

Waterford Citizen's Association - Regular Meeting, 3rd Quarter 2016

The third quarter regular meeting of the Waterford Citizen's Association (WCA) was held Wednesday September 28, 2016, at 7:00 pm at the Old School. The meeting was chaired by Wendy Roseberry, WCA President. The meeting attendance list is noted below.

Agenda. The meeting Agenda was distributed and slight modifications made. Joe Keating made a motion to approve it as amended; the motion was seconded by Jo Ellen Keating, and the Agenda was approved.

New members. The Chair and meeting participants welcomed new WCA members John Beatty, Ruchi Parekh, and Matt Resnick.

Announcements.

- Sharyn Franck announced the sign-up sheet for the Waterford Fair BBQ stand was open and that volunteers are needed on all three days. She emphasized that the BBQ is the WCA's major revenue source, so a well-staffed and well-attended stand is important. Sharyn will put the sign-up list online.
- Ed Lehmann announced tickets for the Fair are now available; Waterford residents are entitled to free tickets, as are WCA members. Members should see Ed for their tickets.
- Kathleen Hughes announced that this year's Fair will feature a Hospitality Area for Waterford Foundation and WCA members. This will be located on the Second Floor of the Red Barn; members who do not have homes in the village in particular are encouraged to make use of it.

Previous meeting Minutes. Mary Sue Couser made a motion to approve the Minutes of the previous (May 26, 2016) WCA meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Jo Ellen Keating and the Minutes were approved.

Old Business

2017 Nominating Committee. The Chair introduced Kathleen Hughes, chair of the Nominating Committee for WCA Officers for 2017. She congratulated the 2016 Officers on the work done during the year, and announced that the Committee – also including Jill Beach and Judy Jackson – had sought and received confirmation that the 2016 Officers were each willing and available to form the slate for 2017. WCA membership was consulted for additional nominations on each post, and no other candidates were suggested. Kathleen Hughes moved to accept the slate of officers proposed by the 2017 Nominating Committee as follows: President – Wendy Roseberry; Vice President – Sharyn Franck; Secretary – Mary Sheehan; Treasurer – Edith

Crockett. Jo Ellen Keating seconded the motion and a WCA Officer Slate for 2017 was approved.

Election Officers. The Chair commended the 2016 Election Officers Meredith Imwalle and Neil Hughes for their service. She asked Meredith to serve again in 2017, and to recommend a second candidate. Meredith outlined the function of the Election Officer and recommended Skip Couser to serve this year. Skip Couser agreed to serve. Meredith Imwalle and Skip Couser were duly appointed 2017 Election Officers by the Chair.

Bylaws. The Chair recognized Meredith Imwalle who introduced a motion to amend the WCA Bylaws to allow for absentee voting for WCA Officers, as indicated in the document approved by the Bylaws Committee on May 26, 2016 (attached). Kathleen Hughes seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote with all voting in favor and the WCA Bylaws were duly amended.

Committee reports. Committee Chairs reported as follows (the Committees handouts made available at the meeting are attached).

- **Traffic.** Mary Sheehan, Chair of the Traffic Committee, provided an update on developments and distributed a note outlining the traffic reduction strategy (attached). The briefing covered the nature of the traffic challenge as a recognized residential cut-through problem; next steps in the County's planned study to measure traffic speed and volume and identify options for its management and reduction; Committee progress developing our own options and alternatives; and the main lines of the traffic reduction strategy. After discussion, she thanked those who have provided creative suggestions and noted the key next step was the County's installation of cameras to measure speed and volume patterns, followed by consultant evaluation. The Committee would coordinate closely with the County and VDOT on study implementation, and a special WCA meeting on traffic would be organized once findings available.
- **Preservation.** Meredith Imwalle, Chair of the Preservation Committee, presented an application to the County for a Historic Road Overlay District (attached). The goal of the Historic Road District would be to preserve Waterford's existing streets as an integral element of the village's historic nature; the District would protect the historic streets, ditches and fence-lines from potential efforts to modernize and/or modify streets. In discussion, it was clarified that the District was consistent with both our Preservation and Traffic strategies, and that it would be monitored through the HDRC; a matrix outlining the areas covered by the proposed District and by the HDRC was provided (also attached).
- **Beautification.** Paul Rose was introduced to speak for Nick Ratcliffe, Chair of the Beautification Committee. He reported on the findings of a specialist engineer who performed an analysis of pavement cores in the village which includes detailed analysis of the pavement by street, along with recommendations for upgrades (three options: simple repair; more substantive 20-year renovation; full-scale removal and re-paving). Drainage was flagged as the underlying concern, with village streets currently serving as the conduit

for water due to drainage ditches having historically been filled-in for parking. In discussion, several members flagged the acute nature of the drainage problem, as well as the off-street parking challenges in the village; it was also noted that a visit to Loyalty Rd., currently being re-paved, provides an illustration of paving/re-paving and the underlying road sub-surface. The next step is that VDOT will review recommendations and coordinate with the County; in the meantime, it was important that the WCA (Beautification and Traffic Committees) carefully evaluate findings and prepare to provide input to the County and VDOT in the context of their examination of options. This issue was cited as an example of how the Historic Road Overlay District could be helpful in providing historic standards against which suggested remediation could be gauged.

- **Cemetery.** The Chair again referred to Paul Rose, Cemetery Committee Chair, who provided background on access to the Union of Churches Cemetery via Fairfax St., which has for the last several years been hindered. He introduced a motion that the WCA join the Waterford Union of Churches Cemetery Trustees and the Waterford Foundation in petitioning the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors to recognize historic 30-ft wide Fairfax St. from High St. to Old Waterford Rd., and to ensure that it continues as an unrestricted right of way for all pedestrians, vehicular access to the Union of Churches Cemetery, and all other property owners along its length. After discussion Joe Keating moved to “call the question” and the motion was put to a vote, with 33 voting in favor, two against, and two abstentions.
- **Special Events.** The Chair introduced Sharyn Franck, Special Events Committee Chair, who announced the search for a Fundraising Chair for the 2017 Fireworks Campaign; ideally it would be someone with links to the elementary school PTO. Edith Crockett clarified that fireworks would continue to be managed as an off-regular-WCA budget expense item. The first payment to the fireworks contractor would be due in mid-March.
- **Budget.** The Chair introduced WCA Treasurer Edith Crockett, who reported on the 2016 financial picture. While the budget was currently balanced and slightly positive, she noted the need to optimize sales at the BBQ since this was the WCA’s major revenue source.
- **Income generation.** The Chair asked Meredith Imwalle to speak about developments on income generation. Meredith outlined the goal of the Committee to identify additional possible income sources for the WCA given its current reliance on Fair BBQ revenues and membership dues. Ed Lehmann asked why WCA own resources needed to be enhanced, and Meredith explained that this could be useful both to support WCA ongoing activities but also as counterpart funds for investment projects of community interest. She outlined the main near-term initiative of developing a Spring event and called for volunteers to join the Committee.

New Business.

- The Chair outlined a new proposal suggested by Karl Reidel that village residents consider grouped purchase of goods and/or services of shared interest. One example was roof repair or painting, where several residents could group the needed work and anticipate getting a more competitive rate from contractors. Another example was grouped village garbage collection, which could potentially reduce service cost as well disruption and noise of multiple service providers. Paul Rastas made a motion that a group purchase proposal be developed and brought to the next WCA meeting for discussion. Sharyn Franck seconded the motion and the topic will be placed on the agenda for the 4th Quarter meeting.

The 4th Quarter regular WCA meeting will be scheduled for some time after Thanksgiving.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

WCA members present: Jill Beach; Jeff Bean; John Beatty; Edith Crockett; Mary Sue Couser; Skip Couser; Betsy Chaudet; Roy Chaudet; Jonathan Daniel; David Douthett; Sharyn Franck; Betsy Gibson; Tim Glidden; Lori Goddin; Wells Goddin; Brian Harvey; Sarah Hollway; Kathleen Hughes; Joe Keating; Jo Ellen Keating; Meredith Imwalle; Bob Jackson; Judy Jackson; Linda Landreth; Ed Lehmann; Bill Mayer; Ruchi Parekh; Kathie Ratcliffe; Paul Rastas; Matt Resnick; Richard Rogers; Susan Rogers; Paul Rose; Wendy Roseberry; Mary Sheehan; Brian Whelan.

Mary Sheehan, Secretary, September 30, 2016