



**Town of Portola Valley**  
**Nature and Science Committee Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 10, 2022 – 5:00 PM**

**Special Videoconference Meeting via Zoom**

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**VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA**

**Remote Meeting Covid-19 Advisory:** On September 16, the Governor signed AB 361, amending the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) to allow legislative bodies to continue to meet virtually during the present public health emergency. AB 361 is an urgency bill which goes into effect on October 1, 2021. The bill extends the teleconference procedures authorized in Executive Order N-29-20, which expired on September 30, 2021, during the current COVID-19 pandemic and allows future teleconference procedures under limited circumstances defined in the bill. Portola Valley Town Council and commission and committee public meetings are being conducted electronically to prevent imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. The meeting is not available for in-person attendance. Members of the public may attend the meeting by video or phone linked in this agenda.

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1-669-900-6833

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**Meeting ID:** 859 6565 6761

**Password:** 188013

1. Call to Order
2. Oral Communications (Anyone wanting to address the Committee or anyone wanting to speak on an item not on the agenda)
3. Minutes of January 13, 2022 meeting
4. Reports: Bonnie – Town Meeting
5. Planning:  
Andrew suggests July 1 – 3, Sept. 30, October 28-30 for Star Party  
May 6, 31, Oct. 21, Nov. 19 for Meteor Showers
6. Water/Event
7. Suggestions for future programs
8. Action Items :  
Program proposals including setting dates
9. Discuss Composting ideas
10. Adjournment:

Next meeting – March 10, 2022 at 5:00 pm

## Nature and Science Committee Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to Order -- the meeting was called to order at 5:04pm.

2. Oral Communications

TedI Park, high school junior with science skills and interested in the educational aspect of our committee, submitted an application to join the committee. The Town will consider the application.

Brook reported she purchased a bin called a "hungry bin." Looks like a trash bin on wheels with an opening at the bottom for compost removal. With worms, it creates great compost. As of January 1, 2022, a California law says we are all supposed to compost our food. Idea to get "Worm Farm Compost Bin-Continuous Flow" and have "Compost Day." Perhaps we could partner with the Town on the scholarship. Brook to research how to purchase the product in bulk or a DIY version. Bonnie to talk daughter about DIY and to the town to investigate public funding option.

3. Minutes of December 9, 2021, meeting. The committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

4. Discussion of goals and activities in pandemic. The committee will continue on zoom until Covid-19 cases are lower. Considering outdoor events.

5. Planning and discussion

1) Town Committees meeting on January 26. Bonnie is confirmed for the Wednesday evening meeting. Will take notes and report at next meeting.

2) Star Party/meteor shower with Andrew Pierce – Yvonne will contact Andrew Pierce about a zoom where he would provide instructions for an evening viewing of a meteor. Perhaps pairing with some home crafts. Or a meteor recipe party "Meteor Meatballs" and "Star Pasta", all participants making the same dinner.

3) Big Water Event – wait on planning this in person event until Omnicron cases go down.

4) Other event/speaker ideas

- Idea for pollinators and wildflower seeds in-person event for Fall

5) Nature Center plans at Hawthorns – Yvonne believes they are in the same place as before.

6) Recruiting new members. See Tedi Park note above.

7) Membership list for 2022 was sent to the Town – Yvonne submitted the membership list to the Town. The committee thanked Pamela Dorrell for her service on the Nature and Science Committee for the last 2 years. Pamela offered to support Nature and Science events in the future as a volunteer.

6. Vote on changing back to alternate month meetings failed.

7. Budget

1) Planning – The committee's budget is \$1500

8. Adjournment: Next meeting: February 10, 2022, at 5:00 pm on Zoom