

## Coös County Extension Advisory Council

In Person or Zoom  
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Granite State Room, Rte 3, North Country Resource Center  
Lancaster, NH

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**Monday, February 6, 2023**

**6:00 – 7:30 pm**

1. Welcome & Introductions - Scott Losier, Chair

*What is one thing you like about living in Coös County and how will that shape your involvement as a County Advisory Council member? (Chat & Newsprint)*

**Attendance: Christine Whiting, Amy Dorr, Debbie Joyce, Raymond Berthiaume, John Accardi, Andrew Schafermeyer, Will Hastings, Ericka Canales, Comm. Ray Gorman, Zeanny Egea, Scott Losier, Heidi Barker, Carol Jean, Ray Bell, Scott Stepanian, Aiden Howry, Eamon Kelly, Lori Langlois, Michel Young**

2. Minutes from November Council Meeting – Carol Jean, Secretary  
**Motion to Approve by Ray B. Seconded by Ray G. approved by all.**
3. Welcome New Members – Amy & Ericka (approve)  
**Motion to approve Amy Dorr and Erika Canales as new council members by Ray G, Seconded by Ray B. Approved by all.**
4. County & State Updates related to Community Extension Needs –Rep. Kelley & Commissioner Gorman  
**Currently hiring a County Administrator. No current litigation. There are 3 bills in the works. First is to streamline the right to cut for landowners. Second is for farmers market programing with a possibility of 100k-600k in funding for 2 years. Third is to define the definition of a farm stand. 30% of good sold must be from the farm, the state can ask for proof of that now.**
5. County Budget Process Heidi, County Office Administrator & Scott  
**Heidi, Scott L., Representative Kelly, and Commissioner Gorman attended a delegation budget meeting last week. The next step is to vote for approval at their next meeting in March (March 20 at 10am). There was a good turn out last week and it is beneficial to have advisory council members in attendance.**



6. Understanding Pronouns: Why an Extension volunteer or staff member might consider sharing as part of their work. Mike Young, Program Leader, Health & Well-Being **New name tags are being made and though optional, council members are encouraged to display individual pronouns. We are aiming to create an inclusive environment for education to happen. Providing pronouns models inclusivity and provides a comfortable space for learning.**
7. 2022 UNH Extension Maynard & Audrey Heckel Award Presentation – Zeanny Egea, Program Manager, Health & Well-Being  
**Congratulations to Zeanny for receiving this award! Zeanny thanked Heidi for her early guidance. Zeanny moved to the area and realized Coos was the unhealthiest county in the state. She has work on many projects focusing on community involvement to local government leadership and helping low-income families. She has provided many healthy choices and resources to Coos County residents. With her award moneys she plans to help fund some of those current projects. Zeanny notes that we have a full volunteer cohort at 40 and started a waiting list with 10 more future volunteers.**
8. A Community Need: Council – Staff Team at Work (SAU 7) – Scott Stepanian & Andy Schafermeyer  
**Addressing a need at SAU 7. Field specialists met with school faculty to open a line of communication and see what Extension can deliver. We hope to provide opportunities by next school year. Adding to the curriculum and/or having our members/specialist available to provide educational experiences.**
9. Staff Program Highlight  
**Christine- Farm to School gardens and 4-H are growing in the area. STEM and robotics are having an event right here tomorrow afternoon.**  
**Ray B- Managing woodlots workshop in March in Errol. Mud season breakfast in April at the TNC focusing on the NRCS and highlighting the culvert restoration project.**  
**Andy-planning 3 workshops between Feb and March with about 40 participants in each. BBC Camp Director position is in the interview process this week.**  
**Will- Hosting listening sessions and workshops connecting locals with state council members from southern NH**  
**Zeanny- Kris has been a great addition to her team. Has family programing at Lancaster (?) library with 4 families involved and about 15 participants including children. Creates program in Colebrook pantry has about 9 participants, 7 adults and 2 children.**  
**Heidi – Andro Farm to School grant, working with school networks.**
10. Council Leadership Needs: Heidi
- State Advisory Council – Need 2 representatives
  - Stakeholder Engagement Event - Subcommittee
  - Extension Legislative Breakfast – March 30th (More information TBA)
11. Other Business  
**Adjourn at 7:35pm**

**Proposed 2023 Meetings (6:00 pm – all Mondays)**

- March – Stakeholder Engagement Committee Meets
- April 3 – Health & Well-Being Program Presentation
- May – Stakeholder Engagement Event?
- June 5 – 4-H Program Presentation/Council Recognition
- September 11 - Food & Ag
- November – Natural Resources & Budget

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