

Valle Crucis Community Council

Meeting minutes – Thursday, December 22, 2022 6:00 PM

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

Not Present: Howell Cook, John LaCapra

1. Council members unanimously approved the minutes from the 11/28/22 meeting.
2. Members discussed the upcoming January 26th, 2023 VCCC meeting. District 4 County Commissioner Larry Turnbow and Lisa Cooper of Mast General Store and Tourism Development Authority board member plan to attend this meeting to meet new VCCC members and hear about focus areas for the council.
3. Erin Welsh shared that Destination by Design has organized a meeting in Valle Crucis to view and hear high level plans regarding their work for Imagine Watauga. This meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th at 5:30 PM. Erin encouraged VCCC members to attend this information session.
4. Joe Furman shared comments prior to his retirement as Director – Economic Development for Watauga County in December 2022.
5. Council member J.D. Dooley shared information on radar speed signs he researched. Discussion continues on how many signs are needed in Valle Crucis, where they should be placed, and the best way to generate funding for signs.

J.D. also shared information on the established VCCC website. The site will be used to share VCCC meeting minutes, meeting dates, and other VCCC information for easy access by community members.
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, at 6:00 PM at the Valle Crucis Community Park meeting space.