

WCA Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2013

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Meeting called to order by President Ed Good @ 1932. unknown number of people in attendance, 4 officers

December 2013 meeting agenda provided to membership, along with current amended budget prepared by Treasurer Betsy Gibson.

Motion made and passed to approve prior meeting minutes as posted on WCA website.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Betsy Gibson, gave a final report on the profits from the BBQ stand at the Fair, \$3,023.62. There are also 2014 Membership forms on the snack table, please sign up and send in your membership dues.

Committee Reports:

Beautification: Nick Ratcliffe is out of town, Ed Good to present report later in meeting.

Cemetery: Paul Rose is out of town

Cooperative: Betsy Gibson reported no new content

Streets: Tom Edmonds and Officer Victor Lopreto have nothing new to report

Old Business:

1. Christmas in Waterford: At September meeting, WCA voted to join together with WF for "Xmas in Waterford" on 12/15 from 3-6pm. Flyers have been posted. Many details talked about, including children xmas shopping, and a visit from Santa Claus. This event is not just for Waterford residents, open to the community at large, the event is free. Bakers needed for the bake sale. Please contact Bonnie Getty if you are interested in baking.

2. Comcast update: Reported that Cable service will be ready by March 2014. The "make ready" has been happening, cables being laid, and telephone poles being prepped. There will be no burying of the wires in the Village. Comcast will likely contact everyone individually for "bundle" deals.

3. BBQ Booth update: Dave Parker reported an increased profit from 2012, with 2011 still ranking as best year to date. Would like to "jazz" up our marketing a bit to let people know we have a booth. Looking for volunteer to help us execute a new banner for the booth. Turning that over to new administration. Thank you to all the volunteers!

4. Chestnut tree project: Ed Good to give report for Nick Ratcliffe. Mr. Hunley invited to speak and give some history of the project. He started this project about 15 years ago over his concern of the lost Chestnut trees that were wiped out secondary to a Chinese blight in the 1950s. The new Chestnut is an American-Chinese hybrid called American Chestnut 1.0. Hoping to get these hybrids to reproduce. Mr. Hunley has 3 on his property now that are about 6 years old. WCA and WF acting jointly to plant 8 trees. Two memberships at \$300/piece are needed for this project. One set will be in Water Street meadow, one on Phillips Farm. The Foundation to monitor the trees every 2 years. Donations required for this project. Both Ed Good and Jeff Bean to sponsor. Anyone interested in donating to this project please note this on bottom of check. Beautification Committee has already planted 5 trees throughout the village. One more to be planted, most likely to go in front of Janet Jewell's house on Factory Street. Motion made to use excess Chestnut Tree Project \$ to be used for next year's planting. It is noted that there are ancillary costs to consider in maintaining the Chestnuts. It is uncertain if there will be extra, but would like to make provision in budget should extra money remain. Motion approved. Noted that this is a worthy cause, please contribute.

5. Alleys

Last night the state of VA deeded the title of the alleys to Loudoun County. If you want to abandon them, you must have agreement with anyone abutting the alley. There is paperwork to fill out. You can also keep it. County willing to work with us. Pete Thomas with question regarding emergency services access. Will they come to evaluate quality of alleys? Pete Thomas agreed to take the lead on contacting fire and police to assess access.

6. Announcement: This Sunday is the Jeff and Laura Sing-A-Long at the John Wesley Church with Maddie Mcneil at 4pm. Great event, please attend.

7. Pete Thomas with question regarding the status of the easement of the Schooley Mill property? Apparently, nothing is happening. Pete says head of VDHR has been replaced. WCA and WF had a joint meeting. It was a favorable meeting where they discussed moving "citizen input" from #12 on the list to #3. December meeting of WF will likely decide to move "citizen input" up on the list.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Tom Edmonds motions to do away with paper ballots b/c there is only one slate. Motion approved. New officers welcomed. Liz Hale, President. Annie Good, Vice President. Betsy Gibson, Treasurer. Caroline Malone, Secretary.

A hearty thank you to Ed Good and Dave Parker for your dedicated service to the WCA!

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm. Next meeting, January 23, 2014

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Malone
WCA Secretary