

Peshastin Community Council
Minutes of regular meeting
February 15, 2023

Peshastin Library

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Melissa Reuter, Doug Clarke, Patricia Ortiz, Steve Keene, Devera Sharp

Council member absent, excused: Cheryl Parsley

Community members: Clare Morrison, librarian
Mark Smith, Peshastin; Kim Smith, Peshastin

CWCW students from Cascade High School: Emily Reyes, Leavenworth; Zienna Erickson, Leavenworth; Miles Hunt, Leavenworth; Oscar Ojeda, Leavenworth; Juan Castro, Leavenworth; Jones Duncan, Peshastin; Coco Zelma, Leavenworth; Juan Rodriguez, Peshastin; Alex Arellano, Dryden; Lindsey Rodriguez, Cashmere; Leslie Perez, Dryden; Kevin Castillo, Peshastin

Guest: Shon Smith, Chelan County Commissioner

Library report:

Upcoming activities: snowshoe walk with Team Naturaleza Saturday February 25, meet 10 am at the library

Yoga class, Saturday March 11, 9 am

Ukelele group meets each Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

Screening of film "Encanto", Tuesday March 21, 3:30 p.m.

Friends of Library book club, Wednesday March 8, 3 p.m., "Pachinko"

Plans are ongoing for interior upgrades to the library, funded through the North Central Regional Library. In addition the Peshastin Library has submitted application for upgrades to bring the library into ADA accessibility. The Council is in agreement with sending a letter in support of the application.

County Commissioner

Shon Smith introduced himself as the newly elected county commissioner representing the area including Peshastin.

He was questioned about the current status of STR code enforcement. He reported that less than half of the approximately 1500 known STRs in the county have applied for permits. In order for those out of compliance to be investigated by code enforcement a "Notice of Violation" form on the county web site needs to be completed by a concerned party, which then starts the enforcement process. Doug notes the 100 foot setback from agricultural land has been ignored by many active STRs.

Regarding traffic and safety in the Peshastin area, comments were made about the deleterious effects of increasing traffic from Leavenworth, and ongoing problems with speeding on the North Road and through the town of Peshastin. Mr. Smith was reminded of concerns about the impact of increasing traffic with the proposed Pine Ridge development. Other concerns voiced included flooding in the area of the tavern, at the large BNRR underpass, and on Derby Canyon Road. He recommend contacting Eric Pearson at Public Works for concerns about flooding and roads.

Lauri states she is discouraged with the county's apparent lack of interest in long term planning for sustainable growth and managed development in the county, with the risk for further significant environmental impact and community degradation if planning is not done well and now.

Old Business:

- 1) Steve reports the application for a feasibility study for recreational use of the Mill Flat was not approved on this round, but there may be opportunities to apply for further funds if those become available.
- 2) Steve reports that after 6 1/2 years working toward the merger of the Peshastin Water District with Chelan County PUD, this may become final within several months. Transition is being planned for replacing all water meters to be compatible with the PUD system, as well as changing to a compatible billing system. He is planning retirement from PWD general manager as of June 15.

The Council thanks Steve for his hours and years working with the Peshastin Water District service to the community

Following discussion about domestic and irrigation water, Commissioner Smith left the meeting.

The minutes of January 18, 2023 meeting were read; motion to approve by Devera, second by Doug. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- 1). Review and update of Peshastin UGA document: this will be a time consuming and tedious process. The initial document required 2 1/2 years, monthly meetings, many discussions, and was facilitated by consultants from the county. Any proposed revisions will go to the Planning Commission, and from there to the County Commissioners. Since infrastructure (water, electrical, sewer) are important parts of the document, it was suggested that the PUD may have some input and/or resources helpful as we start the process. It was also suggested we contact the county to see if they would contribute resources and/or consultants. Lauri will contact Andy Wendell at the PUD Customer Service department andy.wendell@PUD.org, and the Planning Commission to begin inquiries.
- 2). The Council by-laws need review and update as well; it was decided all will review the by-laws (available on the website) and bring suggested changes to the next meeting, at which we will form a committee to incorporate those changes and bring a draft to the council for further discussion and approval.
- 3). Mark Smith reports from the Cemetery Board that he has joined with Shane Sandberg and Cyndi Garza. They hope to make needed improvements to the cemetery this season; Devera Sharp and Doug Clarke will serve as council liaison and advisors to the cemetery board.
- 4). Elections:
The Council has received completed declaration of candidacy from Lauri Malmquist, Devera Sharp and Mark Smith for the elections Wednesday March 15, 2023, at the Memorial Hall. Two positions will be filled for terms through December 2028.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m at the Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary