

**Waterford Citizens Association
Minutes of the Business Meeting
which took place December 11, 2007 at the
John Wesley Church, Waterford, VA
7:30 PM**

OFFICERS PRESENT were Tom Edmonds, President; Ed Lehmann, Secretary; and Ken Dunne, Vice President

GENERAL ATTENDANCE was approximately 26 members of the Waterford Citizens Association

President, Tom Edmonds, took the chair and the Meeting proceeded to business with a call to order.

The minutes of the past meeting were approved.

Announcements

The WCA is looking for a fireworks committee member. Mary Hutton volunteered.

Nominating Committee

Bob Thompson, head of the Nominating Committee, reported that all of this year's officers will serve again for 2008. The officers were approved.

Status of Traffic Calming Effort

Road Improvements

- Road improvements: Mark Dennicore reported that 85% of the village owners are in favor of the traffic calming plan and have signed the petition required by Loudoun County Transportation. A draft resolution for the Loudoun Board of Supervisors to support this plan has been prepared. If the Board supports the plan, then Phase 1 will be implemented by VDOT.
- Fund raising: The WCA is looking for a volunteer to manage raising Federal and County monies to pay for Phase 2 and 3.
- Speed limits: VDOT is still considering the recommendation to make all of the village 20mph and 35mpg right outside the village.
- Landscaping: The WCA beautification committee is embarking on an ambitious plan to plant 100 trees over five years. Currently, April 5th, is set as a planting day. Fifty spots for new trees have been identified.
- Gateway signs: HDRC approved the gateway sign. A permit will be applied for from VDOT. Once the permit is granted, the signs can be made. The signs will cost \$1,500 each to create and install. The WCA is now looking for funding. The signs are covered by our insurance policy.

- SAFETEA-LU Grant: The grant for the repositioning of 1st Street (by the Mill) further away from the Mill is with VDOT. If all goes well, the project will be done during 2009.

Beautification

Nick Ratcliff discussed VDOT's right of way which is 30' from the center of the road. When trees are planted, the goal is to plant them in the no-man's-land.

From 1978, we have lost 36 trees of the 168 trees that were inventoried in 1978. From 1988, we have lost 30 street trees. Nick explained the process of removing any tree in the VDOT right-of-way. Before a tree can be cut, it has to be certified to be dying by the VDOT arborist and then both the WCA and Waterford Foundation have to approve the cutting.

Nick complained to VDOT about the tree trimming that was done this year although some of the work was mandated by the high voltage lines that require a 10' clearance.

Lynn Porter, a commercial tree grower, has offer the WCA as well as individual home owners the opportunity to purchase trees at a deep discount.

Treasurer report

The WCA lost \$1,000 this year. Some of this was due to one time July 4th expenses.

New Business

It was suggested that the WCA do more during the Christmas season.

Expand membership: It was proposed to have a WCA table at the Elementary School's back to school night.

The Waterford Foundation will be having an open meeting on uses for the Phillips Farm
Bob Thompson thanks the WCA for the \$300 in donated to the Waterford Cemetery.

Ed Lehmann
Secretary