

## Waterford Citizens' Association Meeting Minutes for 9/12/2012

Meeting called to order @ 1930. WCA members welcomed.  
Number in attendance: 27 including officers

The member pages of the WCA website ([www.waterfordcitizens.org](http://www.waterfordcitizens.org)) can be accessed by:

username: wca  
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Meeting agenda provided along with a treasurer's report and a copy of the Resolution approved in regards to Milari Madison's nomination to the HDRC board.

Minutes approved as posted from May 17, 2012 meeting.

**Treasurer's report from Betsy Gibson:** We are ahead of our projected budget. This is due mostly to the fact that we came in underbudget for the 4th of July festivities despite total amount of donations being down. Keep Loudoun Beautiful made a very nice donation to the WCA and was much appreciated by its members. A thank you note was sent on behalf of the WCA by Betsy Gibson. The existing bank account for the WCA held at Bank of America was incurring monthly fees of \$25-\$30. This account was closed and a free checking account was opened there instead. No questions from the membership regarding the report.

### **Committee Reports:**

*Beautification from Nick Ratcliffe:* A couple of trees have been removed b/c they have been causing damage to properties during severe summer storms this year. There is a protocol in place with the highway department regarding trees on the public right of way. The highway department will inspect trees that an owner suspects could damage property. IF tree has potential to damage power lines, they will decide to trim or take tree down. Trees not in the right of way have been taken down by highway department, but this is at the owner's expense. As a community we need to be aware of what the highway department is doing, and be mindful that taking down too many trees may lead us to the eventual widening of the road.

Sherry Satin had a comment regarding tree care: There is a Mr. Matt Jenkins who has done tree work in the village for years and is a very reliable and trustworthy businessman. He is well liked and respected in this community. There is another tree man, Mr. Ronnie Jenkins, who has been in the village recently who has been lying to homeowners in order to secure new business by saying that he is Matt Jenkins' son. He isn't. He is not an honorable businessman and please be aware that of this.

*Cemetery:* Paul Rose's report read by Ed Good. No permanent damage done to cemetery or tombstones during severe storms this summer. Dominion Power is now to maintain their side of Fairfax Street. The endowment fund established by Mr Huff (??) has been matched. Hoping for 10 more \$100 donations, this would turn into \$2,000 more for the cemetery. Paul Rose is out of town, but Linda Landreth, treasurer for cemetery, will accept any further donations. Concern regarding upkeep of Fairfax Street. Joellen noted that it is impassable at parts. Disagreement on who owns this portion of the street. Homeowner adjacent to street has been filling it with debris. Fairfax St is a public way, it is identifiable, and its status has never changed. The homeowner doesn't own this and should not be dumping on it. Also noted that a large tree is down in the cemetery. Paul Rose has someone coming to remove it before the Fair.

*Cooperative:* Betsy Gibson encouraged everyone, especially new folks in town to take a look at the Cooperative portion of the WCA website. Good info here on CSAs, recommended contractors, farm stands, lending books on tape library hosted by Susan Rogers, and other good info on area.

*Environmental:* Nick Ratcliffe was happy to hear about the check donated from Keep Loudoun Beautiful. Thank you to all the volunteers.

*Membership:* Bob Bocek reported that we are ahead of our membership goals this year. Post office mailed out membership info to all the zip codes in Waterford. If you notice that someone has fallen off the membership list please encourage their renewed participation. Fundraising ideas in the works to help the WCA and the programs we sponsor such as chartering a boat in the Chesapeake. Questions regarding raffle tickets. What happened here? Who won? Can we cut the number down of tickets left to sell? There are around 200 left yet to sell. They can't be sold at the Fair. Motion made and approved to have a drawing for the raffle at next WCA meeting. In the meantime, tickets can still be purchased. Tickets are \$5/each or 5 for \$20. Some wonderful prizes available. Please see website for prize possibilities!

*Preservation:* Brown Morton had nothing to report

*Special Events:* Sharon Knipmeyer had nothing to report.

*Streets:* Tom Edmonds and others involved with the street committee have plans/ideas for street calming, but will need to wait until after the November elections to devote the time necessary. Coming soon!

## **Old Business**

1. Board of Directors Report: On June 25, 2012 a quorum of the WCA Board met and unanimously passed a resolution to oppose the Milari Madison nomination to the HDRC. The Board also appointed Ed Good to meet with Supervisor Geary Higgins and Walter Music, WF ED, which occurred and Geary Higgins assured that the Milari

Madison nomination would never come to pass. The County Board met behind the scenes and voted on a different candidate for the position. Ed Good reported to WCA membership all that had been done. Membership whole heartedly approved of actions.

2. Search for new Waterford Foundation ED. Ed Good reported on process to date. The position was advertised. 79 applications received. Narrowed down to 12. Now down to 2 excellent candidates. Recommendation will be made in October. Motion made and approved to organize social event to welcome the new ED at appropriate time.

3. SAFETEA-LU Grant: At a previous meeting a motion had been made to recommend a transfer of the grant money funds from the WCA to the Waterford Foundation in order to keep the money in the community since the WCA could not move forward with its intended project. Walter Music sent a letter noting that the transfer of funds to the WF had been granted. The WF is very grateful for the grant money and it will be applied immediately to the Old Mill project which needs stabilization work done right away. Perfect timing! Letter read by Ed Good.

#### **New Business:**

1. Nominating Committee report: Kathleen Hughes, Joe Keating, and Tom Edmonds formed the committee. They heard many "No's" from people they asked to serve on the board. All current serving officers were asked to serve again and they agreed. The slate consists of Ed Good for President, Dave Parker for VP, Betsy Gibson for Treasurer, and Caroline Malone for Secretary. Sentiment that we need to start earlier in the year looking for replacement officers and encourage younger members of community to get involved. Ann Belland volunteered to act as a welcome committee. Thank you, Ann. Floor opened up for any other nominations, none were identified.

2. BBQ Booth at the Fair: Dave Parker reported that Mike Brown from Mr. B's will be providing the BBQ again this year. The stand will be in the same location as last year. Volunteers needed to staff the booth. Nick Ratcliffe asked if the cut will be the same as last year. Answer was no. Split last year was 65/35, but due to increased prices this year the split will be 70/30. Price of plate will go up by \$1 this year to help balance out the difference.

3. Flag person needed! Who will be in charge of the flags hanging throughout the village? Person needed who can maintain them if something is wrong with them, put them up on Memorial Day weekend and take them down after Fair. Any volunteers?? No. Ed Good to round up a community volunteer. Discussion opened up if we should put flags up Memorial Day and take them down after the 4th of July? No resolution here.

4. Big welcome to the Balboni family, the Brandt family, and the Briggs Family! Thank you so much for your participation in the WCA! We look forward to working with you!

5. Christmas events: Ann Belland volunteered to organize Christmas events this year including the ornament decorating party for children and the Christmas caroling

event. Laura Shaw and Jeff Bean to host the dulcimer caroling event at the John Wesley Church.

6. Alleys: There is a recurring issue surrounding ownership of the alleys in Waterford. Geary Higgins said he would like to see a community wide action that would result in the official abandonment of the alleys. If neighbors could agree on where property line is , then courts would officially recognize this as private property and the alleys would then be privately owned. Maybe part of the deal would be to not increase property taxes. Although, property tax increase unlikely to be significant. Bigger issue would likely be to have a new deed and title to the property. Do we want to explore this? Jeff Bean wants to sit tight and explore options, he will spearhead this effort. Jeff to contact W. Music and Chris Shipe (??) regarding this matter.

7. Mimi Westervelt gave a report on the Bluebirds. They had a successful breeding season! Usually 23-25 bluebirds. This year we had 43 little bluebirds. Monitors needed from April through August. Need volunteers! Nick Ratcliffe reported gun shots heard last week on Phillips Farm. 6-8 shots heard. No one else heard them or had anything to report on this matter.

8. Volunteers needed at the Mill for the Fair! Please help out!

Next meeting: December 6th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27

Respectfully Submitted,  
Caroline Malone  
WCA Secretary