

NCWA Coastal Council
16 September 2019 meeting minutes

Present were: Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, Ed Johnson, Rich Bertellotti, Carolyn Propst, Barb Knop, Bob Lundy, Bruce St. Dennis

Jane Harris is the new full-time NCWA director, starting Monday. Brooke will transition to a volunteer member on the board. Jane will be assisted by a part-time accountant and a part-time web and social media manager. Melissa Reich has replaced Katie Voelke on the board representing North Coast Land Conservancy. Talks about plans for logging on the Norriston Heights property were discussed. ECAP delivered a letter to the new county manager asking to participate in their Norriston Heights work session.

Ed requested that there be an item on the agenda for the next meeting for him to present information about the continuing use of Roundup in Oregon, and specifically near Cannon Beach. This request was approved.

The NCWA board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00, in odd-numbered months in Astoria at 818 Commercial St, Astoria, in the 3rd floor conference room, and in even-numbered months in the Cannon Beach City Hall council chambers.

The application for an OWEB grant to fund study and planning of beaver relocation into the ECFR was not funded, but a resubmittal of the application was encouraged. Ed pointed out that there has been \$5k in the City budget for some years now for this purpose; Carolyn suggested that the money will be put to better use once we have a study of how best to do the project. Bruce joined the meeting, and said there is now \$50k per year of continuing funding in the Parks budget for ECFR projects, which could include importing beaver. There was some discussion of what would be involved in such a project.

The Little Pompey in-stream work is going on now. Jan says that this operation has removed some of the trees planted by kids as part of the 12 Days celebration, and that this is a shame. Bruce suggested that in the future we should be sure not to plant the trees in a drainage area.

Bruce will now plan to attend our meetings regularly.

Each CB water bill now includes water conservation tips, highlighted by a distinctive font or otherwise.

Jan raised the concern for how much CB water is now going out of town in the form of beer made here and drunk elsewhere. Ed reports that making a gallon of beer takes about 7 gallons of water. Bruce will look into this.

The next council meeting will take place on November 18, and the next board meeting on October 9, both at City hall.