
Citizens' Taskforce Minutes

Thursday, March 17, 2016 6:00PM

Sealing Cove Business Center

Citizens' Taskforce Members: Rob Allen, Maxwell Rule, Lawrence SpottedBird,
Dyan Bessette, Cynthia Gibson, Hugh Bevan, Alene Henning
Tristan Guevin (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Rule called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Maxwell Rule, Deputy Vice Chair Lawrence SpottedBird, Cynthia Gibson, Hugh Bevan

Absent: Chair Rob Allen (excused), Dyan Bessette (excused), Alene Henning (excused)

Assembly Liaison: Tristan Guevin (absent)

Staff: Municipal Administrator Mark Gorman, Administrative Coordinator Renee Wheat, Assessor Wendy Lawrence, Centennial Building Manager Don Kluting, Library Director Robb Farmer, Fire Chief David Miller

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M – Bevan/S – Gibson moved to approve the March 14, 2016 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. REPORTS

Chair – None.

Members – Gibson conveyed she would be available for Taskforce meetings until April 11.

City Staff – Administrator Gorman spoke of a meeting he had with Bill Hutton regarding the idea of an excise tax on heating fuel as it arrives in Sitka dedicated to the Electric Fund.

Library Director Robb Farmer personally invited the Taskforce to the Sitka Public Library Grand Opening on Sunday, March 20 at 2:00pm.

Assembly Liaison – None.

Other(s) – None.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Town Hall Meeting Preparation

Discussion occurred around the Town Hall meeting agenda. A consensus was reached to ask Chair Allen or Vice Chair Rule to do the introduction, Gibson give the PowerPoint presentation and Doug Osborne facilitate the question, answer and public comments. The

Taskforce reviewed each slide of the PowerPoint presentation and came to an agreement on information that would be shared. Gibson offered the idea of CBS operating with a volunteer workforce to cut labor costs. She spoke to hiring a Volunteer Coordinator.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Administrator Gorman thanked the Taskforce for their contributions. He recognized and thanked Bevan and Gibson for their work on the Town Hall meeting presentation.

Fire Chief Miller spoke of the grocery sales tax exemption and suggested it be lifted in June, July and August of each year to capture tourism dollars. He spoke to the idea suggested earlier of a volunteer work force and conveyed many citizens are already involved in volunteering and are over burdened. He pointed out CBS had recent difficulties filling Board/Commissions vacancies.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Agenda items for the next meeting of March 28, 2016

The agenda items for the next meeting would include Town Hall recap, Grand Bargain and Final report to the Assembly.

M -Bevan/S SpottedBird moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20PM.

Attest:
Renee Wheat, Administrative Coordinator