

WATERFORD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (WCA)
November 14, 2000

Minutes of the General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Behan at 7:35 p.m.

The minutes for the general meeting of August 8, 2000 were read by Secretary Kathleen Hughes and approved as read.

Barbecue Chair, Vice President Gregg Steussi, reported that this year's barbecue booth went very smoothly, with gross revenue at \$7,361.60, expenses at \$1,476.20, and profits at \$5,885.40. Last year's net profits were \$6,072. Gregg was able to get all the sodas and waters donated. He will make recommendations to the next chair.

President Jim Behan welcomed the new executive director of the Waterford Foundation, Eric Breitreutz.

Treasurer Bob Jackson reviewed the budget items and reported that \$13,680 was budgeted for expenses and \$13,604 has been spent to date. We are down \$2,200 in projected income, however, and he projects a loss for the year of \$700. Bob warned that because the fair comes during the second half of the fiscal year, and the July 4th festivities occur during the first half; we spend most of our money during the first half, and make it during the last. This is something to take into account when planning next year's budget.

Roads Committee Chair Ed Good reported that the T-21 Steering Committee had met with VDOT officials, including Jeff Southard, and with Catocin supervisor Sally Kurtz on September 13. The officials have recommended that Waterford apply for county matching funds to complete Phase I of the project – the Factory/Second St/Janney St. loop – at a cost of approximately \$95,000 for the engineering and environmental study, since no additional T-21 grant money was awarded to the project this year. Ed Good reiterated his contention that we need a large donor of to proceed with the entire project since we need to match 20 percent of the \$635,000 grants we have received in order to qualify for further funds, and we have not been able to do that. Virginia Power is enthusiastic. The committee will make contact with new federal officials in the senate and house. Eric Breitreutz said that the Waterford Foundation feels that if the county is not willing to support Phase 1 with the \$95,000 grant, then it would be difficult for us to pursue federal funding. There is a hearing before the Board of Supervisors' Transportation Committee on November 20 and the Secondary Roads Committee on December 6 to review the proposal. Nick Ratcliffe suggested that it may be time to reconsider the entire project if this grant is not forthcoming.

Land Use Committee Chair Kathleen Hughes reported that the newly named Catocin Conservation District Exploratory Committee has been meeting regularly since the August general meeting. She distributed the draft of the information flyer the committee has developed, adapted from the Middleburg district's flyer, with the addition of the

Catoctin district's goals and proposed jurisdictions. Susan Mularie presented the proposed areas for inclusion:

1. Between-the-Hills	\$ 49,325,810
2. Hamilton/Clarks Gap	\$154,714,620
3. Hillsboro	\$ 66,575,851
4. Lovettsville/North River	\$163,263,830
5. Paeonian Springs/Hamilton Station	\$ 61,655,108
6. Purcellville/Surround	\$179,094,400
7. Stumptown/Lucketts West	\$ 38,689,440
8. Taylorstown	\$ 90,458,058
9. Waterford	\$153,298,549
10. Wheatland/Morrisonville	\$130,405,128

Together these jurisdictions represent about \$1 billion in tax revenue, so that if the Catoctin district were to collect an additional 5-10 cents on \$100 of appraised value, it would mean between \$500,000 and \$1 million in annual revenue for purchase of development rights and open space in the proposed Catoctin Conservation District. The committee is now meeting with citizens associations and landowners in these jurisdictions with the goal of holding the required public hearing some time in the first three months of 2001 to be followed up with a petition. Anyone wishing to join this committee is urged to call Kathleen Hughes (540-882-3099) or Steve Rubin (540-882-4911).

Beautification Chair Jeff Bean reported that his committee is still working with arborist Pete Hart to develop a plan for Waterford's street trees.

Cemetery Chair Kevin Chadwick reported that all had run smoothly with the cemetery mowing this summer and that the Boy Scouts are set to mow again next year.

Ways & Means Co-chair Kathleen Hughes reported that 226 Waterford caps have been sold for a total of about \$2,800. We still need to sell about 15-20 more caps to break even and that they are available for Christmas gifts by calling her at 540-882-3099 or emailing her at khughes868@aol.com. With the sale of the remaining 270 caps, all proceeds will go to the WCA.

Eric Breitreutz thanked everyone who volunteered at the Waterford Fair and thanked the WCA for its continued support of the Foundation's Capital Campaign. He reported that the campaign is now concentrating on raising funds for the recent purchase of the 68 acres of the Carr property inside the Landmark. He requested that the WCA write a letter of support for the Waterford Foundation to the Virginia Land Trust for its efforts to save the rural landscape in purchasing the Carr property. Jim Behan agreed to write this letter after general approval of the meeting.

After committee reports, Jim Behan opened the meeting to old business. First on the agenda was approval of amendments to the WCA By-Laws as discussed at the August 8 meeting. These amendments were approved unanimously. Additional changes to the amendments as listed below have been suggested by the WCA board of directors. These will be voted upon at the next general meeting.

Directors' Proposed Changes to By-Laws Committee's Recommendations:

ARTICLE ONE, Section 1.a., Regular Members. Add paragraph:

“(5) Nonprofit Member – Any entity that has qualified as a tax-exempt organization under the revenue laws of the United States or of the Commonwealth of Virginia and whose headquarters or principal address is located in the Waterford Area, who notifies the Secretary of its desire to become a regular member, and who pays the dues assessed by the Association for a Nonprofit Member, shall be eligible for membership in the Association and to participate in all Association activities, and shall be entitled to one (1) vote.”

ARTICLE TWO, Section 4, Notice. Change first sentence to:

“Notice of the annual meeting and all regular meetings shall be given to all members in writing (i.e., e-mail, delivered or mailed flyer) no less than ten (10) days or more than thirty (30) days in advance.”

ARTICLE FOUR, Section 1.d., Treasurer. Change fourth and fifth sentences to:

“The Treasurer’s book at all reasonable times and at each meeting shall be open to inspection by the Board and the members. The Treasurer shall report in writing to the members at every regular meeting the condition of the Association’s finances, including all unpaid liabilities and conformity with the annual budget.”

ARTICLE FOUR, Section 3, Removal of Officers. Change last sentence to:

“A vote on removal of an officer may occur at any regular or special membership meeting by a two-thirds vote provided such proposed action has been included in the meeting notice.”

ARTICLE FIVE. Change the first sentence to:

“There shall be ten (10) standing committees of the Association, the chairperson of each shall be appointed by the President.”

These changes will be voted upon at the next general meeting.

Jim Behan reported that he had written a letter on behalf of the WCA to Sally Kurtz expressing the organization’s concern about the proposed light on Route 9 at the entrance

to Beacon Hill. Sally Kurtz said that she agrees that the Beacon Hill light is not necessary, but that there is no VDOT money to study the necessary new lights for Routes 704, 340, and 662. The light at Route 9 and Beacon Hill still has to be approved by VDOT.

Jim Behan expressed his concern about the speed limit on the curvy areas of Route 662 leading into Waterford, especially at night. Others were worried about the speed limit all along 662 from Route 9 to Stumptown. Jim said that the ultimate solution to traffic calming in Waterford is the already proposed Waterford By-Pass, approved in the 1995 Loudoun County Transportation Plan. There was much discussion about the dangers of such a By-pass in its encouragement of further development and threat to agriculture land around Waterford. It was moved and seconded that the WCA write a letter to VDOT and the County requesting the speed limit be reduced to 35 MPH on Route 662 between Route 9 and Waterford.

Ed Good offered a resolution supporting the Waterford Fair and its craftspeople as a vital contribution to the preservation of Waterford and suggesting that personal sale of goods by residents during the Fair threatens the continued success of the Fair and its craftspeople. Much discussion followed, generally supporting Ed's premise but questioning whether such a resolution fits the mission statement of the WCA. The motion was defeated.

Kurt Erickson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, offered the following slate of new officers to take office in January 2001:

President	Jim Behan
Vice President	Chet Gibson
Treasurer	Steve Rubin
Secretary	Edith Crockett

The slate was unanimously approved. President Jim Behan thanked outgoing officers Gregg Steussi, Bob Jackson and Kathleen Hughes for their excellent service to the WCA. He also thanked Judy Jackson and Connie Moore for refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Kathleen Hughes, Secretary