

## Neskowin Coastal Hazards Committee

### **Draft Minutes of Meeting December 13, 2011**

Members Present: Commissioner Mark Labhart, Chair, David Kraybill, Guy Sievert, Alex Sifford, Charlie Walker, Bill Busch, Pete Owston, Gale Ousele, Randall Koch. Support: Valerie Soilihi, (Tillamook Co. Planning Director), Laren Woolley (DLCD), Tony Stein (State Parks) Pat Corcoran (Sea Grant).

Welcome and approval of minutes: Minutes for November were approved with changes.

Developments on the Beach: Good. No storms. Little rain. Carlton St. to Mt. Angel has fair amount of sand. Small sloughing where that commonly occurs. Valerie responded to a question about the Standard of Need for riprap. Apparently this is not defined specifically. Valerie indicated on the Neskowin Sub-Plan map the areas in Neskowin where riprap is allowed.

Neskowin Sub-Plan: Draft is available on Basecamp and distributed to NCHC. In general, the members felt the Sub-Plan was very good so far, but it is not yet ready for public distribution. Some “preliminary concepts” need more refinement, and there is no Implementation chapter. Once drafted and approved, subsequent amendments will go through the standard plan-amendment process. Conversation centered around how to best “transfer the work of the NCHC to the community.” Guy asked for clarity about the boundary between the Tillamook County and Neskowin processes in moving forward the sub-plan. There was concern voiced that County processes and politics might impede efforts in Neskowin. (Land use planning that tells people what to do with their property is contentious, and other people and places in the County might not be as supportive of these HATs as Neskowin.) The sense was that Neskowin should not wait for the County. Gale stated that Neskowin can’t go it alone because the County Comprehensive Plan (not just the sub-plan) needs to have “teeth” in the form of ordinance language to make the Sub-Plan enforceable. Charlie urged a period of reflection, and to allow NCHC to communicate with the community prior to handing off the Sub-Plan to CPAC. The majority felt that CPAC is the place for such conversation. Discussion clarified that NCHC’s role is to forward the Sub-Plan to the Neskowin CPAC for presentation to the community since the legal process for changing local land use planning originates with CPAC. The Active Protection group can continue to work on its agenda, including contracting with an engineering firm for a formal assessment of the riprap system. It was agreed, that everyone will read the Sub-Plan for review in January. The Land Use sub-committee will make a closer review of the details for possible amendment.

Adaptation Framework Plan: The group reviewed the Adaptation Framework Plan and made small changes. Laren will make a language change regarding the use of the word “science.” Also, reference to the term “indemnification” was deleted. Charlie noted that is a largely non-controversial document except for the “policy” section, and asked why the NCHC needs to endorse it? (Response was that the NCHC is a County advisory committee and it is a proper role.) Charlie suggested that it would be prudent to have additional conversation with the community before endorsing it; that this would be in keeping with the history of communication by the NCHC and the community. The majority felt otherwise: that the people who are going to be engaged are engaged at this point, and the NCHC communications have been thorough. The group moved (with Charlie’s dissent) to endorse for adoption by the County the Framework Plan, with changes. This would begin the process for community involvement through the CPAC. Valerie distributed the Adoption Timeline handout

describing the specific sections of the Comprehensive Plan to be amended and the formal process to do that.

Active Protection Sub-Committee: The total amount available for contracting with an engineering firm is \$35,000. This is from individual donations and HA's (\$20,175), DLCDC (\$10,000), and the NCA top-off (\$5,000). The firm ESA/PWA had the most relevant background and experience. Bill sent the proposal to be signed by Paul Levesque of the County Contracting Office. The scope of work is being refined. Additional questions were sent to the firm.

Communications: Pete is revising the NCHC "reading list" and asked to share it with the Coastal Shores Coalition. Approved.

Meeting Adjourned

Next NCHC Meeting: January 10, 2012. 9am-11:30am. Neskowin Fire Hall