

Final minutes
Neskowin CPAC
2nd Steering Committee meeting
April 8, 2006
Neskowin Fire Hall
12:00pm – 1:30pm

Citizens present: Bob Fultz, Myeong Anderson, Bob Conklin, Guy Sievert, Deborah Wright, Lyle Rowland, Winfield Stein, Jack Bertell, Charlie Walker, Gale Ousele, Carol Bickford, Bill Therrow, and Les Fultz.

Staff present: Lisa Phipps, Coastal Resource Planner

The meeting began at 12:10pm. Introductions were made around the room. Lisa asked if there were any questions regarding the materials that had been emailed and also passed out additional information for discussion.

The group reviewed the minutes from the March 11, 2006 meeting. After discussion, the last line in the 4th paragraph was amended to read “It was noted that these committees never really met because there was not a clear process.” It was stated that the minutes accurately reflected the meeting but that didn’t mean that everyone necessarily agreed with everything that was said.

Lisa suggested that the group may want to consider appointing a chair from the committee members. She said there were several reasons for this, most important being that this is the group’s process and her role is to advise and/or help out if something needs to be clarified. After some discussion, Jack Bertell agreed to be the chair with the understanding that his role would not carry over to the CPAC once it is established. He said he been thinking about a process given the size of the group to help things move along. Lisa suggested that the first order of business should be to establish a mission statement. The committee used the ONA Mission Statement as a foundation.

There was general discussion on the ONA mission statement around who would they be advisory to, who is the governing body, and is the Neskowin CPAC going to be devoted solely to land use. There was a great discussion on the substance of the Mission Statement. Several individuals said that 1) the CPAC has a responsibility to not only advise but to also receive information; 2) concerns that the CPAC would be an advocacy body rather than disseminating the facts and encouraging dialogue; 3) the CPAC should be about citizen involvement, livability and quality of life; 4) have to bring in both sides of the issues and broaden outreach to get a range of opinions. One of the members stated that it was his understanding that this CPAC was not limited to the County- that it could look at all processes and that they could advise government agencies when planning and approving processes that impact Neskowin, Lisa said that the CPAC could have a broader reach – but in terms of the County’s needs from this CPAC, it would provide the

County an opportunity to gather information, provide information, obtain feedback and make recommendations to Staff, the Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners. It also ensures that there will be time on the agenda for the CPAC. Lisa pointed out that everyone has the opportunity to speak at a public hearing but the CPAC will actually have time designated for testimony when necessary.

Someone mentioned that there has to be a recognition that process needs to be impartial but the results may not be. When taking a vote on an issue, it is important to explain all sides in the recommendation. Several members stated they don't want to see the citizens role disappear – it is the basis of a grassroots democracy.

There was discussion on how to get differing views. It was stated that it was about representing the facts back to the citizens and the government. With regard to the mission statement, it was commented that it more realistic to facilitate discussion.

After several iterations, the following mission statement was agreed upon by consensus:

The Neskowin CPAC is a group of citizens organized under Statewide Planning Goal 1 and OAR as an advisory body to local, state, and federal government agencies and citizens. The Neskowin CPAC is dedicated to promoting communication between the citizens and government bodies on land use issues.

The committee then set out the strategy to address the other components of the bylaws.

- I. Mission Statement
- II. Definitions ie quorum
- III. Activities – use ONA as framework and leave out last sentence
- IV. Membership – to all citizens of voting age; how do you achieve continuity and consistency; committee should be selected through some process; won't be providing learned and consistent testimony; people get excited about issue; if everyone votes will composition of group change; should committee be selected from the whole; should utilize Roberts Rules of Order; don't dictate structure of group; either identify set number of people or allow everyone who shows up to constitute quorum; if someone wants to participate, they should be allowed to; how to keep continuity ie require attendance at a certain number of meetings in order to vote; everyone should receive a copy of the bylaws?

The committee then decided to work on each of the sections over email and coordinate through Jack.

Lisa was asked to bring the map of the Neskowin community boundary to the next meeting. She was also asked if the committee needs to express its support to the Department of Land Conservation and Development to support the CPAC's. Lisa said that DLCD is supportive of this process but there may be a point when that will be helpful.

The next meeting was set for May 6th at 1:00pm.

After the meeting was set, the location was changed to the Neskowin Valley School.

Minutes taken by Lisa Phipps, Coastal Resource Planner