

WCA Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2013

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Meeting called to order by President Ed Good @ 1930. 26 people in attendance, 2 officers

May 2013 meeting agenda provided to membership.

Motion made and passed to approve prior meeting minutes.

Local law enforcement officer, Victor Lopreto, present to discuss parking issues. Concerns regarding speed and cut throughs. Willing to work with us....we are all commuters of some sort. No intention of coming and writing tickets left and right. Discussion of parking laws with membership. Q&A with membership.
Committee Reports

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Nick Ratcliffe w/ Beautification:

Keep Loudoun Beautiful completed and successful. Nick attended watershed meetings with county....meeting to reduce runoff to Chesapeake Bay. Asking for support of WCA. Discussed plans with Ken Rosenfeld for reorientation of chair factory. Bill Hart to be active. Money requested for tree planting. Chris Shipe with Loudoun Mutual to contribute \$300. Asking for \$200 from WCA. Meeting and discussion with Ken Rosenfeld regarding the alteration of easements. Illegal to change easements due to change in profitability of property. Suggestion that WCA have own link to VDHR so that any changes to easements are reported to us and not relying on WF to report to us. Motion made that WCA write a letter to VDHR asking that WCA be advised of the alterations of any easement in the area of interest of the WCA around Waterford that is of concern to the historic district. Motion passed.

Cemetery Committee Report by Paul Rose:

1. During the winter Boy Scout Alex Greer and members of the Hamilton/Waterford troop removed old wire fence along the entire rear and side of the Waterford Union Cemetery, cleared all the brush from the fence line and constructed a new three board fence. All of this work was accomplished at no charge to the cemetery, paid in

full by the Scouts. Thank you to Virginia Friend and her farm manager, Randy Payton, for their cooperation in allowing the use of her property and for the disposal of the trees and brush. Cemetery Trustee Bob Thompson with Bronwen Souders and Linda Landreth assisting, coordinated the work. Thanks to all involved.

2. Last year we reported on the matching grant of \$5000 made by Mr. Forest Hough to initiate an endowment fund for the Waterford Cemetery. We are pleased to report that we have received all of that grant, and lack only \$1,000 from our donors to reach the \$10,000 goal. We agreed that the endowment would be named the Loudoun Rangers Memorial Endowment in honor of Mr. Hough's ancestor. These funds will form the beginning of an endowment to provide for the future maintenance of the cemetery. They can not be used for current expenses. The cemetery is still dependent on contributions from the community for current maintenance.
3. On November 24, 2012 the Cemetery Trustees made a formal complaint to the Loudoun County Office of the County Attorney concerning the apparent attempt to make Fairfax Street along the front of the cemetery impassible. The adjacent property owner has been using the road as a dump. The Trustees asked the County Attorney to enforce the historic right of way, and the original road from Leesburg to Waterford. The WF also sent a letter concurring in this request. When no acknowledgement or action was forthcoming from the County Attorney, the Trustees sent a follow up letter dated May 12, 2013. In that letter it was pointed out that Fairfax Street is not covered by the recent legislative actions guaranteeing the existence of streets and allies as it lies outside the old incorporated boundaries. Copies of both letters are being filed with this report. The Cemetery Committee urges the WCA to concur in this request to the County. Suggestion to contact Geary Higgins, County Supervisor.

Membership and Fundraising by Bob Bocek:

Annual mailing to Waterford zip code completed. 50 new residents added to our zip code. 1st effort for fundraising for the year. Ed Good will send email blast to previous membership. Continue throughout the year to raise funds.

Streets by Tom Edmonds:

Extensive discussion at beginning of meeting, no further comment.

Old Business:

1. Comcast Progress:

Comprehensive written report provided by Jonathan Anderson regarding Comcast updates from April 13 meeting. Comcast will happen in 2013 and will serve the village and the residents in the 3 neighboring developments. Comcast has been easy to deal with and are aware of the historic nature of the village and working to maintain the

integrity of it. Nick Ratcliffe commented that Waterford Telephone Company internet is also working great.

2. Waterford Alleys:

The alley legislation passed. The title will go first to the state, then to county. On July 1, the legislation will go into effect. County will not be proactive in the effort. If two adjacent land owners want to decide where the boundary is b/w their properties then they may do so and contact the County. There is nothing that states Waterford has to abandon the alleys, this will be up to the adjacent land owners.

3. Sewer rates:

Ed Good spoke with Loudoun Water. They are not going to pursue anything further regarding price increases due to uproar from WCA and community.

4. Vote to Amend Budget (\$600 for Beautification Committee and Planting of Trees; \$100 Cemetery) \$600 tree planting budget overlooked during initial budget. Motion made to amend the budget for Beautification and tree planting. Motion passed.

5. Question posed by Peter Thomas regarding the uneven sidewalk in front of his house. Who is responsible for fixing this? There was a conflict of opinion whether VDOT or property owner is responsible. Mr. Thomas suggested he add a piece of boardwalk to "fix" sidewalk. Is this possible? Or does it set precedent that everyone will want their sidewalk fixed? Where to go with this? Joe feels strongly that VDOT should be responsible for doing something. Is this covered in the bylaws? Would it help to go to neighbors to ask for contribution? Motion for community wide review board? What is the mechanism for this? Suggestion made that perhaps beautification committee meet on this and come up with formal proposal. No action to be taken on sidewalks until after July 1 when sidewalks become property of the state.

New business:

1. Election of nominating committee:

Elect 3 members of nominating committee to come up with a slate of officers and present this slate at 3rd meeting and vote on this slate. Sherry Satin, Kathy Caskie, and Stephanie Kenyon nominated to nominating committee. Motion made and approved to accept these candidates.

2. Revising the Bylaws to Reduce the Number of Committees:

Mr. Ratcliffe suggested melding beautification, preservation, and environment into one. Also, to combine membership and fundraising. Streets same, audit same. Do we need

a cemetery committee? Paul Rose commented that the committees were originally picked b/c thought it was important that each officer know what the association is interested in preserving, so they would see through the years as officers changed they would know what was important when the WCA was started. It would help preserve organizational memory. Mr. Rose made his point that to lose the ideas of what we went into business for is a real mistake. There are 10 standing committees in bylaws. No reason that the same person can't serve as multiple chairs to keep committees as they stand. Issues that there are new committees. President to appoint committee chairs.

3. Waterford Foundation offers fundraising opportunity: Food at Farms Tour
WCA graciously declined offer but will look at attendance and assess possible profitability for next year. WCA acknowledges that WF did make this opportunity available.

4. Fourth of July Activities:

Same fireworks provider as in years passed. Ann Belland to head up Bond Street and pre fireworks festivities. Wednesday fireworks, parade on Thursday.

5. Corner Store Open on Fridays and Saturdays with local products for sale. Please spread the word and come visit.

6. New Post Mistress at Post Office. She is looking to clean up the inside of the post office, she welcomes suggestions from the community.

7. New website: www.waterfordhistory.org Please check it out when you have a moment.

Next Meetings on September 12, December 5.

Motion to adjourn: Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Malone
WCA Secretary