



WATERFORD CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION
1st Quarter Minutes 2025

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Christy Hertel at 7.10pm on 27th March 2025, at the Waterford Old School.

The WCA Mission Statement was read out by Fiona Sullivan.

The Mission of the Waterford Citizens Association is to foster community action, to further the common good and general welfare of the community, to secure improvements, to preserve its history as a Historic Landmark and to maintain the Waterford area as a desirable and attractive community on which to live.

Secretary Fiona Sullivan presented the minutes for the 4th Quarter 2024 meeting as posted on the WCA website and referenced in the meeting announcement emailed to all members. She also reported that she had received an amendment to the 4th Quarter minutes.

Nancy: Boyd at DTCL is moving on...

This comment should be attributed to Mike Stup and should read: Nancy Boyd at DTCL...

Nancy Doane has also requested that the following comment attributed to her be amended from:

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To

Nancy: Perhaps we should forgo the fireworks for 2025.

Nick Radcliffe stated that he does not feel that the minutes pertaining to the discussion about the fireworks does not adequately reflect the discussion at the meeting.

Fiona Sullivan admitted that her hand writing may not fast enough to capture everything that was said but that it does reflect the essence of the discussion.

Mark Sullivan suggested that the minutes relating to the firework discussion be read out.

Fiona Sullivan the minutes are as follows:

Fiona Sullivan: It is becoming increasingly difficult to raise the money for the fireworks display and as it is necessary to sign a contract and pay a deposit in Dec or Jan to lock in a date we are committing the WCA to funds that we don't know if it will be possible to raise. The cost keeps going up every year but it is the same group of people that donate so we are more and more from a small number.

Ed: In the 60s and 70s there was someone living in the village who knew how to make fireworks and it was held on 2nd Street, mostly done very low key with no fire marshal involvement. This evolved into what we today which is a \$7,500 + annual financial commitment where the money cannot come from general funds or be subsidised without member approval. The WCA Board has spoken on this issue and decided that it does not wish to pay for the firework display.

Nick: Because it is so difficult to raise the funding before signing the contract it is & me to think of new ways to celebrate 4th July, is it really necessary to have events over 3 days.

Nancy: Perhaps we should forgo the fireworks for 2025.

Jeff: Is it possible to have the firework company provide us with a display for a set amount say \$5,000.

Fiona: We could ask but it is an all day commitment for the contractor and the fire marshal as once the fireworks are set up they have to be supervised until the moment they go off. We cannot charge people to watch the fireworks as this would also mean that we would also be charged by the fire marshal department.

Unknown additional costs and effort for the small number of people who are prepared to volunteer.

Sarah: Very happy that we are moving on from having a display. The sheep and pets in the village are traumatized each year, we should see this as a positive step.

Nick: Motion proposed that the WCA does not fund or organize a firework display for 4th July 2025 celebrations>

Paul: WCA Board should create a committee to come up with an alternative plan.

Mike: Motion WCA will not organize a firework display in 2025 and the Events Committee will come up with a new plan for 4th July Celebrations to be approved in Q1.

Sharyn: Seconded

The motion was approved by all those present.

Tom Hertel proposed a motion to dispense with the reading of remainder of the minutes.

Sharyn Frank seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by all those present.

Christy Hertel advised that there was no Deputy this evening as he has been delayed. She then shared the FY 2025 projected budget with those present.

WCA FY 2025 Budget				
Prior balance Q4 FY24			\$8000.00	*does not include online WCA membership for Q4&Q1
Deposits made for FY24			\$2775.00	WF flagging, memberships and donations
Starting balance			\$10975.00	Checking @Bank of America

Committee Budget Requests				
Beautification			\$(750.00)	Plants, trees and materials
Preserving the Landmark			\$(750.00)	Print outs and meetings
Traffic and Safety			\$(325)	Traffic safety, flags, and cones and printing
Events			\$(2500.00)	Medallions, band, food (hot dogs etc.), paper products
Membership			\$(100)	Mailings
Preservation			tbd	
Membership			tbd	
Website			tbd	\$2-3k placeholder in future / self service for committee chairs & officers. Update layout, content & pictures. Ease of use.
Flags			\$(250)	Ed requested flags to be added to FY25 budget, small American flags on telephone poles from May - Oct
Total Budget Expenses			\$(5075.00)	
Charity Donations				
Loudoun Hunger			\$(500)	
Hamilton Vol Fire and Rescue			\$(500)	
Total Budget Donations			\$(1000)	
Income				
Deposits made for Q1 FY25	8	\$59.00	\$470.00	Membership via check
Membership Cy	30	45	\$1350.00	Memberships including donations

Donations for 4 th Parade			\$500.00	Cash and online donations
Fundraiser(s)			\$2200.00	WFI Fair traffic flagging
Total Income			\$4520.00	
Starting Balance			\$10975.00	
Total Budget Expenses			\$(5075.00)	
Total Budget Donations			\$(1000.00)	
Total Income			\$4520.00	
Projected Balance 12/31/25			\$9420.00	
FY 2025 v prior year position delta \$1555				
WCA CD @ Presidents Bank			\$10000.00	
FY 2024 Interest			\$435.00	
CD Value Q1 2025			\$10435.00	
FY 2025 Interest projection			\$350.00	
CD value 12/31/2025			\$10785.00	
Total projected assets 12/31/2025			\$20,205.00	

Ann Belland asked if this would be available online.

Fiona Sullivan confirmed that it will be included as part of the minutes.

Jonathan Daniel proposed a motion to approve the budget as shown.

Nick Ratcliffe seconded the motion

Motion approved by all those present.

Sharyn Frank – Safety and Traffic Committee provided a written report as detailed below of the.

WATERFORD TRAFFIC COUNTS – DEC 2024 – FEB 2025

Dec Avg	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Speed Avg	85% Speed Avg
Clarkes	3575	3613	3154	3280	3438	2433	1894	35	43 (46 High)
Loyalty	1161	1237	1056	1118	1224	1157	845	32	37 (40 High)
First	1688	1689	1488	1488	1511	1068	853	27	31 (32High)
Totals	6424	6539	5698	5886	6173	4658	3592		
Clarkes	1908	2327	2419	2798	2864	1798	1306	35	42 (46 High)
Loyalty	696	766	802	909	927	766	582	31	37 (34 High)
First	938	1112	1125	1336	1295	782	595	26	31 (34 High)
Totals	3542	4205	4346	5043	5086	3346	2483		
Clarkes	2590	2830	2744	2837	3176	1865	1518	35	43 (48 High)
Loyalty	917	921	904	961	999	797	672	32	38 (41 High)
First	1316	1445	1310	1437	1444	824	695	27	31 (34 High)
Totals	5082	6246	6160	5562	5561	4403	3247		

Above chart is the monthly traffic data for the 3 village entrances. **It shows the average number of cars passing that sign for that day of the week in the month indicated.** Data is provided by the Pole Mounted Speed Display signs (PMSD). If you ever pass one of the PMSD signs on your way into the village and it is not flashing your speed – please let me know and I will contact the county office that

maintains/repairs them. If it is not flashing your speed, it is not collecting data. Email is sharynfrank@gmail.com

We want to know if you have any traffic interactions you feel are important. This could be damage to your car by a passing vehicle, interactions while you are walking through the village, trucks through the village, etc. It is also helpful to report the incident to the Sherriff's Dept. Here is the link to fill out a traffic complaint. <https://lfportal.loudoun.gov/Forms/TrafficComplaint>

County construction projects: (the county website has been updated from what was reported at the Dec WCA mtg.)

Route 9/287 Roundabout.

- **Winter 2024 – Winter 2025: Utility Relocation**
- **Fall 2024 – Winter 2025: Procurement of Construction Contractor**
- **Spring 2025: Award Contract – Construction**
- **Summer 2025: Notice to Proceed – Construction**
- **Summer 2025 – Summer 2027: Construction**
- **Summer 2027: Substantial Completion**

Route 15 North Corridor Projects – there are related projects. Rt 15 is being widened in multiple areas. Currently, the County is working on land acquisition and utility relocation. Most construction is scheduled to start in 2025 and 2026.

Sharyn Frank further advised that the Jan figures were much lower than those from Dec but picked up again in Feb. Details will be posted with the minutes and is available on the County Website.

Deborah Zungoli stated that the figures do not represent the reality of what is happening on Second Street where people step on the gas between the stop signs.

Sharyn Frank agreed that all areas of the village have their own issues. 4th Grade visits to Second Street School have started again and on Thursday there were also 2 buses from Dominion High School so there were a lot of children in the village which makes it a bigger safety issue.

Nick Ratcliffe asked if it is possible to have the Second Street School designated as a School Zone.

Sharyn Frank advised that as it is not a public school that it would not be possible.

Fiona Sullivan pointed out that having a reduced speed in that area of the village would not change how people drive.

Sharyn Frank brought to everyone's attention the updated timelines for the construction.

Ann Belland – 4th July: One day event still working on timing and planning. A sheet is being passed around for people to sign up to help with the planning.

Betsy Gibson asked if everything would be on one day.

Ann Belland confirmed that everything would take place on one day.

Nick Ratcliffe – Beautification Committee let everyone know that the annual clean up along Waterford roads will be from Fri March 27th through Sun April 6th. Materials, such as bags and high vis vests are available. If necessary due to weather delays the end date may be extended to April 13th, one week before Easter.

Nick requested that if willing to help people should contact him by next week. For safety reasons crews operate in pairs with at least two people working on the same stretch of road.

Keep Loudoun Beautiful began in Waterford with Agnus McDonald, who with strident words threw bags of roadside trash on the Board of Supervisors' floor saying "Now do something about this". We have to do our part again in 2025.

There is help this year from students looking for volunteer credits but will still need some additional help from the village residents.

Mark Sullivan asked if baseline safety direction is given.

Nick Ratcliffe confirmed that no young children are allowed and that high school students can only help with supervision. 662 is pretty dangerous, more and more people who live along the roads are clearing the trash from there section of the road.

Ed Lehman – Membership – advised that a membership update is not available as he is behind.

Christy Hertel introduced Carl Scheider from Waterford Foundation Board to speak about the 9th annual Historic Waterford Trail Run/Walk.

Carl introduced Heidi who has been volunteering on the trail run for 9 years. There is 5k and a 10k run, not many 10k participants. Takes place on Saturday 10th May. It would be great if people from the village came out and cheered on the participants, it really makes a difference. Traffic flaggers and water station volunteers are also needed. A large part of the course is run across private land that you don't get to see very often so it is well worth the effort for the views alone.

Carl Scheider encouraged people to sign up and run or to encourage others to run or volunteer, the Foundation is always looking for sponsorship for the event also.

<https://www.waterfordfoundation.org/event/historic-waterford-trail-run/>

Carl noted that he also serves as Preservation Strategy Committee. There is a 78 page document on the Foundation Website that discusses Adaptive re-use options for foundation owned buildings. Comments are open until 21st April. The report can be read here:

<https://www.waterfordfoundation.org/category/preservation/>

Comments will come back to the directors to decide usage of the buildings for the next 3-5 years.

Waterford Fair prep is already under way. Anyone who is prepared to have their house on tour this year should sign up using this link:

<https://wkf.ms/4ir2Fis>

Jane Williams – Preserving the Landmark: Small Area Plan for unincorporated villages like ours has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. Not much else to report still waiting for the RFP to be released.

Christy Hertel adjourned the meeting at 7.49pm