

**Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee  
(PRCAC)  
Meeting of the Board Members  
February 13th, 2018  
MINUTES**

In Attendance:

Joel Lantz, Chairperson (representing Point Roberts Voters Association)  
Jeff Christopher (representing the Point Roberts Taxpayers Association)  
Linda Hughes (at large)  
Keith Glading (at large)  
David Gellatly, (representing Point Roberts Chamber of Commerce)

Guests:

Steve Woolf	Renee Coe	Vicki Lawson
Ken Calder	Jim Julius	Michelle Lujan
Allison Calder	Pat Grubb	Jeff Hegedus
John Wolpers	Lindsay Perout	John Perout

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Joel Lantz, who welcomed everyone and said that this meeting is being audio/visual recorded for posting on YouTube as a way to reach more community members who may not be able to attend these meetings, with hopes to help them stay informed and engaged on issues considered by PRCAC. He also reminded the public that PRCAC has an email address for input: [COMMENTS@PointRobertsCAC.org](mailto:COMMENTS@PointRobertsCAC.org).

Chairman Lantz announced that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2017 had not been circulated and approved via email as has become the new practice.

**MOTION:** Keith Glading moved that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 20, 2018 be approved as presented. Jeff Christopher seconded. **MOTION PASSED 4-0** David Gellatly abstained.

Chairman Lantz announced that the Point Roberts Registered Voters Association's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Community Center on March 1<sup>st</sup> and that County Executive Jack Louws had again accepted the invitation to attend the meeting. Joel also announced that he expected at least two other Council Members to be in attendance for that meeting and mentioned that Notices will go out on Point-Interface and in the All Point Bulletin venues.

**Old Business**

Chairman Lantz turned the floor over to Jeff Hegedus and John Wolpers from Whatcom County Health Department, to continue the conversation about proposed changes to the Solid Waste system in Point Roberts.

Jeff Hegedus took the floor and began with a review of the ongoing conversation and actions taken in the past year and a half since this initiative began. After the results of a community survey had been

tabulated, and in consideration of the public input at the PRCAC meetings over this period of time, it has become evident that a mandatory curbside collection system is widely supported by the residents of Point Roberts, therefore continued input, consideration and actions are necessary to move this initiative forward.

Mr. Hegedus also reviewed the history of this topic in Point Roberts, referring to old newspaper articles and other history that exists to point out that the conversation we are having now about moving to a mandatory curbside collection system is very similar to community conversations that were going in in 2001 and again in 2010.

Mr. Hegedus handed out copies of the summary that put before County Council in November, when he appeared before Council and responded to council members questions about this proposed initiative.

Mr. Hegedus provided another handout to attendees, outlining the main topic of tonight's meeting, amendments to the existing ordinance. He reminded us that current law in Whatcom County is that everyone is required to have curbside collection. It is already mandatory in our County, the difference in Point Roberts is the application to eliminate the exemption to mandatory collection that exists now. Another exhibit is a copy of the ordinance for the entire County showing suggested amendments specific to Point Roberts only. He reviewed the ordinance page by page to point out highlights specific to Point Roberts and the suggested amendments.

Question from the audience suggesting mandatory purchase of trash tags to be used by homeowners as needed as an alternative to the proposed schedule curbside collection, or some other special consideration for seasonal visitors.

The conversation continued to speculate on a number of alternative systems to mandatory curbside collection, and the varying opinions on the reasonableness of mandatory collection, including examples of like services that are paid for by homeowners (fire/police/library/water/school) even when not used.

Discussion then reviewed the reasons why OSS properties are the path of choice for marketing and ultimate fee collection for mandatory curbside collection.

Jeff Hegedus continued his presentation, noting that the system could expect 2,300 users to this program, which is very helpful when considering the economy of scale.

Jeff Hegedus then reviewed the continued process and the projected fees. If we stay on the path projected, the program would be implemented in January of 2019. After much discussion on fee projections, it was agreed that we could market this program to users for approximately \$20 to \$21 per month. The current basic service is \$17.18 per month and has not been raised in 8 years, even though expenses have increased.

Further discussion ensued about how to further get this message out to the public which has been very well covered in the All Point Bulletin newspaper, and notices about these meetings have been publicly posted on all local forums.

Jeff Hegedus agreed that the County might even agree to pay the cost of a mailer to the targeted users of this program. After some discussion of the content of such a mailer, John Wolpers and Jeff Hegedus agreed to revamp the summary document provided to County Council on this matter and forwarding it to PRCAC for review and input.

Chairman Lantz proposed a Town Hall meeting after the mailer goes out.

Next item of Old Business is the status of the TBD funds options. Jeff Christopher is working on this and suggested this subject be a key Agenda item for the May PRCAC meeting. All agreed.

Chairman Lantz would like to start reviewing the title 20.72 Special District wording to determine what, if any, changes should be made. It was suggested that this topic be revisited at the March PRCAC meeting.

### **New Business**

Keith Glading reminded us that we will need to review the proposed By-Laws in the next couple of months.

At this time the Election of Officers was the next item for discussion.

MOTION: Jeff Christopher nominated Linda Hughes to remain in the position of Secretary and moved to elect her to the position, effective immediately. The motion was seconded by David Gellatly. Linda accepted the nomination and the Motion passed 4-0. Linda Hughes abstained.

MOTION: Linda Hughes nominated Joel Lantz to be Vice-Chairman and moved to elect him to that position, effective immediately. The motion was seconded by David Gellatly. Joel Lantz accepted the nomination and the Motion passed 4-0. Joel Lantz abstained.

MOTION: David Gellatly nominated Jeff Christopher to be Chairman and moved to elect him to that position, effective immediately. The Motion was seconded by Joel Lantz. Jeff Christopher accepted the nomination and the Motion passed 4-0. Jeff Christopher abstained.

### **Open Session**

Renee Coe reminded everyone that the following day, February 14<sup>th</sup>, was the scheduled "I (Heart) Point Roberts" trash pickup day, beginning at the Transfer Station at 10:00 am.

She also asked PRCAC to see what could be done about publicizing the public space at the Marina, perhaps some signage could be arranged as the public walking space is not well known and is available to the public. Joel Lantz said that he would take on the action item of opening a dialogue with the Marina management in this regard.

Jeff Christopher asked for everyone's opinion on keeping our PRCAC meetings scheduled for second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm. All agreed.

MOTION: Jeff Christopher moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Joel Lantz. Motion Passed: 5-0