

Valle Crucis Community Council

Meeting minutes – October 27, 2022 6:00 PM

Attendees: Walter Browning, Scott Jensen, Erin Welsh, Alyson Browett, Julie Gates, JD Dooley, Jennifer Storie (Watauga County staff representative)

Not Present: Howell Cook, John LaCapra

Meeting minutes from the 9/22/22 meeting were approved by the council after a motion by Tracey Heiss and second from Alyson Browett.

Walter Browning gave the council an overview of his meeting with Joe Furman. Joe shared his recommendations for the Valle Crucis Community Council (VCCC) based on his experience in the planning and inspection office of Watauga County including: focus on the historic (old) Valle Crucis Elementary School and updating the existing strategic plan.

The council decided that preserving and managing the historic (old) Valle Crucis Elementary School is a priority project for the VCCC.

The council established three sub-committees/focus areas with the following participants:

- Old Valle Crucis School Committee – all nine committee members
- Strategic Plan Committee – Erin Welsh, John LaCapra, Alyson Browett
- Infrastructure Committee (roads, speed limits/speeding issue, permits, water quality, etc): Alyson Browett, Scott Jensen, Julie Gates
- Council chairperson Walter Browning will participate in some or all committees as necessary.

Walter raised the subject of the stormwater management permit for the new Valle Crucis Elementary School on behalf of John LaCapra. Copies of the permit were shared with council members. Council members will review this information and will be prepared to discuss the document at the next meeting when all council members are present.

Council members chose the fourth Thursday of the month as a standing meeting date to begin in January 2023. The November meeting date is TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.