

MINUTES FROM TOWN HALL COMMITTEE MEETING - 2.7.25 – 12 pm

Sunsets West Food Co-op, 16732 Hwy 112, Clallam Bay, WA 98326

Attending: Jim Stoffer, Cathy Walde, Ron Richards, Ron Cameron, Christy Holy (will be appointed member on 2.10.25), citizens from Clallam Bay

Call to Order – 12:02 pm

Election of Chair – Ron Cameron nominated Jim Stoffer, Patti Morris seconded, unanimous consent

Introductions - Each committee member introduced themselves – Jim Stoffer, Cathy Walde, Ron Richards, Patti Morris, Ron Cameron

Goals of the meeting – Chair Stoffer explained to attendees that our goal is to gather input, take it back to the Commission, and see if it is in the charter. He also announced the current vacancy on the Commission. The Town Hall committee's interest, per Richards is to get people involved in county government.

Introduction of guests – Clallam Bay citizens introduced themselves and voiced concerns.

- Greg Bellamy – Clallam Bay Fire Commissioner reported that the fire department has been making great leaps and bounds, with 15 members and a good chief. He is consumed with the “timber thing”- the state's losing money from lost timber sales. He intends to speak to his legislators about it. He is policy driven and is looking at grants. He extolled the Jamestown Healing Clinic. He is concerned with people bringing in recreational drugs and then wanting help when they OD and outsiders coming to the area and buying property. He wants a say-so in how the county commissioners have the legislative power to do what they're doing with timber.

Discussion – Stoffer – This is a complex issue that resulted in the RAC (Regulatory Advisory Committee). Richards – DNR is interested in getting more revenue to the area that is not timber-related. Belallamy – proposes an incumbent land fee where outsiders coming in pay revenue.

- Susan Hiney – started a nonprofit to manage Slip Point Lighthouse.
- Kenneth Reandeau – On the planning dept in District 3. He likes the way the Commission is handling the vacancy.

New Business

- Stoffer asked how we reach out to young people and explained how the charter works. He encouraged people to sign up on the website for alerts. 7 Ways. 7 Touches.

Discussion - Hiney commented that in Clallam Bay, the website is not as effective. She suggested putting flyers up at the post office, on reader boards, and word of mouth. Clallam Bay is a diverse group, and she welcomes meetings at night. Morris mentioned Rod Fleck had posted emails around the area on paper copy.

- Introduce Deborah Boynton – Secretary of Clallam Bay Slip Point Lighthouse. Their first mission is to get a roof on the keeper’s house. Their interest is to drum up support and funding for their organization.
- Discussion about contacting the Commission – Richards - thinks the Commission needs more visibility on the website and more money in the budget to do outreach. Morris – fastest way to get in touch with us is sending an email to Loni. Cameron – need to talk about what this committee is going to do. Need to schedule town hall meetings. Richards – thinks we should take our time and shoot to get things on ballot for next year’s general election. He wants to create more town halls and make it a permanent part of the community.
- Town Halls - Bellamy- go to the Community Center in the future. Walde – How does each district want to run their town halls? Suggested having town halls once a month. Senior lunches are good outreach. CAC Meetings. Morris – How do we reach 50 and under and can we? Hiney – always use food.

Action Item - Stoffer – We have to post on the county page, so each district will report to him about how we are going to reach out to our districts and how are we going to consolidate? (District 1 – Stoffer, District 2 – Morris, Richards, Cameron), District 3 – Holy, Walde. Richards – West End Business Association.

- Main purpose – How do we reach all demographics?
Discussion – Morris – stay consistent across all 3 districts. Cameron – urge people to look at the charter. We can make amendments, and then make suggestions to the commissioners. Morris – explained that it all goes to the attorney’s office, and we work with them to write out what will be reviewed and go to voters. Richards – wants to make a permanent charter. Bellamy – Doesn’t understand how the charter works. Morris – create a flowchart. Holy- Agrees. Create a one-sheet. Boynton – to reach young people, put links and qr codes on literature.

- Permanent Town Halls proposed by Richards – Town halls are a way to get people into county government. He wants the Charter to create a Town Hall Commission, give them money, and give them a chance to say where they want the money to go. Get people to understand the give and take in government.

Discussion – Reandean – a lot of these things are being done right now, and with the zoom option, more people can join. People get involved in long-term issues. Morris – Families and young people are Cause-oriented. Bellamy – Voting has dropped in Clallam Bay. Boynton – have meetings in the schools. Morris – Instagram or text. Walde – get parents involved. If a parent values voting, the child will vote. Boynton – utilize principal Cheryl Erickson to have a meeting at the school.

Adjourn – 1:50 pm