

PORTOLA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING NO. 999, OCTOBER 28, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Aalfs called the Town Council's Special Teleconference Only meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Hanlon called the roll.

Present: Councilmembers Craig Hughes, John Richards, and Ann Wengert; Vice Mayor Maryann Derwin; Mayor Jeff Aalfs

Absent: None

Others: Jeremy Dennis, Town Manager
Cara Silver, Town Attorney
Laura Russell, Planning & Building Director
Sharon Hanlon, Town Clerk

Attendees: Carolyn Vertongen
Rita Comes
Angela Hey
Betsy Morgenthaler
David Carinal
Felicity Barringer
Judith Murphy
Kristi Corley
Rusty Day
Sarah Wernikoff

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Rita Comes said that after picking up about 30 cigarette butts and other garbage along her property on Westridge last week, she checked with Public Works Director Young and learned the Town has no ordinance or rule that prohibits smoking. She asked for the Town to look into prohibiting smoking on or adjacent to any construction sites. She would also like to disallow construction vehicles from coming up Westridge prior to 7:00 a.m. She said they have been arriving at 5:30 a.m., loudly changing gears up the hill. She said that Public Works Director Young has advised her that the trucks cannot park at Ford Field. She said the cigarette butts she picked up in the dry grass could have started a fire. Town Manager Dennis asked Ms. Comes if she had any information about the trucks, such as a license plates or company; staff will be happy to contact them. He said the rule is that no work can start prior to 8:00 a.m. Ms. Comes said Public Works Director Young suggested there would need to be a sting or something with a vehicle out there to watch who comes up. She said she is not going to stand out there with a mountain lion at 5:30 a.m. to throw rocks and try to get a license plate number. She said she's sure she's not the only one affected and asked if it was something the Town could handle. She said the contractors need to receive a clear message about the serious issue of the fire hazards of smoking.

Carolyn Vertongen said she cannot stay at the meeting via Zoom on her computer and when she uses her phone, she is muted and cannot speak up. She suggested this issue be looked into. She said her written communications to the Town Council and Planning Commission on October 7 were not included in any of the previous and current meetings. She said she has questions regarding the local elections which she tried to ask during the meeting with all the candidates, but her questions were not acknowledged. She said she knows that Portola Valley spends approximately \$10,000 for elections and she would like to know what is done with that money and if candidates can use that money to promote themselves. She said she has received the mailer of Mayor Aalfs and Sarah and is not sure if the two other candidates had access to the same resources or the mailing information. Ms. Vertongen asked regarding the resolution

regarding the flashing beacons. She said the ASCC and the Bicycle, Pedestrian & Traffic Safety Committee did not approve the flashing beacons, and she would like to understand why the issue is being brought up again. She said on February 10 the Commission concurred that the rapid flashing beacons do not fit in Portola Valley, although may be considered later if deemed necessary or required. She said she has seen no report where it is now deemed to be required or necessary. She said she will be listening to the summary of Town Manager Dennis regarding the Equity and Race Roundtable meeting with District Attorney Wegstaff and the Sheriff's Office but will not be able to ask questions. She said she was also not able to ask questions directly at the roundtable meeting. She said it is not a roundtable meeting if all stakeholders cannot talk and she was very disappointed. She said with regard to sustainability, she understands it to mean avoidance of the depletion of natural resources in order to maintain an ecological balance. She said there is no ecological balance and it will only allow one resource. She said electricity is not the only resource that should be considered and she hopes the Town will continue to have serious meetings about it and talk to all stakeholders, not only to review all the resources, their benefits, and the cost, but also the health concerns associated with smart meters and alternative resources such as solar panels. Mayor Aalfs instructed Ms. Vertongen that, if using her phone, she can push *9 to raise her hand and *6 to unmute herself. Ms. Vertongen suggested that be added to the instructions.

Kristi Corley. Ms. Corley asked to remove Item #3 from the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (1) **Approval of Minutes** – Town Council Regular Meeting of October 14, 2020. *[Removed from Consent Agenda.]*
- (2) **Approval of Warrant List** – October 28, 2020, in the amount of \$111,381.87.
- (3) **Report by Town Manager** – Annual Report, Short-Term Rentals in Portola Valley. *[Removed from Consent Agenda.]*
- (1) **Approval of Minutes** – Town Council Regular Meeting of October 14, 2020.

Councilmember Wengert moved to approve Consent Agenda Item #1 as amended. Seconded by Councilmember Hughes, the motion carried 5-0, by roll call vote.

Mayor Aalfs said the Council and staff were discussing how to deal with the bots that interrupt the meetings. Ms. Comes said there are people in the community that cannot speak without using bot voices and that should be considered in case it is a person that requires those devices. Mayor Aalfs agreed and said that everyone is called upon. He said it was not the automated voice but was the content of the comments that indicated an intended interruption of the meeting by a bot.

- (2) **Approval of Warrant List** – October 28, 2020, in the amount of \$111,381.87.

Councilmember Hughes moved to approve Item #2 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Richards, the motion carried 5-0, by roll call vote.

- (3) **Report by Town Manager** – Annual Report, Short-Term Rentals in Portola Valley.

Town Manager Dennis described the Council-requested brief staff report detailing the annual report of short-term rentals in Portola Valley.

Mayor Aalfs invited questions from the Council. Hearing none, he invited public comment.

Kristi Corley. Ms. Corley said eight rentals seems like a low number and asked if staff was looking at all avenues to get an accurate number. Town Manager Dennis said the information is accurate and is an

amalgamation of different online resources such as VRBO, Airbnb, and others. He said there are companies that pull that data together and the Town pays for that information on a monthly basis. He said there may be other ways people choose to advertise short-term rentals, but this captures those rented through the most typically-used sites. Ms. Corley asked if the Town has considered doing a survey. Town Manager Dennis confirmed that this includes ADUs and houses. Ms. Corley said that number seems too low and suggested the Town do a better study.

Rusty Day. In response to Mr. Day's question, Mayor Aalfs said the definition of a short-term rental is less than 30 days. Mr. Day asked if long-term rentals are counted or if there is a data source that advises what properties are available for rent on a longer-term basis. Town Manager Dennis said he would be happy to look into it but he is not aware of a company that amalgamates long-term rental data. In response to Mr. Day's question, Mayor Aalfs confirmed that this is only a look at a short-term rental market where people are renting space out on a short-term basis for vacation, business, or similar uses.

Councilmember Hughes explained that a year or so ago the Council had some questions and some public comment expressed interest in how often people were using sites like Airbnb to lease out properties in Portola Valley and there was concern there was potentially a lot of that short-term commercial rental activity going on in town. There were concerns about traffic, turnover of residents, having people in houses who people weren't sure belonged there, and that sort of thing. He said it wasn't about long-term rentals but looking into whether or not the Town wanted to entertain some kind of regulation or tax or otherwise attempt to control short-term rentals. The upshot last year was there weren't really a significant number of those types of properties. No action was taken last year but Council asked staff to report regularly to monitor if the situation changes.

Vice-Mayor Derwin moved to approve Item #3. Seconded by Councilmember Richards, the motion carried 5-0, by roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

(4) Ad-Hoc Wildfire Preparedness Committee Recommendations – Quarterly Report

Town Manager Dennis presented the quarterly report, described the background, progress, and discussion items, as detailed in the staff report.

Town Manager Dennis pointed out that the efforts regarding Item 1.o. regarding adopting a fire reach code are well underway using a consulting Building Official. He said they hope to bring the recommendations to the Council at the December meeting, in conjunction with Item 2.i, regarding existing home retrofitting. He reported that they expect the Council to conduct an initial review of the second set of recommendations from the Wildfire Preparedness Committee at the November 11 meeting and provide some further direction.

Mayor Aalfs invited questions from the Council.

Vice-Mayor Derwin said, with regard to the list of highly flammable plants, there should also be consideration of maintenance practices. She said on her property the low-growing native plants that were not irrigated during the summer and had caught a lot of debris like leaves were all removed when the vegetation management work was done. She said the natives that had been watered and pruned so she could see through them stayed.

In response to Mayor Aalfs' question, Town Manager Dennis explained that one of the six recommendations that came from the Wildfire Committee was banning the planting of certain highly flammable trees, and also reminding people there some invasive species, such as coyote brush, that are highly susceptible to fire.

Councilmember Richards said the Conservation Committee is in the process of putting together a fire-resistant plant list in cooperation with the Fire Department and will be having a special meeting on that in a couple of weeks.

With no further questions from the Council, Mayor Aalfs invited public comment.

Felicity Barringer. Ms. Barringer said, with regard to prioritizing vegetation management (Item 1.j.), that she realizes it is ongoing but has been paying more attention to it herself, noticing a lot of overhanging trees Portola Road. She said while she assumes that is being addressed on the Portola Valley side of the road, she is also concerned about the trees on the Woodside part of Portola Road, which appear to be much worse and even more dangerous. Town Manager Dennis said the initial efforts have been focused on the ladder fuels alongside the road and has been more limited with regard to trees. He said the next part of their work is identifying trees that are issues and is part of the ongoing effort. Ms. Barringer asked if there were any arrangements with Woodside because if their trees fall, it is Portola Valley residents who get blocked. Town Manager Dennis said there is no formal agreement, but there have been some staff-to-staff conversations and he will follow-up with them on next steps. Councilmember Hughes said on Portola Road from Portola Valley heading to Woodside, PG&E chopped off half of most of the trees away from the roadside along that stretch of road to keep the branches from their power lines. He said those trees now have a lot of weight hanging out over the road. Now, unfortunately, if they were to fall down, they will fall toward the road. Town Manager Dennis said they will bring these issues back to the Committee to discuss.

Rusty Day. Mr. Day said his understanding is there will be a hearing on November 11 regarding the substance of the proposal. He urged the Council to consider and incorporate his comments into the November 11 hearing. Mr. Day said 12 years ago the Town hired Moritz Agricultural to do exactly this analysis of vegetation in town and they wrote a 30-page report, published an extensive map showing the distribution of hazardous vegetation, identified what type of vegetation in Town is the most combustible and hazardous and where it is located, what needs to be done about, and what needs to be done on the roads. He said that report should be given much more attention and publicity and the Wildfire Committee, in particular, should be fully informed of that report and it should be used and incorporated. He said the wheel does not need to be reinvented here.

Mr. Day said that during the October 23 Wildfire Committee meeting, when status reports were provided by the various subcommittees, the Chair of the Evacuation Subcommittee, Dale Pfau, indicated that while they made some progress going forward on emergency preparedness and evacuation, the one thing he could confirm was that he had been told that it would take at least five to six hours to evacuate town given the limited evacuation routes available. Mr. Day said he brings this up because recent experience in the CZU fire, which expanded from 8,000 to 45,000 acres in 10 hours, and the Glass Fire, which expanded from 10,000 to 40,000 acres in 12 hours, teaches us that we don't have five to six hours to evacuate this town. He said the entire town is 7,000 acres and if a fire ignition occurs in town in red flag and wildfire conditions, evacuation will be very difficult. He reminded the Council that the General Plan Safety Element written in 2010 calls upon the Town to organize and conduct periodic town-wide emergency evacuation drills. He said this needs to be done at scale, not neighborhood-by-neighborhood, because this is a problem of the entire town. He said until the Town recognizes that they have to practice and understand what this entails at scale, they haven't begun to comprehend the magnitude or difficulty of the problem confronted. He urged the Council to reconsider both the budget for next year and the recommendations from the Wildfire Committee which do not call for and have not addressed the longstanding call in the General Plan Safety element for town-wide evacuation drills.

Town Manager Dennis clarified that Vice Chair Pfau located a 2002 or 2003 academic study on how traffic patterns may flow and based his comments on that study. Town Manager Dennis said it is clear that the Town needs further understanding, based on the number of people who may be in town at any one point and what an immediate evacuation would look like. Town Manager Dennis said he has no data to suggest one way or another what the issue may be. He said that between Zonehaven and the data the Town has on traffic flow from previous projects done around traffic counts, they have a good

understanding of how traffic flows, particularly in busy times of the morning and evening when there are a lot of cars that come in and out. He said that applying that to the Zonehaven tool will provide more information. He also noted that while the Town has not held a full evacuation drill in a few years, the Woodside Fire Protection District has attempted to do so and he is hopeful that if they call for something again, they will get much broader participation. He said the drills only tend to bring in a few hundred people and therefore don't provide much relevant data. He said it does help as it relates to potential choke points in Town and they already have some sense of where that might be.

With no additional public comment, Mayor Aalfs brought the item back to the Council for action.

Councilmember Hughes moved to accept the Ad-Hoc Wildfire Preparedness Committee Quarterly Report. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Derwin; the motion carried 5-0, by roll call vote.

Town Manager Dennis noted that he is trying to manage some bot activity that is occurring in tonight's Zoom meeting. Town Attorney Silver said if it is not confirmed that a bot is legitimate or not, they should be called on if they raise their hand.

(5) **Report by Town Manager** – Summary of October 19 Roundtable, Policing, Race & Justice in the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

Vice-Mayor Derwin said the event was a lot of work and very successful. She said she found the four people through research and connections – Henrietta Burroughs, Michael Smith, Lorrie Owens, and Kevin Allen, but did not previously know any of them. She said they were pleased with the conversation and how respectful they were with one another even when it was clear they did not agree. There were approximately 112 attendees, many from Portola Valley, and also quite a few from San Carlos, Millbrae, San Mateo, and County unincorporated. Communications & Community Engagement Analyst Chinn said the Q&A function during the meeting was used 77 times, but not always for questions. She said they also received quite a few questions prior to the meeting which is why they were not able to get through all of them.

Vice-Mayor Derwin said takeaways included the need for communication, transparency, and cooperation in all aspects of policing. She said the Sheriff's Office needs to let the public know what they're doing, especially since many of their practices would make the public feel better. She said the Sheriff's Office needs to regularly engage with groups such as the NAACP San Mateo Chapter. The Sheriff's Office, DA's office, Police Departments, Private Defenders Office, and the community need to be in regular communication. She said all of the stakeholders need to come to the table and talk, which is what they did at this event. She said it was quite jarring to her that some of the panelists were unaware of a lot of the practices that Sheriff Bolanos was talking about.

Vice-Mayor Derwin said another key takeaway for her was that implicit bias training needs to be ongoing and is not a one-and-done activity.

Councilmember Richards said he was first thinking this would be a great learning opportunity for the community and the Council and it became clear it was a learning opportunity for everyone, including the panelists. He said the give and take between them was great and showed there is a lot of room for more openness, transparency, and back and forth. He said Michael Smith talked about reimagining policing and making it more transparent to create trust between the public and people in uniform. He said they only scratched the surface and he was hopeful to be able to put together more events like this.

Vice-Mayor Derwin said some possible next steps could be to do a Zoom with Capt. Corpus and the Deputies, specifically for Portola Valley, possibly in November before the holidays. They would like to try to get the representatives from the five contract cities together to sit down with the Sheriff to discuss some important issues or questions. She said the Council should start thinking about what might be

included in the conversation when the Sheriff's contract comes up again. She suggested perhaps the panel could be reconvened in a year to see if anything has changed.

Vice-Mayor Derwin invited suggestions from the Council.

Councilmember Wengert thanked Vice-Mayor Derwin and Councilmember Richards for their fabulous work on all of these issues. She said the best next step would be assembling the panel of local Deputies, which would be very valuable and probably the easiest to put together quickly.

Councilmember Hughes agreed that getting to know the local Deputies is a good idea. He said the panel discussion was great but a locally-focused discussion would be a useful follow-up.

Mayor Aalfs agreed a local Deputies panel would be helpful. He said a couple of years ago they had a small morning coffee with Deputies and parents stopped by as they walked their children to school. He said they've talked about trying to get more information regarding the number of traffic stops and documentation of all the interactions between the Deputies and residents. Vice-Mayor Derwin said that came up in a lot in the questions but due to time constraints they didn't get to it.

With no other comments from the Commission, Mayor Aalfs invited public comment.

David Cardinal thanked the Subcommittee for the very valuable roundtable. He said, however, it was mostly about how to police communities of color whereas Portola Valley has the question of how to police communities not of color. He said he would like to hear the stories about how a Detective goes about figuring out who to stop and why and how that works. He would like to hear the follow-up ideas that are more local to Portola Valley. Mayor Aalfs said it would be interesting to meet some of the detectives from the Sheriff's office. Vice-Mayor Derwin said they could try to include a Detective next time.

Town Manager Dennis said there was a coffee three or four years ago that included 15 or 16 staff members from the Sheriff's Office including some Detectives, so they are willing to do that. Town Manager Dennis said one thing that is somewhat unique to Portola Valley is that they contract with the Sheriff's Office so the Deputies and those who support them work in other communities where there have been some higher-profile incidents. He said that when Vice-Mayor Derwin and Councilmember Richards put this together, it was felt worth exploring how to ensure that issues that may be happening in other places do not happen in Portola Valley.

Councilmember Richards said it is a region-wide police force and is obviously necessary to discuss it in a regional context and it's helpful for Portola Valley to be aware of how they see it. Councilmember Richards said he sees the initial task is to learn about the Sheriff's Office and then bring it back. He is expecting a call from Capt. Corpus and intends to schedule a meeting with more focus on the town-centric idea of how they operate.

Vice-Mayor Derwin asked if the Zoom with the local people should be a morning coffee or an evening event. Councilmember Wengert said meetings are increasingly shifting out of evening venues because of greater availability during the daytime hours. She would prefer morning meetings.

Rusty Day offered congratulations for the terrific the way the Council pulled this excellent first panel together. He said he would caution against what he senses to be a propensity on policing in Portola Valley. He said the origin of this interest stemmed from the killing of George Floyd and the disparity of policing that society confronts. He urged the Council, if they are thinking of bringing in street Officers and Detectives to look at policing, they think about it in the context of what is the disparity in policing between South San Francisco, East Palo Alto, and Portola Valley when it comes to domestic abuse, drug offenses, DUIs, sex abuse, and not just zero in on what's going on in Portola Valley. Mr. Day said the community needs to understand if they are very comfortably sitting here benefiting from a very disparate treatment

from the rest of the citizens in this County who may have a different ethnic background or different economic circumstances.

Mayor Aalfs again thanked the subcommittee for the great forum.

(6) **Recommendation by Assistant to Town Manager** – Update on Green Building Ordinance and Review of Next Steps.

Town Manager Dennis presented the background of the direction provided by the Council on February 12, 2020, and the progress thus far. Staff recommended the Town Council review the decisions made on the Update to the Green Building Ordinance, as detailed in the staff report, and provide feedback and guidance on next steps to staff. After receiving this feedback, and after completing additional research, staff will return with a red-lined version of the Ordinance for the Council to consider.

Councilmember Richards said he was concerned about the requirement for EV parking for ADUs “if convenient, at the discretion of the building official.” He would prefer other metrics be used to decide when that is or is not possible. He also said that prewiring for battery backup may not be a real issue at this point. Previously the battery backups had so many variations of sizes of wiring and types of enclosures required, it would be very difficult to do it ahead of time. He said it may be a lot simpler now but it still may present some issues.

Mayor Aalfs said the requirement now is that there be a conduit going from the main electrical panel to the rooftop for solar. He said as long as that conduit is accessible for batteries along with solar, because the solar developers want the battery close to the solar array, it likely provides a decent launch point. Councilmember Richards said the battery usually runs off of the panel which is in a totally different spot and probably outdoors. Councilmember Hughes said he just installed a large battery system and it was very simple, installed near the panel rather than near the source of power for less line impedance so that when the main goes out the battery kicks in and there is no voltage fluctuation. He said he had nothing prewired and it was very simple to remove the panel and add the wiring they needed. He does not think prewiring would be necessarily helpful.

Mayor Aalfs said in terms of the overall direction in February, they agreed on all electric with no exceptions and it all appears to be well summarized in this report. He said having seen more projects in the last six to eight months since this was discussed, all-electric is almost the standard at this point and he is pretty sure that by the next code cycle in 2023, it will be the standard for all new residential construction. In terms of fire safety, well-done electric wiring is much safer than gas connections. Modern gas appliances will not work without electricity so the idea that people can rely on their gas appliances in an electrical failure is incorrect.

David Cardinal said now that there are induction cooktops he is in favor of all electric. His concern about battery is that two years ago he upgraded his solar to a much larger array and have found that it is very difficult to add an aftermarket battery to that array. He said it is something to think about going forward, to see if that can be facilitated. Mayor Aalfs said the goal of the PCE backup battery program is to extend it to retrofits, but it's not there yet.

Planning & Building Director Russell asked if the all-electric with no exceptions includes outdoor grills and landscape features. Mayor Aalfs said that is correct. He said it would probably be okay if someone wanted to add a propane tank under their barbecue or under their firepit but they would not be allowed to have a dedicated natural gas hook-up.

(7) **COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL AGENCIES REPORTS**

Vice Mayor Derwin – Attended C/CAG meeting on October 15 where there was a heartfelt formal presentation to State Senator Jerry Hill. There was also a presentation on the Regional Monitoring

Program and the San Francisco Estuary Institute about clean water and resilient landscapes. There was an update presentation on RHNA 6 from 21 Elements. She said that slide show presentation is available on the C/CAG website at <https://ccag.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/4.4-Housing-Element-and-RHNA-overview-1.pdf> . She said the RHNA numbers are so incredibly high no one knows how this can be achieved. She does not think Portola Valley will get a break based on wildfire danger, considering 55 percent of PG&E's territory is considered to be in high wildfire areas. The methodology committee was adamant about building housing in high opportunity areas which are defined as having access to good schools, safety, nice environment, and clean air, and also adding housing to areas that have historically not built a lot of affordable housing and are not economically or racially diverse. She said the complaint is that for years affordable housing keeps being built in the same places. There was a presentation on the transportation fund for clean air, a \$4 surcharge fee on vehicle registrations. This was not applicable to Portola Valley, but five projects were funded for South San Francisco, Half Moon Bay, Daly City, Belmont, and Millbrae. She said the Leg report was that the two bills they supported were signed by the Governor. She said only 450 bills went to the Governor, substantially lower than the usual 1,200 to 1,300. She described bills that would be looked at when the Legislators come back with new members in December. They saw a presentation under the Storm Water Program regarding green infrastructure. She said there is currently a \$300 rebate available for rain gardens which she will provide to staff so it can be publicized. She attended the Express Lane meeting that consisted of a presentation of the review of the toll ordinance. She said the many questions made it clear that the Board wants to more have input into policy, so they will bring it back for a study session. She attended the Resource Management Climate Protection Committee meeting with a presentation on the breadth of the current BayREN programs offered in the County, PG&E proposed community microgrid program to the CPUC, update on electric vehicle ownership and charging infrastructure growth in the Bay Area, and the results of the PCE survey on perceptions of PCE and EV ownership. Vice-Mayor Derwin will present all of the BayREN programs to the Sustainability Committee so they can determine what might be applicable for Portola Valley. Vice-Mayor Derwin attended the October 21 Planning Commission meeting where they heard the appeal of the ASCC decision regarding the project at 138 Goya. She said it was a long and difficult meeting that was handled masterfully by Chair Hasko with the outcome being that the Planning Commission upheld the ASCC's decision.

Councilmember Richards – Attended Stronger Together-Housing Leadership Council meeting where they discussed housing and preserving the environment and working to lessen the impacts of global climate change. He attended the ASCC meeting on October 26 where they approved a new home project behind the Hallett Store. There was also discussion about how to handle enforcement for code violations. There was discussion about the ASCC becoming involved earlier in the development process to possibly avert the kind of neighbor-to-neighbor friction that occurred at Goya. Councilmember Richards suggested that liaisons be added as panelists instead of attendees at the Zoom meetings so that can more easily weigh in. He attended a Conservation Committee meeting where they discussed the fire-safe plant list which will be addressed at a special meeting in a couple of weeks. They discussed tracking the cutting down of plants in the rights-of-way such as eucalyptus and acacia that tend to sprout back up quickly, even more vigorously than before and thus become even more difficult to remove.

Councilmember Hughes – Met with Communications & Community Engagement Analyst Chinn, Assistant to the Town Manager de Garreaux, and the project manager for the new website, who shared the working prototype. He said it may be ready for review and potential approval to go live in the new few weeks.

Councilmember Wengert – Attended the County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting where there was a lot of discussion about the updated and very significant BPAC Countywide plan that has been in development for the last year or so. She provided a status update of the last round of community grants that had given two years ago. Each community that had been awarded a grant reported on the projects within their community. She said all of the communities suffered a variety of issues impacting all of the municipalities' ability to move forward without significant delays.

Mayor Aalfs – Attended PCE board meeting last week where they discussed several programs such as the solar-plus-battery from Sunrun, E-Bike program, EV programs, and heat pump water heaters.

(8) **TOWN MANAGER REPORT** – Town Manager Dennis reported that the playgrounds are open at Town Center and are being used appropriately under the State guidance. There is success at the all sports court with pickleball. The new guidance from the State since the Town has moved into the orange category allows State parks. They are researching to see if that can be accommodated based on the configuration of the all sports court.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

(9) **Town Council Digest** – October 15, 2020

None.

(10) **Town Council Digest** – October 22, 2020

None.

ADJOURNMENT [8:35 p.m.]

Mayor Aalfs adjourned the meeting in the memory of Councilmember Wengert's mother, Nancy Nicholas Wengert.

Mayor

Town Clerk