

**Waterford Citizens' Association
Minutes of the Business Meeting
6 November 2001**

President Jim Behan convened the business meeting at 7:40pm. The minutes of the August meeting, having been distributed previously, were approved as written.

Treasurer Steve Rubin distributed the YTD budget showing income and expenses. He reported that some expense items were still coming in, and that sales of the caps during the Waterford Homes & Craft Fair were still to be credited. Membership stood at over 200, thanks in large part to the membership drive, the response to Sandy Skyta's potluck supper and the production of the Directory. Barbecue expenses were below expectations, and revenue had exceeded projections. With respect to the budget for the coming year, it was expected that the \$250 budgeted for the CCDA (Catoctin Conservation District Assn.) would not be needed; however, the cost of the fireworks was expected to be higher than this year's. The amount budgeted for Beautification this year would probably not be used, and it was suggested that the funds be rolled over and added to an incremental amount in 2002. This year's youth funds were expected to be used largely for the Hoedown activities taking place on 9 November. Steve closed by saying that he expected the budget to be in good shape for the coming year. Jim thanked Steve for his report and for the excellent job he has done this year as Treasurer.

Jim Behan then introduced Sheriff Jim Gibson of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Gibson enumerated the various crimes that had occurred in recent months in the Waterford area. He identified several that had been solved, and provided information on outstanding warrants for other crimes. Details are provided in the *WCA Occasional Newsletter #4*, previously distributed to the membership; copies are available from the WCA secretary. President Behan thanked Sheriff Gibson on behalf of the WCA for a useful and informative discussion.

Committee Reports

BBQ: Ed Lehmann reported for Chet Gibson that 3400 sandwiches had been sold, in addition to the other offerings, resulting in record revenue for the BBQ. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. Jim Behan thanked Chet, Ed, and Greg Stuessi for their outstanding efforts.

Land Use: Chairwoman Kathleen Hughes reported that the issue of land use in Loudoun County still is in a state of flux. The Waterford area is expected to remain at its current designation of 20-acres minimum lots. Local farmers do not care for the cluster concept, and the issue of clustering has been tabled for a year. A ruling from Judge Chamblin was expected on Thursday, November 8, on groundwater suits against four developments. There will be a meeting of the CCDA on Tuesday, 13 November at the Old School at 7:30pm. Jim Behan thanked Kathleen for her report.

Fundraising: Chairman Bern reported that WCA caps were offered for sale at the Waterford Homes & Crafts fair and that year-to-date revenues showed \$1,000 in sales in 2001. Production costs of the caps have now been fully recovered and future sales will reflect a profit. President Behan thanked Bern and Bridget for their extraordinary efforts.

Beautification: Jeff Bean reported that the Committee had located a potential source for trees, which was being pursued by Nick Ratcliffe. A tree survey is underway to identify street trees needing replacement and areas for new plantings. It will be necessary to obtain permission of homeowners whose houses front on some of the proposed planting sites. Jeff recommended that, given the current

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drought advisory, plantings be delayed until spring. He suggested that funds allocated but not spent in 2001 be retained and added to the Beautification budget for 2002.

Streets: Paul Rose provided copies of a publication from the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, entitled "Easy Reference to Sustainable Landscape Management and Water Quality Protection. He noted that present drought conditions will affect area wells this spring, and suggested area residents not water lawns or wash cars to minimize the impact of the drought. In late summer, in response to earlier complaints, and in anticipation of possible injuries during the October fair, Paul had contacted VDOT concerning road holes and clogged roadside drainage ditches. VDOT took action a full month after the fair..

Water & Sewer: Paul Rose reported that an ad hoc committee combining the Streets and Water & Sewer committees has been established. A report will be presented at a future WCA meeting.

Youth Activities, In the absence of Ken Dunne, Edith Crockett asked for volunteers to help with the setup for the upcoming Hoedown at the Old School on Friday. A sheet was circulated for signups.

Old Business

Jim Behan reported that he had sent a letter of thanks to the Sheriff's Office for its response to our request for improved traffic monitoring.

Jim Behan asked that the membership approve amendments to the Articles of Incorporation to correct discrepancies between the Articles and the Bylaws. Specifically, there are now two classes of membership, Associate and Regular, versus a single class of membership in the old Articles. In addition, the Articles specified that the directors [officers and committee chairs] were to be elected by the membership. Jim requested that the Articles be changed to permit the President to appoint the directors. Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve these changes,

Paul Rose, reporting for the Nominating Committee, announced the 2002 slate of officers: Terry Arney, President; Charles Brock, Vice President; Edith Crockett, Secretary; and Steve Rubin, Treasurer. Motion was made, accepted, and passed unanimously to accept the report. President Behan asked for a call for nominations from the floor. There were none. Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to elect the proposed officers as presented.

New Business

Jim Gosses reported that there might be a possibility of bringing high speed internet access to the village, either by cable, or possibly 2-way satellite links. In response to a request for a show of hands, more than half the attendees expressed interest in pursuing this option. Bill Mularie suggested Waterford might be a demonstration site for fiber optics access, and stated that funds are available for a demonstration project. He noted that high-speed cable access might mean having yet another unburied cable to deal with. Jim Behan suggested the WCA explore both cable and fiber optic options. It was suggested that input from the community be sought.

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Beth Erickson expressed the appreciation of the Waterford PTO to the WCA for the efforts of all residents that resulted in very successful Halloween festivities. Jim Behan thanked the Waterford PTO for its excellent orchestration of the Halloween events.

Jim Behan raised the idea that the WCA break out street lights as a separate item and move forward on it in advance of burying wires. He noted that Bob Thompson had a plan that identified suitable lights. Because of the lateness of the hour, there was no further discussion on this issue.

Laura Shaw thanked Jim Behan for his two years of excellent service as president, to a rousing round of applause from the attendees.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Crockett
Secretary,
Waterford Citizens' Association