

Minutes for Approval
Waterford Citizen's Association - Regular Meeting, 3rd Quarter 2017

The third quarter regular meeting of the Waterford Citizen's Association (WCA) was held Wednesday September 28, 2017, 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. Joe Keating made a motion to approve it; the motion was seconded by Kathleen Hughes, and the Agenda was approved (attached).

New members and visitors. The Chair and meeting participants welcomed new WCA members Randy Staudinger and Fiona and Mark Sullivan.

Announcements. Kathie Ratcliffe read a statement of the Waterford Conservation Association LLC , announcing completion of the recording of an overlay easement through the Land Trust of Virginia on the existing VDHR easement for the Hague-Hough house (statement attached). This marks the first time an additional easement has been placed on a VDHR-eased property.

Old Business.

Nomination of 2018 Officers Slate. Meredith Imwalle, Preservation Chair and Election Officer, spoke on behalf of the 2018 Officers Nominating Committee (comprised of herself, Ann Belland, Ray Daffner and Tom Edmonds), announcing the Committee's slate: President - Christy Hertel; Vice President - Tim McGinn; Secretary - Richard Rogers; and Treasurer - Liz Hale. The Chair opened the floor for any additional nominations for each of the four Officer posts; no additional nominations were made. Neil Hughes made a motion to accept the Officers slate proposed by the Committee, Joellen Keating seconded it, and the slate was duly adopted. Elections will be held at the upcoming Fourth Quarter regular meeting.

Waterford Foundation. Wendy Roseberry spoke on behalf of the WF, noting that preparations were in full swing for the Waterford Fair October 6-7-8, 2017. She also provided a short update on the African American Heritage Day in Waterford held September 8, which was opened by Loudoun County Board Chair Phyllis Randall and attended by more than 150 people.

2017 Waterford Fair. The Chair also spoke about the WCA's food stalls for the fair. The previous BBQ provider has been replaced this year by Mike Johnson's 'Big Mike's BBQ', and the WCA will also take on an additional food stall this year for coffee and cake. The coffee stall will be next to the BBQ stand. Volunteers are needed and encouraged to sign up for either stall.

On the topic of the Fair, Kathleen Hughes announced the Preview Party for the Waterford Fair starting at 5:30pm on Thursday evening, October 5. This is an opportunity to preview the vendors' wares, and share food and drink, and is open to all village residents.

Budget. Edith Crockett, Treasurer, presented a summary of year-to-date budget implementation for 2017. She announced revenues were slightly higher than budgeted at this stage, and that the WCA had attracted 26 new members thus far in 2017. A motion was approved to include the budget on the website.

Traffic. Mary Sheehan, Chair of the Traffic Committee, provided an update on the traffic speed and volume study contracted by the County at the end of 2016 and completed in mid-2017. We have been informed by the County Department of Transportation and Capital Investment (DTCI) that study results indicate Waterford is eligible for the Virginia Control of Residential Cut-Through Program. The DTCI plans to take forward a proposal in the near term to the Board of Supervisors for Waterford's eligibility for the program. As part of the petition, the DTCI will need a petition of 75% of occupied residences in the historic district indicating concurrence that Waterford has a traffic cut-through problem and requesting VDOT to address the problem.

We are waiting for feedback on the study findings and timetable to begin the petition. Once we receive an update on the study (expected after October 2), the Traffic Committee will mobilize to prepare and collect signatures for the petition. Following the presentation to the BOS, the next steps will be working with consultants and VDOT to identify, discuss and plan for implementation of traffic reduction recommendations.

Beautification and Water Committees. Wendy Roseberry, President summarized the work that VDOT has achieved on drainage and paving in the village. Drainage plans should be accomplished by early December and the paving is completed. The water committee will begin meeting again after the Fair. Water shortages were again experienced this summer by several Waterford households.

Membership and Website Committees. Ed Lehmann, Chair of the Membership and Website Committee announced there were over 130 members of the WCA and reminded members to forward any reports to him for the website.

Previous meeting Minutes. Wendy Roseberry, President announced two changes to the minutes (inclusion of the name Tom Edmonds to Nominating Committee and replacing the name of Jonathan Daniel with Peter Jackson for the Swell Swale committee). Joe Keating made a motion to approve the Minutes of the 2nd Quarter WCA Regular Meetings (dated June 27, 2017) as amended. The motion was seconded by Jeff Bean and the 2nd Quarter 2017 Meeting Minutes were approved.

New Business. None

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

WCA members present: Ann Belland; Edith Crockett; Connie Eaton; Tom Hertel; Kathleen Hughes; Neil Hughes; Meredith Imwalle; Judy Jackson; Joe Keating; Joellen Keating; Ed Lehmann; Carole Levin; Tim McGinn; Kathie Ratcliffe; Richard Rogers; Paul Rose; Wendy

Roseberry; Mary Sheehan; Randy Staudinger; Fiona Sullivan; Mark Sullivan; Antonia Walker; Brian Whelan. Kim Partoll, Phill Pascall

Mary Sheehan, Secretary, September 29, 2017

**WCA Regular Meeting – Q3 2017 – Sept 27 2017
Draft Agenda**

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Opening	Wendy, Chair
Welcome new members	Mary, Secretary
Approval of Agenda (1 handout)	Mary, Secretary
Announcements	Members and guests
Police Enforcement Updates	Mathew Moats, Sheriff's Office
2018 WCA Officer Nominating Committee Slate*	Meredith, Chair
Waterford Foundation	Stephanie, WF Board President
Fair Preparations	Wendy
Budget Update	Edith, Treasurer
Traffic Reduction Committee	Mary, Secretary and Chair
Beautification & Water Committees	Wendy
Membership & Website Committee	Ed, Membership Chair
Approval of Q2 WCA Regular Meeting Minutes*	Mary
Old or New business?	WCA Members

*Current WCA Members only

Statement from the Waterford Conservation Associates, LLC

read by Kathie Ratcliffe at the WCA Regular 3rd Q meeting 2017

The Waterford Conservation Associates, LLC, a group who banded together to buy the Hague-Hough House almost two years ago to save it from being converted to a wedding event site and restaurant, have finally recorded an overlay easement on the property with the Land Trust of VA. The Hague-House and many of the homes in town and in the surrounding area have façade and open space easements with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, VDHR. However, that state agency is not concerned with anything beyond open space preservation and the architectural integrity of a property. Therefore, we turned to the Land Trust of Virginia for the overlay easement because that agency will allow restrictions on property usage in easements.

Waterford was threatened with a serious quality of life issue when it became apparent that changes in Loudoun are bringing an increasing number of wine tasting rooms and wedding event sites to its historic properties. Our group wanted to keep the peaceful ambience that we all enjoy in the town and prevent an even larger amount of traffic from crowding our streets.

The Hague Hough House is the first of VDHR's eased properties to have what is called an overlay placed on one of its eased properties. The process has taken two years because it set a precedent for that agency, and we had to spend an inordinate amount of time working out language that suited both the VA Dept of Historic Resources and the Land Trust of VA. It hasn't been an easy process, but we now can proudly announce success!! The overlay easement has been officially recorded with the county. Although the property is still on the market, we have achieved our primary goal--to ensure the continued preservation of all the things we value about Waterford as a National Historic Landmark.