Gibson expressed the opinion that non-residents were poorly represented in the attendance at the meeting, and also questioned whether business interests were well represented by the four volunteers to date.

Lynne Saxton pointed out that the golf course, the board of which she serves on, is a business, and that she is a seasonal resident.

Lynne Saxton advocated for a committee size of five or seven, on the basis that a committee with an even number of members can be deadlocked if a decision comes to a vote.

A number of attendees voiced support for this, in the chat or by voice.

Guy Sievert advocated for the committee to operate on a consensus basis and avoid voting, so an odd number of members was not important to him.

Jeff spoke in support of Guy's perspective.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Weitzel, Secretary