

Minutes January 15, 2026 7 p.m.

Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee (PRCAC)

Call to Order 7 p.m.

Absent: Member Norman

Approval of Agenda

- at large member Hunter requests rewording of first item under Old Business to remove second sentence as it implies a non advisory capacity. Motion passes as amended.

Approval Of Minutes November 20, 2025. Motion passes.

First Public Comment

Bennet Blaustein speaks to necessity of Committee to recognize and respect differences between public and private privileged communication. The Committee respects the distinction.

Leigh Moorhouse states she is pushing community to do code complaints to the County as regards the beach public access at Seabright, the Committee recognizing attention from code enforcement, perhaps awhile off, further begs the required formal County involvement with greater opportunity for enforcement of subdivision conditions.

Correspondence

A. December 1 , 2025 review of Whatcom County Mid Biennium Draft Budget response from Secretary to Council Member Scanlon who requested. PRCAC Requested information on benefits to Point Roberts from affordable housing, food banks, and senior services improvements made elsewhere in County. The potential for transportation benefit funds investment. Please identify the staffing for budget item: boat launch and associated facilities Lighthouse Park. Once more suggested Point Roberts Sub-area Plan update appropriate.

B. Myriad recommendations on degree of support for an increase, decrease, or no action for the local Transportation Benefit District tax and potential uses for the fund specifically.

New Business

Introduction of candidate(s) for open at large position Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee - sole interested party Rhys-Thorvald Hansen shares her local, public, and professional experience. Speaks to transactional issue resolution in response to question about conflict. Chair speaks to process to support Rhys ...given vote would be moot, the committee recommends them to the County Executive for confirmation believing March 2026 probable date to appoint. Motion passes.

Investment of Point Roberts Transportation Benefit District Funds - requires PRCAC to request. While supportive to invest \$1,200,000 motion passes, Committee will require more details from County Public Works and Finance on return and nature of investments.

Roadside Dumping Prevalence and Strategy to Preclude. County ordinance covers at present. Issue is enforcement and deterrent value of existing ordinance.
No action

Old Business

Request from Point Roberts Taxpayers Association to update them on the following projects -

- A. Economic Development Strategy
- B. Drainage Improvement Project
- C. Lighthouse Park improvements
- D. Maple Beach Seawall
- E. Maple Beach County Park Improvements
- F. Seabright Beach Access
- G. Local review of Future Logging Permits
- H. Green Waste
- I. Large item annual trash pickup.

Chair identifies updates. Will direct to next representative from Taxpayers Association as a valuable tool to assist in bringing member and organization they represent the information they require.

Request for Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee to write letter of support for Circle of Care concern re: increased fees for liquor permits for non profit events, as part of greater Point Roberts issues. Member Norman to provide draft. No action.

Consideration of Recommendation to County Council to Place Point Roberts Transportation Benefit District Tax Increase to \$.02/gallon on future general or special ballot as required by RCW 36.73.065 where Direction achieved was Do a town hall on a Saturday... now scheduled 2 p.m., January 17, 2026. Avail meeting by zoom. Further consideration of potential uses of funds may be appropriate at that time. February meeting will provide public response to January workshop.

Second Public Comment

Leigh Moorhouse wants people to be part of decisionmaking for TBD, not just County and Committee

Update of Bob Hillman PointNet going forward, intent is hooking up w major provider, more to come...

Point Roberts Taxpayers Association thanks Member Norman for her impressive representation on PRCAC for past four years as this is her last meeting as member. She will be missed. Chair exhibits the cooler full of sparkling ciders for a public goodbye thwarted.

What are the Funding sources for Blaine civic improvements was asked at November 2025 meeting. City of Blaine website indicates State of Washington Grant.

Adjournment 8:22 p.m.