

Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee
Summary Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2021

Chair, Brandon Beaujeu, convened the virtual meeting of the Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee (NCAC) to order at approximately 9:01 am via a Zoom call. Officers present were Chair Brandon Beaujeu, Secretary Dave Benneth and Treasurer Chris Silkowski.

Introduction of Participants

Attending via Zoom were 25 attendees.

Review of Zoom Meeting Ground Rules

Chris reminded the group of the rules relating to participating in the remote on-line meeting.

Conflicts of Interest

Brandon asked the officers to state any conflicts of interest they might have with items on the agenda. None were reported.

Approval of Minutes of August 14, 2021 NCAC Meeting

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the August 14, 2021 meeting minutes.

Tillamook County Public Notices that Effect Neskowin

Dave reported that no public notices were received since the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Silkowski reported a beginning balance of \$1,032 as of the August meeting and no cash receipts or cash disbursements during the interim period resulting in an ending balance of \$1,032. A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the reimbursement of Chris for his payment of \$149 for the annual Zoom subscription fee. No other payables were reported.

Short Term Rental Committee

Brandon announced the formation of a subcommittee to solicit opinions, concerns and ideas regarding short term rentals (STR's) in Neskowin that could help with the County's decision-making process and provide input to the County's STR committee. He reported that 19 persons had indicated an interest in serving on the subcommittee and that after interviewing the candidates he had selected the following six individuals:

Residents: Alex Sifford and Tom Prehoditch;
Business Owners: Biff Schlicting and Alexis Tate; and
STR Owners: Hillary Gibson and Roger Wicklund

Brandon reported that after an organizational meeting of the subcommittee members, the subcommittee meetings will be held in public.

Resuming In-Person Meetings

A poll question was presented asking whether or not in-person meetings should be resumed in conjunction with public access via Zoom. The result of the poll was that 86% of the respondents favored resumption of in-person meeting.

Community Plan Update

Chris reported that the next Informational Town Hall is scheduled for October 26th and a panel will address statewide planning goals #3 and #4 regarding agricultural and forest lands. Details will be posted on the NCAC website.

Highway Safety

Brandon reported receiving comments from numerous individuals regarding pedestrian and bicyclist safety for those crossing Highway 101 to attend the Farmers' Market. He encouraged all present to write a letter to the Oregon State Highway Department, in care of Brandon, describing community concerns and proposed solutions.

Community Announcements

Brandon announced that he has invited a member of the County Housing Committee and Chris Laity, head of the Tillamook County Public Works Department to attend the next NCAC meeting to give us updates about their respective areas.

Alexis Tate presented information about her background and announced that she and her husband Chris had recently purchase the Neskowin Trading Company and shared a link to an on-line survey regarding what items the store might carry in the future.

Nancy Vandell reminded the group to take advantage of the Firewise program that advises property owners on steps they can take to mitigate the potential for damage due to wildfires. This free evaluation can be scheduled through the Hebo Station of the Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District where vouchers for free yard debris disposal can be obtained. Contact the Hebo Station at 503-392-3313. Additional information can be obtained at www.southtillamookcountyevc.org.

Marge Jozsa, President of the South County Emergency Volunteer Corps (SCEVC) announced that Covid-19 booster vaccinations will be offered in the near future in conjunction with the Nestucca Rural Fire District and asked for suggestions about what issues the SCEVC should address at their upcoming public Zoom meetings. See the SCEVC website at www.southtillamookcountyevc.ore for more information.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Prepared by Dave Benneth, Secretary