

Trout Lake Community Council  
Meeting Agenda and Final Minutes  
November 2, 2021

Zoom Video – 7:00 – 7:45 PM

7:03 Meeting called to order

Present: Monte Pearson, Gail Phares, Dave Wampler, Lucas King, Pat Arnold, Daina Bambe, Joanna Turner, Monte Pearson, Laurie Sherbourne

Community members present: Linnaea Schmid,

Agenda Review

October 6th Minutes edited to reflect voting records on letter regarding community events, and change regarding Gotchen area prescribed burn to be weather dependent.

Pat moved to approve minutes as amended, 2nd by Monte, all voted yes

Pat – Mendy Maccabee is not going to pursue a conditional use permit at this time.

Pat - Follow-up Re: Columbia Land Trust Easement discussion of last month

- Review of letter sent. There are still some concerns about the conservation easements (cost, effects on affordability of land for housing, etc.)
- We will invite Jay McLaughlin to join us in January to talk about forest practices such as replanting of harvested areas, protections of key habitats, etc.
- Members agreed to ask Nate to attend in February to give us more information about how much protection the conservation easements provide, who manages the easement, etc. Goal is to be able to be more proactive about our involvement.
- Lucas volunteered to look into other options of preserving/conserving working forest lands.
- Gail got some feedback from community members that voiced concerns about the conservation easement process and wanted to hear more discussion about the Community Forest option.
- Council would also like to get more information from our legislators about the federal monies earmarked for preserving working forest lands – how the money is used, how the appraisal reflects the value purchased, etc.

Daina – Question: do members see a need for the council to provide a specific comment period and time for community member comments in our meetings or to keep things the way they are? Currently, we allow for members to provide input/comment as we proceed in our meetings. Agreement was for us to continue as we have.

Round Robin Info share – nothing added by members.

Adjourn: 7:57 PM

Motion Pat

2nd Dave