

**Waterford Citizens' Association
Minutes of the Business Meeting
5 February 2002**

President Terry Arney convened the business meeting at 7:40pm. The minutes of the November meeting, having been distributed previously, were approved as written. Motion was made by Kathleen Hughes, seconded by Jeff Bean and passed to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed.

Terry introduced the new officers: Charlie, Edith, Steve.

Thanks to Jim B & Ed Lehmann for their service & mgmt of the BBQ

Kathleen – accepted repeating

Street – in flux

Youth – Ken Dunne

?????

Hans Hommel – Beautification

Water & Sewer – LCSA coordination – Paul Rose

Audit – open

Cemetery – Kevin C

Hospitality – Susan Mularie

Special topics:

Thanks to WGC for recent bulb planting – repeat next year. Source: America the Beautiful fund

November Hoedown event attracted

Waterford Underground Social Committee – first dancing cheek to cheek on 2 Feb. Highly successful. WCA has been asked by churches, PTO, WF & Waterford/Lovettsville Ruritan to cooperate to put on first of several Teen Nights Feb. 23 in Old School at 6pm.

Treasurer Steve Rubin distributed the proposed budget for 2002. Distribution showed vs data of prior years.. Hope to match excellent budget achievements of prior year.

Bern & Bridget Loveless did a heroic job – people who didn't know they needed caps, suddenly realized they definitely did....(!)

Also BBQ efforts contributed substantially.

Terry asked for motion to accept 2001 budget as presented. Motion, made, seconded, passed unanimously.

Discussion of 2002 budget

Highest membership to date

Interim directory update will help to keep levels up.

Plan to keep dues the same.

Substantial increase in BBQ revenues anticipated because:

Total 2001 sales were \$34K(?)

WCA take was \$8K

Expect better weather next year?

Expenses – plan to hold line on parade expenses – will ask vendors to hold costs down

Fireworks – Pyrotechnico last year gave a smaller show than usual. This year's show may be larger (?) not known at present time; therefore, will need to watch.

Possible surplus: Street lights – WCA hadn't rec'd a bill. Steve called; was told it would be done; has not rec'd. bill yet for 2001

Joe Keating – earlier had indicated that Waterford had given up its village charter because it couldn't pay for . Usual don't get bill; "let sleeping dogs lie".

Beautification – hope for individual contribution for Tree Remembrance Program to expand Beautification income.

Youth activities – budget has been doubled; no monies spent last year. Plan for increased activities this year.

Any questions

? How many people bought BBQ A. Ca. 4,000

? Any possible negotiation on WCA take? Terry – good leverage w. RED HOT BLUE bec. they were very surprised & pleased at the volume. Joe Keating raised ? whether RHB has a corporate memory in re to negotiating higher %. Steve - Catering division – contact soon & w. sharp pencil. Ditto for fireworks.

Motion to approve budget as presented. Seconded.

Joe K –apparel sales were good for T-shirts – repeat? Jeff – originally difficulties w. WF – crass commercialism issue (?) Possible issue – worth investigating.

Asked for approval of budget Terry asked for ayes . No opposed ; passed.

Dues – asked for discussion, questions. Motion made to accept dues as printed, seconded.

? Associate membership dues are same as regular membership. Geographic distinction.

? Youth membership? 18 year old – gets a vote. A: Yes.

In favor of maintaining dues as last year – unanimously passed.

Asked for other issues:

Trying to establish a Teen Center community centers in the county; requires significant matching funds. Encourage Youth Activities Committee to bring attention of activities to BOS, etc., Bluemont, Purcellville, other towns are receiving support. {issue for future mtg}

What is being done re traffic calming?

Terry - ISTE A grant – nothing happening. Referenced mtg of previous week re Rte 9.

Nick R re youth activities – countywide concern of nonavailability of playing fields for youth. If we don't make contributions to ease

Youth Activities committee to explore whether there are any eased properties that can be used for noninvasive types of youth activities – Waterford has the space.

Western youth group option? Nick has explored?

Move ahead of high speed Internet access – Exec. Committee will take it under advisement re feasibility of pursuing. Issue of wireless environment – cost

What would you be willing to pay for this service?

Survey with membership renewal form to id community priorities.

Terry – expect that in coming year WCA membership will be involved sometimes conflicting interests. Will be asked to come out and listen to opposing views. WCA should be open to all views , ideas.

Introduced special invitation speakers

Cary Gravatt:

2 T-21 issues

#1. 1997 contribut. by WCA, PTO, WF of \$800 for roads, drainage, wires. Partnership. Submitted to Federal DOT. Requested \$1million; rec'd \$350K

1998 – repetitioned; rec'd addtl amt to \$600K

Third year – denied remainder, ditto 4th year; Wanted greater details. Country contributed \$95K – 20% match req'd. study by VDOT – will start shortly –

To look at what is need re Factory, Second St. High St. loop re drainage – use data to extrapolate costs for the rest of W. Was ISTE A – now under T-21 (large, multi-scope program)

#2 – Last year, it became apparent that there were serious issues re the scenic byways in & around W. Sought addtl. Monies for this and increased traffic. Last March (Neil, Ed G, Cate W. Eric B & Sally K) approached Wold & Warner on issue; both became enthusiastic about dealing with traffic issues; each agreed to support; looked for palce to put it – TCSP Trans. Comm. Sys. Preser..

Looking for successes as model for other areas with scenic byways – address view sheds, etc.

Looked at using easement process and one way to deal with it; isn't the only solution; looking for other ideas. During Appropriations process – appropriated A\$1 million. Signed into on 18 Dec. 01.

That is current status – strategy to implement still in development at VDOT. Waterford is largest at \$1 million; there are others in Va. Addtl – VRE & pedestrian access.

Will be contacting WCA for input once more is known. One of highest priorities – 226-acre Brown farm. Bordered by Mill Race, Schooley Mill barn, Old Wheatland Rd., across from Sewage treatment plant Offered to WF for sale ca. 2 months ago by owners. Discussions are moving forward well

? How did view shed get into transportation issue?

A – scenic byways are included; it is a legitimate issue

Issue of tax value of property – need to know the value, even if can't /won't pay that amt.

Kathleen – nature preserve in PA buying land from electrical company (see WP article) – eco-valuing – a first.

57 acres of Brown property is flood plain. This is of interest to those who intend to destroy flood plain areas elsewhere – requirement is for every acre destroyed, must substitute two acres elsewhere.

Nick – looking for support?

C – Yes – WF can't do it alone; need business plan – have retained someone who is experienced in putting such a package together. Will get back when better known.s

C – Will initially buy Brown property, but won't handle it like Carr property (ie breaking it up) – need alternatives. Probably won't be able to wait for Fed funds to 'do the deal'. Hopefully \$\$\$ from TCSP will come later.

Could it be leased?

? What is the current T-21 proposal in?

It is the second year of the TCSP around the scenic byway. It is in the amt. of \$1.2million.

Browns have several properties they are disposing of gradually. Travis & Ann Brown.

? Steve – how long will \$\$ be available? A – at least 2 years.

? What is plan re public involvement re uses of \$1 million (Terry)

A – as soon as know status of funds, will put together plan & then bring it out for public discussion.

C -Project in Charlottesville has been very successful bec. it did involve community – a model for W.

Thanked Cary.

Introduced Frank Kenesson to speak on PDR.

Frank –

Summary – mandate to preserve natural, historic, agricultural from fugture conversion to high density or commercial use.

Method – to buy right for development (like rights to purchase timber, etc.)

Other options remain open to owner.

July 99 board established to define. Finished 2000 JULY.

Created 7 member PDR board – recommend prices, selections.

Decisions on properties to be eased done by BOS. Board ais the technicians.

Screened 200 applications; winnowed to 20; recommended 9 to BOS>. Doesn't mean rest are ruled out; other applications are being sought.

Huge scoring system, complicated ranking.

Agriculture – soil, water, farming use viability

Natural – structures, wildlife, etc.

Adjacency to other eased properties.

Developability quotient.

Highest were appraised by independent brokers.

Property could receive higher rank if the asking price is significantly below

Average is 27% below appraised market value – has tax implications for owner.

Next round of purchases

Land on Appalachian trail

Property abutting Oatlands

660 acre tract adjoining an earlier purchase.

GW study – Loudoun is paving over 18 acres/day. Critical mass for agricultural land to be attractive – danger of loss of

Voted 7-2 to accept first 9 proposals; & to spend \$4.2 million of funds allocated to date.

1748 acres, potentially developable into 374 lots (See WP)

Subtracted

Entire property covered by easement, but haven't paid for unbuildable land, etc., just as developers wouldn't.

Constituents: RE values, appraisal values, etc.

Easements preserve current status permanently, while zoning is always temporary.

Some allow some building, but PDR determines placement & #s of buildings to be built.

Current status – BOS approved 1st 9; finalization over next few months. Addtl properties being considered & solicited. Can contact Frank if interested.
You can help by providing support & advocate funding sources. Help with bond initiative campaign, grants solicitation.
Pays for itself, **totally voluntary**. Opposed by less than 10% of respondents in recent survey.

?s & comments

Thanked Frank.

Gale Lowe

Mike Commins

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Crockett

Secretary,

Waterford Citizens' Association

Attendees: 31 + 4 officers.