

DRAFT SUMMARY NOTES
Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
December 2, 2017

The Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee (NCAC) convened for their regular bi-monthly meeting at 9 a.m. on December 2, 2017, at the Neskowin Fire Station. The meeting was led by NCAC Chair Richard Hook. Attending were Jeff Walton, Shelley Stoll, Susan Amort, Roger Noble, Alex Sifford, Tillamook County Commissioner David Yamamoto, , NRPFD Chief Jim Oeder, Dave Benneth, Roger Wicklund, Andreas von Foerster, Scott Davis, Lauri Braich, Randall Koch, Shanley Lawrence, Ken King, Bill Busch, Vice Chair and Jean Cameron, Secretary.

The summary notes of the October 7th NCAC meeting were approved with one correction. The final notes will be posted at <http://www.neskowincommunity.org/cac.html>.

Update on Proposal Rock Cove and Seashore Woods subdivision applications

- Bill Busch explained that a permit application to build on nine lots at Proposal Rock Cove in South Beach, which had been approved by both the Tillamook Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners, was appealed to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). LUBA reversed the decision of Tillamook County, finding that the application was not made complete within the required 180 days, and, therefore, was void. This means that, barring further appeal to the State Court of Appeals, the subdivision cannot move forward without complying with the Neskowin Coastal Hazards Overlay Zone now in effect. As a result, the maximum number of lots which could be developed would be two instead of nine. It was noted that LUBA did not address other issues of contention such as drainage or access.
- Richard Hook reported that there has been no further action by the developer on the Seashore Woods application for North Neskowin.

Update on Hawk Street reconstruction project

- Richard Hook reported that the County had arranged for representatives from various state and federal agencies as well as the watershed council to meet with the Chris Laity, the new Director of Tillamook County Public Works for a tour of the proposed project in order to review the issues associated with it, as well as funding needs. He further explained that no one from Neskowin was invited, which was an obvious oversight.
- It was agreed that Chris Laity should be invited to attend the February NCAC meeting to discuss this project and others noted below.

Update on Hawk Street North

- Richard Hook reported that the Tillamook County Public Works Department had sent letters to the property owners along Hawk St. asking whether they preferred that the County legalize the road or whether they would prefer that Hawk St. North be a private road. Replies to this question are due by January 10, 2018.

- We will ask Chris Laity to share the results of this “survey” when he attends our February 2018 NCAC meeting (see above).
- It was noted that Commissioner Josi is of the opinion that a legal survey of the road with regard to adjacent properties should not be done without permission of all property owners, but that permission request was not part of the recent letter that was sent to these owners.
- Richard Hook stated that he will continue to advocate for the County to legalize the road, which is what a majority of those living in the area wish to have happen. With a proper legal survey, issues can be clarified and easements granted or property transfers done as needed.

Regulating golf carts in Neskowin

- Richard Hook explained that an issue was raised at the Labor Day Neskowin Community Association (NCA) meeting regarding underage drivers “hot rodding” around town in golf carts. The NCA Board found that the City of Manzanita had adopted an ordinance to regulate the use of golf carts on their streets and asked the NCAC to consider requesting that Tillamook County adopt a similar ordinance for Neskowin. Commissioner Yamamoto recommended that the Board seek advice from Sheriff Long; Lauri Braich said that they had already done so.
- After discussion of the issue, it was agreed by those present that the legal regulations may not be effective or needed. The NCAC recommends that the NCA draft guidelines for the use of golf carts in Neskowin. The NCAC should post these draft guidelines on their website (link) and promote discussion of the issue at their Memorial Day meeting in late May. Following that discussion, final guidelines could be adopted at the Labor Day meeting.
- Jean Cameron suggested that adults should speak to the young drivers who are unlicensed and causing any problems.

Update on draft Bylaws

- Jean Cameron reported that she has not received further word from Sarah Absher regarding the status of the review by Mr. Sargent, the County Counsel, of the draft Bylaws approved at the August 5th NCAC meeting.

Update on the Neskowin Community Plan Review

- Richard Hook explained that Neskowin’s Community Plan has not been updated since 1999. An update is needed in part because the Plan is a reference document for the Planning Commission.
- Updating the Plan will be a lengthy process that will begin when the Tillamook County Department of Community Development is ready to assign a staff person to work with our Community on this project. A committee will be recruited at that time. To see the existing plan, go to:
http://www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/ComDev/documents/community/nesk_plan.pdf

Other

- NRPFD Chief Jim Oeder reported that the Tillamook County Public Works department had received the necessary application from the Fire District asking that the No Parking signs along Breakers Blvd. in Neskowin be made permanent by the County. They are processing the application and will submit it to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Chief Oeder will attend that Commissioners' meeting on behalf of the application. He noted that the signs will not be taller than 4', as requested. He also asked the community to ensure that trees along the streets are kept pruned in order to avoid interference with the transit of emergency vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Cameron, NCAC Secretary
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