

Minutes
Waterford Citizen's Association
Regular Meeting, 2nd Quarter 2021

The second quarter 2021 Regular Meeting of the Waterford Citizen's Association (WCA) was held Thursday June 24, 2021, at 7:00 pm via the Zoom online platform. The meeting was chaired by Ray Daffner, WCA President. The list of meeting attendees is recorded at the end of these Minutes.

Agenda. The draft meeting Agenda (Attachment I) was distributed to membership in the invitation email.

Previous meeting Minutes. Jonathan Daniel made a motion to approve the [March 2021 Minutes](#) of the Q1 regular WCA meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ed Lehmann and the Q1 2021 Minutes were approved.

New members and visitors. There were no new members present.

Announcements. Ray explained given pandemic constraints this had been planned as a Zoom meeting, but noted several members would like to have had an in-person meeting. Seeking to clarify whether members wished to have the meeting in the planned format, he made a motion to continue the meeting on Zoom according to the proposed agenda. Mary Sheehan seconded the motion, and the membership voted in favor (with two members voting against).

In response to a question from Nick Ratcliffe regarding WCA members present, Mary, Ed Lehmann and Cate Magennis Wyatt contributed to a point of order explaining that the Bylaws set the quorum at 15 WCA members; and that at the time of vote, twenty-five parties were connected to Zoom (several with household memberships, i.e., two votes); and two members were connected by telephone. Thus, a WCA member quorum was assured.

Agenda Items:

July Fourth. Ann Belland noted Fourth of July flyers had been distributed and information was posted on the WCA website (bring-your-own picnic on Saturday July 3 at the Tanyard with a band, to be followed by fireworks on the Water Street Meadow). Ann noted that she had a great group of volunteers and was happy for others to contact her (number on the flyers).

Cate proposed a vote of united and sincere appreciation for Ann's dedicated work to bring Waterford's Fourth of July to life with music, food, entertainment and fireworks each year; this was seconded by Richard and unanimously supported by members.

Waterford Vision and 2040 Plan. Mary, Cate and Mike Stup summarized the Ad Hoc Governance Committee’s work on next steps for a Waterford 2040 Vision and Community Plan (development of which was approved at the Q1 regular meeting in March). Stephanie Kenyon and Julia Thompson had joined the group, with Stephanie backstopping Cate as lead and Julia keeping team operations on track. Mary shared a slide of next steps (Box 1) noting the main meeting goal was to seek endorsement by the membership to go forward with an initial participatory vision-development process (first column in Box 1) with the help of a professional facilitator. Cate noted this would be through one or several community-driven sessions and identified a number of potential facilitators being considered.

Box 1

Waterford 2040			
High-level timeline for visioning and community plan development			
	Phase I <i>Vision*</i>	Phase II <i>High-level design</i>	Phase III <i>Detailed design</i>
Timeline	3 months July – September 2021	3 months October – December 2021	6 months January – June 2022
Objectives	Gather input from village residents and key stakeholders Align on overall vision through facilitated workshops Determine operating model	Align on high-level design for each line of effort Understand stakeholder landscape	Develop detailed design Engage key stakeholders Draft community plan and implementation strategy
Deliverables	Vision for Waterford 2040 Overall design principles Scope of effort	Vision statement for each line of effort High-level design for each area Stakeholder map and engagement strategy	Detailed design for each line of effort Waterford 2040 Community Plan Implementation strategy and timeline
Participants	Village residents/WCA members WCA Committees Representatives of Waterford Foundation Outside expert facilitator	Village residents/WCA members WCA Committees Representatives from Waterford Foundation Outside expert facilitator Key public sector entities (e.g., VDOT, DCTI) Key private sector entities (e.g., Dominion Energy, Loudoun Water, Verizon, Comcast)	Village residents/WCA members WCA Committees Representatives from Waterford Foundation Outside expert facilitator Key public sector entities (e.g., VDOT, DCTI) Key private sector entities (e.g., Dominion Energy, Loudoun Water, Verizon, Comcast)

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*WCA membership voted to initiate Waterford 2040 vision Mar 2021; Ad Hoc Gov. Committee informal discussions with residents, WCA Board & WF partners, Apr-Jun 2021

Peter Thomas asked how such a plan could empower Waterford to have more weight in interface with the County and others. Cate responded this was the case, and gave the example of Hillsboro’s comprehensive unified project that achieved its infrastructure goals while maintaining its historic charm and integrity – i.e., “they got what they wanted.” Jeff agreed that Hillsboro’s integrated project was a successful model for Waterford; we could do it too. On the other hand, Nick and Kathie Ratcliffe and several others noted caution regarding Hillsboro’s project, since their traffic is more significant and their design choices were not necessarily appropriate for Waterford. Cate responded that she intended Hillsboro as a model of procedurally how to achieve a unified project, rather than what aesthetically would be appropriate for Waterford; a point that was endorsed by Linda Landreth and others.

Nick noted he was in favor of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee’s report on a Vision and Plan, but felt the membership was “being left out.” Christy Hertel also asked how the team would ensure others in the village and surrounding area were engaged; she supported the effort but wished to see the largest number possible of residents engaged.

Linda emphasized outreach to the community was critical, including hard copy printed material and in-person interactive meetings. Richard noted he agreed with the idea of community meetings, but asked for greater specificity on next steps and the schedule for developing the Vision and 2040 Plan.

Mary and Cate explained that the goal for the moment was to initiate the process by beginning preparatory work with the community and through the WCA Committees, and seek outside funding if possible for the facilitator; the initial visioning phase would be designed to outline a timetable of meetings, and identify priorities.

Sue Manch, who has helped lead visioning exercises, added a final thought that in her experience “visioning works.” She noted in fact the opportunities for upside potential, in particular often great ideas emerge that people hadn’t previously thought of.

Mary made a motion to approve carrying out the first Vision phase of Waterford 2040, facilitated by an outside expert. Christy seconded the motion, and it passed by a large majority (three members voted against). Ray thanked membership for both the great ideas and the important concerns expressed.

Traffic. Sharyn Franck, Chair of the Traffic Committee, provided a brief update on several recent developments. She reminded members of the public meeting on the Traffic Calming study, and shared results of the community traffic survey (Box 2). All questions received approval of over 50% of respondents, with the highest share of votes (71% in favor) for chokers and/or other physical structures at the entryways to the village. She clarified that the Traffic Committee had proposed to the County that the three village entryway treatments would be one choker combined with a speed hump or table. This was important because one (or two) choker(s) only will not resolve the problem, whereas combining a choker with a speed hump would reduce speed and potentially volume.

Box 2

WCA Community Meeting May 25, 2021 Attendee Poll Suggestions to VDOT	# Responses Received (% of total) 45 total respondents
Choker, chicane or splitter at each of the 3 entrances to the village COMBINED with a speed hump or speed table nearby	32 (71%)
3-way stop at Old Wheatland Rd. at Clover Hill	28 (62%)
3-way stop at Loyalty Rd. and Old Wheatland Rd.	25 (56%)
30mph zone outside the village extended to include more of Clarkes Gap Rd. ending near the Greystone/community pool	28 (62%)
Change to a 3-way stop at Clarkes Gap Rd. and Factory St. (there is currently only a 2-way stop at this intersection)	25 (56%)
Restriction of rush hour traffic through the Village, such as restricted turning at Old Wheatland and Milltown Roads	29 (64%)

But in tandem Sharyn also announced that DTCL staff proposed to recommend doing nothing for Waterford's traffic situation at the upcoming BOS meeting where the Traffic Calming Study would be discussed (now planned for July 21). DTCL preferred a wait and see approach to monitor outcomes after planned construction of the route 287-9 roundabout and route 15 widening (which will take at least four to five years). County staff also admitted that even if chokers and speed humps were approved in July, Waterford's project would be at the end of a queue and funding to implement them would only be available in five years. This was exceptionally disappointing, after six years of concerted village effort; particularly since County consultant data suggest that after the 287-9 roundabout is complete, Waterford will still be an attractive cut-through route to north Loudoun and Maryland. Sharyn emphasized our goal is now to obtain in-person meetings with Supervisors, to make the point that waiting will only make matters worse; that we have made concrete near-term suggestions; and that our BOS-endorsed traffic management plan should be respected. We may need residents and WCA members to speak at the July 21 BOS, and she will be in touch. All those interested please send any comments to Sharyn.

Water. Mark Sullivan, Chair of the Ad Hoc Water Committee, provided an update on data gathering for the water feasibility study, noting water flow testing had been completed for numerous wells, and that the County intends to continue further well measuring and testing. The expectation was by the end of the summer there could be a community-focused in person-session on the study. Mike provided additional details on the well testing, noting 62 wells had been tested for the study including all of the 20 wells tested in the 2006 study (providing helpful comparative data over time). He explained the well quantity testing was to gauge cones of depression, or low water levels that were difficult to recharge. Nick added his encouragement for residents to test wells, emphasizing the goal to identify where Waterford is mining water unsustainably (due to slow recharge) and where use is sustainable. Cate added that well quality could also be tested, which Mike and Mark confirmed was a separate set of measures not included in the County-sponsored feasibility study but which could be done inexpensively through the extension program. Interested parties should contact Mark and/or Mike for additional information.

Waterford Foundation. Stephanie Thompson, Executive Director of the Waterford Foundation, provided an update on the planned in-person **Waterford Fair**, October 1, 2 and 3. There will be a Fair kick-off social event at the John Wesley Church August 20, where news and volunteer opportunities would be shared with the community. The Foundation is also looking for residents willing to provide home-stays for artisans. Stephanie clarified that the historic home tour this year will focus on gardens (rather than interiors of homes). She also noted plans were on track for an in-person 5th **Waterford Trail Run** September 11, with both 5K and 10K runs. Any businesses interested in sponsoring should talk to Stephanie. Registration for runners opens July 10.

WCA Fair booth. Jill Kadish provided an update; while she is still talking with vendors she confirmed that the WCA booth would sell BBQ, and will be co-sponsoring at the Friday evening social party. She will be looking for volunteers (and may need more than in previous years; but

that's not sure yet). She will send a sign-up sheet closer to the time. Jill clarified that all food, beer and wine (including the WCA BBQ booth) will be at the Old School this year.

Bylaws. Ray introduced the topic by explaining that as agreed in the Q1 2021 regular meeting, we would be considering a proposal to amend the Bylaws. He noted that any vote to so amend the Bylaws required a two-thirds majority of members present. In response to some members requesting a postponement of voting on the Bylaws changes, he explained the WCA Board had discussed (at its July 11 meeting) and endorsed going forward with a Bylaws vote at the membership meeting. However, because the WCA is a member-led organization, Ray made a motion to discuss the proposed Bylaws changes to determine if membership wished to consider this topic. Jonathan seconded the motion.

Richard stated his preference for postponing discussion of the Bylaws and delaying any vote on amendments since in his view there was no reason to change the Bylaws now; he preferred to see all proposed changes discussed and incorporated into the rewrite at once (including changes to the Nominating Committee and Officer election process that he had suggested). Linda added she had not previously heard about changes in Committee Chair terms, and wanted to know when changes were advertised to the membership. Ray clarified that the proposed changes to the Bylaws were discussed at the Q1 meeting, a redline draft with changes marked was posted to the website in early April and a public comment period opened at that time, a community meeting was held May 10, and a final document posted to the website. Emails had been sent announcing these steps. Ann supported Richard's view, and felt it was difficult to keep up with the changes with Covid-related non-in-person meetings.

Peter noted the view that good governance was essential and highlighted in particular Cate's experience with nonprofit governance, and felt the proposed changes would make the WCA more democratic. He did not feel there were problems with the Bylaws, but thought the suggested changes made them better, and was very much in support of discussing the topic. Jonathan felt there had been plenty of notice given for changes, email communication and a public workshop and felt this was a good time to discuss Bylaws changes. Christy agreed with Jonathan's point.

A vote was held on the motion whether to discuss the proposed Bylaws changes, and the membership voted by majority (19 of 27) to hold the Bylaws discussion and related motion for proposed changes.

Noting that best practice for nonprofits entailed assessing appropriateness of Bylaws every five or ten years, Mary introduced the Ad Hoc Governance Committee's recommendations to make Bylaws more democratic and transparent. As noted by the Chair, these involved: (1) near-term changes and (2) more complex issues tabled for later consideration. She shared a slide (Box 3) outlining the four sets of proposed near-term changes, as well as the specific wording changes, and a slide on the longer-term issues (Attachment 2). The near-term issues were aimed at adjusting to current realities (e.g., incorporating the Landmark; enabling online voting); and

making us more democratic and transparent (strengthening the role of Officers and reducing the role of the President).

Box 3

Proposed modifications to current Bylaws

- 1. NHL (Preamble).** Adding reference to Landmark
- 2. Voting (Article 2).** Enabling online voting if needed
- 3. Officers & Board (Article 4).** Increasing Officer terms (to 2 years), enlarging Board quorum, Officers to act in between member meetings, adding ex-officio representative from WF
- 4. Committees (Article 5).** Chairs appointed by Officers, for 2-year term (renewable twice, total 6 years), slight changes to 3 Committee titles

Cate added that the proposed near-term Bylaws changes were straight-forward and designed to make us stronger. The longer-term issues were big picture questions that should be answered by the 2040 process. Mike added the Committee had considered a number of these larger governance related big-picture questions, and encouraged Richard – who has agreed to join the 2040 committee – to add his very valid concerns the list of longer-term Bylaws issues.

Mary made a motion to approve the package of four Bylaws changes as proposed by the Ad Hoc Governance Committee. The motion was seconded by Christy. In discussion of the motion Ray suggested specific amendments could be considered.

Nick asked about how Officers would act between meetings, and suggested this should be only in urgent circumstances. Ray explained the proposed new text is the exact text in the Bylaws, simply substituting “Officers” for “Board.”

Jeff and Ann suggested reconsidering limits to Committee Chair successive terms. Cate responded by explaining the importance of succession planning; that in developing policies and procedures for the Board, the Ad Hoc Governance Committee recommended every Standing Committee should have a vice chair and someone to take notes (these are proposed to be developed in formal WCA Board Policies and Procedures). Term limits were there to ensure there is a second in command.

Richard proposed a series of amendments to maintain the current Officer term of one year, to install a two-term limit on Officers, and not to substitute “Officers” for “Board” in acting if

necessary in between member meetings. Nick agreed with the idea of vice chairs, and suggested an amendment to the motion that Officers act in between meetings but only “when absolutely necessary,” or “when urgent.”

While agreeing that there was justification for further defining when parties should act between regular meetings, Mary respectfully felt the suggested amendments were not responsive to the Committee’s recommendations, and the motion was not modified.

A vote of the membership was held on the motion as originally proposed, and it passed with 70% of the vote.

Nominating Committee. Ray announced proposed names of the Nominating Committee as Jonathan Daniel, Christy Hertel and Stephanie Kenyon. He further solicited any suggestions from the floor. Ann Belland suggested Skip Couser, who respectfully declined. The Nominating Committee was duly approved, and the Chair requested the Committee send an email to the membership to solicit input.

Q3 WCA meeting. Ray asked for input on whether to hold the Q3 meeting in person, by Zoom or using a hybrid. His suggestion was that we continue to follow Loudoun County BOS, Loudoun and Virginia health department protocols. Cate seconded the motion. Christy suggested we consider the hybrid model for Q3. Ray requested \$500 from the budget to allow for IT upgrades for hybrid meetings. Nick seconded the motion and the funding was approved. The format for the Q3 meeting would be announced prior to the meeting, and would depend on these factors.

Other Committee Reports:

Given the advanced hour, the Chair requested that remaining Committee reports be provided in writing as part of these Minutes. These are provided as Attachment 3.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

WCA members present: Jeff Bean; Ann Belland; Ron Benschoter; Kay Chewing; Skip Couser; Ray Daffner; Jonathan Daniel; Michelle Dunne; Sharyn Franck; Christy Hertel; Sarah Holway; Jamie Hutton; Glenn Jessee; Jill Kadish; Stephanie Kenyon; Linda Landreth; Ed Lehmann; Sue Manch; Cate Magennis Wyatt; Kathie Ratcliffe; Nick Ratcliffe; Richard Rogers; Mary Sheehan; Mike Stup; Mark Sullivan; Mark Sutton; Peter Thomas; Stephanie Thompson; Miriam Westervelt

Submitted by Mary Sheehan,
Secretary
June 30, 2021

Attachment 1
WCA 2nd Quarter Regular Meeting (June 24, 2021)
Agenda

- Approval of [March 2021 Minutes](#)
- Discussion and vote on next steps for [Waterford Vision 2040 Plan](#)
- Traffic Study next steps (see the [web page](#))
- Water Study update
- Discussion and vote on proposed [Bylaws Change Document](#)
- Waterford Foundation update
- Waterford Fair update
- Committee Updates: 4th of July, Water, Beautification, Membership, Preservation
- Vote on 2021 Nominating Committee
- Q3 Meeting protocol
- Treasurer's Report

Attachment 2 Proposed Near-Term Bylaws Changes And Longer-Term Topics for Discussion

Proposed Bylaws changes (1)

Bylaws Section	Current Bylaws text	Proposed revised text
PREAMBLE ⇒ <i>Written first in 1954, Preamble makes no reference to NHL (est'd in 1970) – shall we update this?</i>	"The residents of the Waterford Area, in order to foster community action, to further the common good and general welfare of the community, to secure improvements, and to maintain the Waterford Area as a desirable and attractive community in which to live..."	"The residents of the Waterford Area, in order to foster community action... to secure improvements, to preserve its unique history as a National Historic Landmark, and... "
ARTICLE TWO Section 2 - Voting ⇒ <i>Shall we add arrangements for voting online in pandemic or other emergencies?</i>	Absentee ballot vote for Officers slate is the only alternative voting arrangement to in-person voting at a regular meeting currently allowed in the Bylaws. Original text as shown in next column, minus the added red highlighted text.	(a) Voting arrangements. Each Regular Member in good standing shall be eligible to vote ... at any membership meeting at which such Regular Member is present. "Being "present" is defined as: being in physical attendance, if an in-person meeting; or connected to the applicable internet platform, if an online meeting. Members will have the option of applying to vote by absentee ballot (as described in Section (b) below) at the annual election of Officers only. Members will have the option of voting online (as described in Section (c) below) at the annual election of Officers, under specific circumstances. "(c) Online Voting. If the annual vote for Officers is conducted during a meeting using an internet meeting platform, the Election Officers will conduct the online voting."
ARTICLE FOUR Section 1 – Officers ⇒ <i>Shall we grant Officers a longer mandate and designate to Officers to act between member meeting?</i>	Officers... "shall hold office for a one (1) year term" [The Board shall be empowered to act for the Association between meetings. All actions of the Board shall be reported ...	Officers... "shall hold office for a two (2) year term" ... The Officers shall be empowered to act for the Association between meetings. All actions of the Officers shall be reported...

Proposed Bylaws changes (2)

ARTICLE FOUR Section 4. Board ⇒ <i>Shall we broaden the quorum for Board?</i> ⇒ <i>Shall we create ex-officio members to institutionalize coordination between WCA and WF?</i>	"A quorum of the Board shall consist of five or more members of the Board and must include the President and at least one other Officer." Clause (c) does not exist in current Bylaws	"(b) Quorum. A quorum of the Board shall consist of seven or more members of the Board and must include the President and at least two other Officers. " "(c) Ex-Officio members. The Board may include non-voting ex-officio members, designated by the duly-elected Officers. Among these, the Board shall include as non-voting ex-officio member one designated representative of the Waterford Foundation Executive Board. "
ARTICLE FIVE Section 1. Committees ⇒ <i>Shall we revise Committee titles (see list)?</i> ⇒ <i>Shall we have Standing Committees appointed by Officer (rather than President)?</i> ⇒ <i>Shall we limit Standing Committee Chair terms to two years, renewable for two additional terms?</i>	"There shall be ten (10) standing committees of the Association, the chairperson of each shall be appointed by the President." Current Committee list • Cooperative • Environment • Streets	"There shall be ten (10) standing committees of the Association, as indicated below, and the chairperson of each shall be appointed by the duly-elected Officers, on the basis of recommendations to the President. Standing Committee Chairs shall be appointed for a two (2) year term, renewable for up to two additional consecutive two (2) year terms. " Proposed Committee list: • Infrastructure • Environment and Water • Traffic and Streets

Topics for discussion with Waterford 2040

- 1. Membership & Area (Article 1).** Further developing “Associate” member, distinguishing Waterford Area and project areas, enhance member participation
- 2. Dues (Article 3).** Regular annual review, consider increase
- 3. Officers & Board (Article 4).** Developing WCA Policies and Procedures, linked to Bylaws, better define Board role
- 4. Nominating Committee (Article 4).** Reforms to Officer election process
- 5. Committees (Article 5).** More formal review of 10 Standing Committees

**Attachment 3
Additional Committee Reports**

**Attachment 3A
Beautification Committee Report on June 2021 Meeting and recent activities**

Committee met April 29 outside porch Old School for planning of spring and cleanup activities
[Subsequent results and ongoing actions are shown in blue]

Topics brought up for discussion: reviewed budget tree planting spring 2021 decided to plant 3 redbuds along Second Street and supplied one redbud to homeowner for planting on private property on Water Street for which the WCA was reimbursed. Planting of deciduous trees would wait for the fall. *Three street trees were planted in May as planned*

Discussed if we should turn over KLB clean up to the newly structured all- county organization- *General feeling was that we should continue to act as coordinators for KLB in the immediate Waterford area but give KLB our full cooperation. The normal KLB roadside clean up was done in March with help of about 10 committee members and other volunteers. 85 bags were collected which is about our usual total- Purcellville for example collected about 3000 bags-full/*

Discussed the two American Chestnut Foundation groves and their care. It was suggested that the WCA assume all costs for maintenance and care and perhaps add more sites in the Village. The Chair responded that the costs of the project (initial outlay \$1200) were borne entirely by private donations, including the costs of supplies and mowing by volunteers mostly from the Beautification Committee and the WCA. It was designed to not be a burden to the WCA but be self- sustaining using private contributions. However, in the past 2 years some money about \$120 yearly has been used for the heavy duty cutting at the start of the season and end when the grasses are really high and fencing for the growing trees. Estimates to have Skeeter cut the two plots on a regular basis would cost about \$400- the Chair thinks that is too much to add to our budget as we spend that amount yearly for our ½ of the Village Green, it *(the chair) would prefer to keep this effort funded by outside contributions or volunteer cutting by a WCA member willing to use their riding mower at no cost to the WCA. Regarding new sites- one site (4) trees including funds for start up would be \$800, plus permission to use land for the foreseeable future and a signed agreement setting conditions of care/ longevity/restrictions on selling progeny(nuts or saplings. More discussion needed on this topic.*

Discussed drainage problems in village-town center, Butchers Row and clogged culverts- decided to push VDOT for help. *A VDOT crew met with members of the Beautification Committee, concerned citizens and a WF rep on Friday 6/11 in the village to discuss picking up the gravel and sand shoveled from Village Green area and check overflowing or nonworking street drains. At this meeting VDOT agreed:*

1. To bring newly acquired (safer) equipment to “suck out” gravel and sand from the stone drainage channel. Until now they have refused for fear of damaging an historic structure that probably was a town infrastructure improvement done prior to 1900. VDOT will require releases from the Waterford Foundation, the WCA and the County for any potential damage caused in the cleaning. Moreover, they agreed to do this yearly—a major breakthrough that will save the Committee much back breaking work. Getting the signed waivers and sign off by the County is an URGENT matter.
2. To do yearly (or more frequently as required) clearing of culverts in the village. This is planned for mid- July—so the releases above need to be signed by WF, WCA and County immediately.
3. VDOT agreed that too much sand and salt was applied to the roads last winter and that they would try to curtail that in the future— there has some die off of road-side trees and shrubs probably from the salt--- VDOT agreed to curtail application of both next winter but compliance is going to take homeowner complaints then.

There are drainage problems in the center of town that have newly developed. Water is now crossing over the Big Hill road to the south side and not being collected by the swale as it had been. Likewise more water is overflowing Water Street at the Weavers Cottage and also crossing over to the front of the Corner Store. This water and sand/gravel/ some pebble-stone is now turning at the corner at the Corner Store and overflowing sidewalks from the old brick Insurance Company building to the front of the DeMarr’s and in high volume events into the Post Office basement. This may have caused the recent acceleration of the undercutting of the sidewalk and produced a tripping-falling hazard there. This needs to be repaired and made safe. VDOT continues to maintain it is not their responsibility—the “Beauty Committee” has requested the County to investigate and to propose a solution. In past cases like this, the County has stepped up to help resolve problems by shouldering some of the responsibility— We are now awaiting County response and evaluating repair by owners but extent of the problem is unknown at present. In the meantime, thanks to Brian De Marr for putting a flower pot over the hole.

A general comment on drainage---- a major cause of the flooding comes from side roads, mostly gravel, that lack trench drains at their base or effective water bars to deflect the water into existing drains (by Weavers Cottage, Water Street Meadow, back entrance to Old School, base of Big Hill, Mahlon, Janney St extended to mention but a few. These usually are on private property where VDOT will not work—so remediation needs to be done by property owners.

We also discussed having the “Beauty Comm” join with WF in work projects on or adjacent to WF property - such as help paint buildings, clean up the pull off at Phillips farm, plant trees on WF property along streets or other. Such work would be done in cooperation with the WF properties Committee. —mixed feelings--- no consensus but will keep idea open pending overtures from the WF.

Encourage the County to place a conservation easement with a no demolition clause on the Village Green and to make it an official County Historic Park--- County response favorable--- but they could not hold the easement. The County has assistance from a conservation trust that could do that using County funds—need to follow up with WF, County, and membership.
Nick Ratcliffe 6/17/21

Attachment 3B – Preservation Committee Report

The Preservation Committee has been following activities of the Loudoun Preservation and Conservation Coalition (“the Coalition”), and in particular its Rural Roads Committee (RRC), and the Loudoun Historic Villages Alliance (LHVA). Some of the recent developments as reported at the May Coalition meeting:

The Loudoun BOS discussed a new **Rural Roads 6-Year Plan** on June 1

- Coalition is working for better efficiency in rural road improvement program
- RRC seeking more criteria-driven way to determine priorities
- New non-paved surfaces and better evaluation of drainage issues being examined
- A consultant study on drainage issues on Old Waterford Rd is underway, and will inform RRC and County policy on rural road improvements (i.e., targeted drainage improvements to gravel roads rather than paving)
- These issues are likely to affect the Waterford area

Proposed **St. Louis housing development** on BOS agenda June 6

- Issues are lack of water and historic preservation (many ancestors of freed and enslaved)
- WCA Officers sent supporting letter to BOS noting water shortage also affects Waterford
- Continued support for St. Louis sought by LHVA

Route 15 N duplication Leesburg to Lucketts and some form of Lucketts bypass

- BOS has asked County staff to begin to work on this, though no formal budget approved
- No plan to widen Potomac bridge, so traffic bottlenecks likely to simply shift north
- Lucketts residents unhappy with this proposal, mobilized
- We should seek to understand what this would mean for Waterford cut-through traffic

Rural historic village traffic management emerging common themes

- Common issues include managing commuters, lack of autonomy, PMSDs, truck traffic
- LHVA may organize village meeting to enhance leverage with County/VDOT

Interest in large solar arrays is increasing in the County

- BOS has begun to try to understand how to regulate this sensibly/sensitively
- This will likely become a major issue in the future

The Preservation Committee’s next area of focus will be meeting to discuss the preservation and conservation implications and themes for the planned Vision and Waterford 2040 effort.

Submitted by

Mary Sheehan, Preservation Committee Chair