

Waterford Citizens Association

Minutes of the 2nd Quarter 2018 Regular Meeting

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The second quarter regular meeting of the Waterford Citizens Association (WCA) was held Tuesday June 12, 2018 at the Old School. Social began at 6:30. Shortly after 7:00 pm, the meeting was called to order by Christy Hertel, WCA President, who chaired the meeting. A quorum was present.

Agenda. The Agenda (see attached) was distributed.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve the draft minutes for the 1st Quarter of 2018 as prepared by Richard Rogers, Secretary (attached to the notice for the meeting) was made and seconded. A voice vote was taken and was approved unanimously.

Review of Assets and Expenditures. Liz Hale, Treasurer of the WCA, reviewed the assets and expenditures of the WCA through June 11. It was reported that the WCA had collected enough funds for the July Fourth fireworks, but that this required use of nearly all excess contributions from 2017 to supplement 2018 contributions. Richard reported that membership (with dues payments) was down, and that he would be meeting with Ed Lehman, Membership Chair, to discuss the situation.

Committee and Event Updates.

Independence Day Celebrations. Ann Belland, Chair of the Fourth of July Committee, reported that the events were completely planned for July 3d and 4th, with fireworks and a community potluck supper on July 3d, and a parade followed by patriotic and community activities and a hot dog lunch on July 4th. Ann has put together a wonderful website with a calendar of activities and a volunteer signup sheet. Many volunteers are still needed. Betsy Gibson discussed the cake walk (one of the July 4 activities) and the need for cakes. The officers thanked Ann for her hard work on the website and for planning and managing the events and again asked for volunteers.

Traffic. Sharyn Franck, Member of the Traffic Committee, discussed the latest developments relating to the "cut through traffic report". After a long wait (and a FOIA request), the County shared the report on the cut through status of Waterford. The good news is that the final report (which may actually be an ongoing work) concludes that Waterford has a cut through problem and qualifies for the Commonwealth's "cut through" designation. This qualifies the Village for certain traffic mitigation programs and funding at the state and county levels. However, when Sharyn and other members of the Traffic committee (Mary Sheehan, Meredith Imwalle, and Wendy Rosenberg) reviewed the report with the County traffic planners on May 30, there did not appear to be any definite ideas of how to mitigate the commuter traffic. Discussion in the report

included construction of circles at either end of the Village; no through restrictions on trucks; etc. An issue is that this is the first “cut through” designation in Loudoun County, and the County does not have examples of previous mitigation activities. There is a concern that the County may be less interested in protecting the historical assets of the Village than in “how to move the traffic more efficiently”, and that a goal of the Village residents might be to remind the County of the value that Waterford’s historical assets bring to the County. Sharyn reported that a late June meeting is planned with the committee once Meredith returns from vacation. Any request to the County for mitigation will likely require a Village-wide petition. A Village-wide meeting will be proposed for sometime in July.

Sharyn also reported that construction of a circle at the intersection of Routes 9 and 287 is back on the County’s road building agenda.

Cemetery Committee. Paul Rose, Chair of the Cemetery Committee, was glad to report that individual contributions of \$405 were made this year for the Cemetery. He reported that the cemetery needs significant tree work, and that some stones were down and needed assessment for repair.

Waterford Fair. Christy discussed WCA plans for the Waterford Fair. WCA will have the barbeque stand again; Tim McGinn, Vice President is taking the lead in making arrangements with the vendor. Christy discussed and promoted the Coffee and Cake stand, which could make a “ton of money”. Further details of the Coffee and Cake stand, including requests for homemade coffee cakes, will be forthcoming.

Beautification, Nick Ratcliffe, Chair of the Beautification Committee, reported on the many activities of the Committee, including:

- Request for volunteers to take an audit of old trees, in case the Village needs to make a request to VDOT for pruning or removal
- Plantings (with the Waterford Foundation) and work on the Village Green
- Clearing of drainage ditches by VDOT. Nick pointed out the need for further work near the Old Mill and Clover Hill - water pooling after rains.
- Trash pickup of the roads leading to Waterford - hundreds of pounds of trash picked up over the last few years.
- Chestnut trees. New plantings were made using special funds designated for planting and maintenance.

Nick commended the members of the Committee and those who helped on various projects, including Skip Couser, Jeff Bean, and Welles and Laurie Goddin.

Updates and Announcements.

● **Waterford Foundation.** Stephanie Thompson, President of the Waterford Foundation, reviewed recent and upcoming activities of the Foundation:

- The Photo exhibit at the Fair will be open for submissions soon.
- The next craft school session is July 7-8
- The 5K run was very successful
- The Foundation is looking for a Volunteer Coordinator
- On June 22, the Foundation will have a Happy Hour with the Village, beginning at 5:30.

● Jeff Bean reported an event on homeopathic health treatments to be presented by Laura Bean at the Catoctin Presbyterian Church.

● A reminder that Janet Jewell's funeral service would be held on June 23 at the Catoctin Presbyterian Church.

● Welles suggested that we invite the Sheriff's Deputy to a our next meeting for questions and public safety discussion. The officers said they would look into it.

Close

There being no further business, Christy made a motion to close, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

Richard Rogers, Secretary

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