

Peshastin Community Council
Minutes of Special Meeting, conducted via video conference
April 02, 2020

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Stan Winters, Steve Keene, Doug Clarke, Patricia Ortiz

Council members absent, excused: Cheryl Parsley, Leticia Vizcaino

County Commissioner Bob Bugert present

The meeting was called to order via Zoom videoconference at 1:02 p.m. by chair Lauri Malmquist. Purpose of the meeting is to give feedback to Commissioner Bugert about recent draft document regarding short term rentals in Chelan County.

Bob Bugert gave a brief report on the draft document prepared by consultant Lisa Greeter which was presented to the commissioners on Tuesday March 31. Council members have not received a copy of that, so it will be forwarded to them.

Council members shared with Commissioner Bugert that the main concern for council and community members is the location of short term rentals within the Peshastin UGA, specifically not allowed within the residential zones of the UGA. The council voted in July 2019 to add a definition to the wording in the land use chart of the Peshastin UGA document and delete the category of boarding/lodging house. This was submitted to the county in August 2019 but no response has been received to date. Commissioner Bugert asked to have that recommendation sent to him again; he will review with the county legal advisor and report back to the council.

Doug raised the question of what if any effect new short term rental regulations will have on already existing short term rentals within the Peshastin UGA as well as in the county, and notes that much of the community of Peshastin is outside the UGA boundary.

Commissioner Bugert will remind consultant Lisa Greeter of the Peshastin UGA Code, specifically as it is separate from the Chelan County Code.

After the council has had an opportunity to review the consultant's draft documents and supporting materials, the council will forward comments to the County Commissioners.

The question was raised about the options available for recourse after witnesses committed perjury in the appeal before the Hearing Examiner AA 2019-005 on December 4, 2019. Commissioner Bugert will consult with the county legal advisor and report back to the council.

Commissioner Bugert reports there is currently an acting director of the department of Community Development , and a new director is expected to start before the end of April.

The next meeting will be a special meeting Thursday April 9 at 1 p.m. via videoconference to follow up on these issues.

No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Ortiz, Secretary