

## **Waterford Citizens' Association Meeting**

### **18 March 2010**

19:33 - The President Ann Belland called the meeting to order

Mark Denicore gave the Treasurer's report that included:

- distribution of approved budget copies
- discussion of the town lighting bills that the board would like to see eliminated. Denicore had spoken with a representative of the county who said he was "investigating" the situation and the possibility that the rural lighting program had been suspended years ago.
- we have found an alternate, and cheaper, vendor for the 4th of July fireworks. The company also does the Lovetteville and Purcellville display and would charge Waterford \$5000; less than our past vendor.

#### Committee Reports

- Co-Op: Working on volume discounts from vendors, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), contractor referrals, freecycling.
- Cemetery: The LVHS History Club will be volunteering at the Cemetery doing clean up and maintenance on 15 May with a rain date of 16 May (no time given). The committee asked for a donation of \$300 which is already in the annual budget.
- Streets: Denicore applied for a Federal Appropriation Request for the traffic calming initiative. Tree planting will take place on 8 May with a rain date of 9 May.
- Beautification: Read the minutes from the last years beautification committee meeting that included plans for the Village Green, shrub planting and Village clean up. Village cleanup will take place on 24 April at 10 am and begin at the Village Green.
- Special Events: The Easter Egg hunt will take place on 3 April at the park next to the insurance building.
- Preservation: In addition to the preservation of the physical in the Village, the Preservation Committee wants to improve the physical fabric of the community and provide assistance to new arrivals; it was also mentioned that a possible project/fundraiser could be the John Wesley Church.
- Fundraising: JoEllen Keating unveiled the elderberry fundraiser. Villagers can sell elderberry items that would result in a 100% profit for the WCA. Kent Mars provided background on the berries.
- Membership: absent

Todd Danielson from Loudoun Water gave a talk on the Waterford Water Treatment Plant and the impact our lifestyle has on our water quality.

President Belland announced that the WCA had asked the Waterford Foundation (WF) for some sort of relief from the full 10% of gross sales that are required for all non-profits that operate a booth at the Waterford Fair. Belland and Vice Pres Knipmeyer had several meetings with the WF requesting relief and the WCA board received the WF's response in the form of a letter. The WF declined the WCA's request, citing financial hardship and fairness to other non-profits.

Bonnie Getty asked to read the letter from the WF that was sent to the WCA board. The President of the WF asked that the letter be read to the WCA members. After the letter was read, Joe Keating stood up and raised issues with the letter. This opened a dialogue between the WCA and several WF representatives that are also WCA members.

2130 - Meeting adjourned