



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Nature and Science
Committee Meeting
Thursday Feb 8, 2024
5:00 PM

Brook Coffee, Chair
CJ Achterkirchen, Member
Andrew Browne, Member
Grace Coffee, Member
Bonnie Crater, Member
Yvonne Tryce, Member
Linda Millard, Member

REGULAR MEETING – HISTORIC SCHOOLHOUSE
765 PORTOLA ROAD ~ PORTOLA VALLEY

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
Speakers' time is limited to three minutes.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. December 14, 2023
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Welcome new member CJ
 - b. March Nature Hike with Andy and Brook
- 5. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - a. Hawthorns Update
 - b. Wildflower Info repost
 - c. Possible projects for the year ahead

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is April 11, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Land Acknowledgement:

The Town of Portola Valley acknowledges the colonial history of this land we dwell upon—the unceded territory of the Ramaytush (rah-my-toosh) Ohlone, Tamien Nation, and Muwekma (mah-WEK-mah) Ohlone, who endured a human and cultural genocide that included removal from their lands and their sacred relationship to the land. Portola Valley recognizes that we profit from the commodification of land seized from indigenous peoples and now bear the ecological consequences. We seek to understand the impact of these legacies on all beings and to find ways to make repair.

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Nature and Science Committee Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2023 5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

Present: Bonnie Crater, Brook Coffee, Andy Browne,

Absent: Linda Millard, Jeff Aalfs (Town Council liaison)

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. The committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes from September 14, 2023.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Volunteer Event.** Brook notified members that there will be a Thank You and Town Volunteer Party in January or February.

- b. **New applying members:** Grace Coffee and CJ Achterkirchen.

- c. **Star Party and Compost Day** planned for 2024. Brook will email Andrew about the timing. Quarterly nature hike (trees and gals, wildflowers, birds, and mushrooms). Brook will contact a wildflower expert Dan Quinn. Bonnie will reach out to the Santa Clara Valley Audubon society. Andy will lead the first 20th Century Nature Hike in March 2024. Andy will provide Sunday afternoon dates for 2-4pm.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Hawthorns update.** Brook attended the Town Meeting for the Hawthorns property.

- b. **Town Manager update.** The Town has many new staff and they are working on new procedures through the end of the year.

5. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting date is February 8, 2023 at 5pm.