

Valle Crucis Community Council

Meeting minutes – Monday, November 28, 2022 6:00 PM

Attendees: Walter Browning, Scott Jensen, Erin Welsh, Alyson Browett, Julie Gates, JD Dooley, Tracey Heiss, John LaCapra, Joe Furman – Director of Economic Development / Watauga County

Not Present: Howell Cook

1. Council members unanimously approved the minutes from the 10/27/22 meeting.
2. Joe Furman updated the Council on the status of the three recounts in close elections for two Board of Commissioners seats and Clerk of Superior Court. The original declared winners retained their wins after the recount.
 - Council members discussed inviting key stakeholders to upcoming meetings including Lisa Cooper, President of Mast General Store, and Larry Turnbow, commissioner for Valle Crucis's District 4. Chairperson Walter Browning committed to inviting both Cooper and Turnbow to upcoming meetings.
 - An additional list of stakeholders to invite will be created in subsequent meetings.
3. The Council confirmed members of its three newly-created sub-committees:
 - Old Valle Crucis School Committee – all Council members
 - Strategic Plan Committee – **Erin Welsh** - CHAIRPERSON, Alyson Browett, John LaCapra
 - Infrastructure Committee – **JD Dooley**-CHAIRPERSON, Alyson Browett, Erin Welsh, Scott Jensen, Julie Gates
 - When discussing sub-committees, Council members agreed that an opportunity would be available for Valle Crucis residents to participate in sub-committee work.
4. Council member John LaCapra spoke briefly regarding the stormwater management permit for the new Valle Crucis School. Watauga County representative Joe Furman shared information specific to the permit approval process.
5. Council members discussed establishing a designated VCCC website to house meeting information, project updates, etc. JD Dooley offered to look into the most efficient way to create this website.
6. The final Council meeting for 2022 will be **Thursday, December 22nd, at 6:00 PM**. The location will be determined and communicated at a later date.

7. In 2023, VCCC meetings will be held on a set schedule using the fourth (4th) Thursday of each month. The meeting time will be 6:00 PM. A set meeting location will be established and communicated at the December meeting.
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.