

WCA Meeting Minutes (Revised)

January 23, 2014

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Meeting called to order by President Liz Hale @ 1932.
4 Officers in attendance. Unknown number of attendees.

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from December 2013, Treasurer's Report, and January 2014 agenda. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Audit: Michelle Dunne to Chair. She reported audit results noting that the "books are clean, everything is in order." Motion made, seconded and approved to accept this report.

Environmental/Beautification: Nick Ratcliffe, to continue as Chair.

Cemetery: Paul Rose will continue to act as Chair, no updates, Paul Rose not present.

Cooperative: Betsy Gibson continues as Chair, summary given.

Fundraising: Edith Crockett has agreed to act as Chair. Discussion to raise annual dues tabled until next meeting.

Membership: Ed Lehman has agreed to act as Chair. Pete Thomas recommended instituting a two year membership. Motion made to change membership to 2 year. Decision made to table the discussion until next meeting. Pete Thomas and Ed Lehman to come back with a proposal.

Preservation: Laurie Goddin to act as Chair, proposed documenting historic houses and decorative details in the village. Please contact Laurie if you have any other ideas.

Special Events: Ann Belland to act as Chair. She will be assessing interest for Easter events.

Streets: Joe Keating volunteered to act as Chair.

Old Business:

1. **Christmas in Waterford:** Gail Hunt gave event summary. Discussion for next year to continue at Committee level.
2. **BBQ Booth:** Annie Good announced Mr. B's, our BBQ vendor, will not be coming back due to lack of profit. New vendor needed. Annie to put together new proposal. Proposal and options for next meeting.
3. **Chestnut Planting:** Nick Ratcliffe gave Environmental and Beautification report as well as American Chestnut and Tree Plantings report.

New Business:

1. **2014 Budget:** Betsy gave budget summary. Fireworks cost has been raised to \$5500, up from \$5000 last year.

Motion by JoEllen Keating:

“The cost of the fireworks needs to be self sustaining, separate funds must be raised in 2014 before 4th of July and earmarked specifically for the fireworks.”

Motion seconded and Motion carried. Fireworks suspended for the year of 2014.

Motion by Joe Keating:

“The 3rd (the 14th) budget item for the 4th of July celebration of \$7500 be approved.”

Motion seconded. Motion is not approved.

2014 budget to be amended for May meeting.

6/26/14 Minutes Revision of Fireworks Motions by Nick Ratcliffe:

“The minutes of the Jan meeting do not accurately record the actions taken on the vote to (to not) pay for the fireworks out of the operating budget in the future. Jo Ellen Keating moved that the WCA not pay for the fireworks out of the yearly budget. The motion was seconded and discussed. The question was raised "if someone gave the money would we accept it". Following that discussion, I offered an amendment to Jo Ellen's motion that if funds were given, the WCA would "put on the fireworks". Jo Ellen accepted my amendment and the package went to a vote. That package, main motion, with the amendment was voted up(approved). Subsequently(immediately) to that, Joe offered the opposite and counter motion to pay for the fireworks out of WCA budget funds. That second counter motion was not approved. The result was that we decided not to fund the fireworks in the future but would offer to put on the show, if funds were contributed. However the implication was and is, that those funds not be from the membership dues or fund raising by the WCA which normally supports the annual budget.”

3. **Waterford Area Management Plan:** Annie Good gave summary of WAMP that has not been updated since 1987. The WAMP is on County website. Membership in agreement that we would like more information. Contact Annie is interested in helping.
4. **Nominating committee:** This Committee must be in place for May15 meeting according to the Bylaws. We need 3 members to join this committee. Volunteers much appreciated.
5. **Officer Lopreto:** Any interest in a Neighborhood Watch program for Waterford, please contact Officer Lopreto.

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Malone, WCA Secretary