

Waterford Citizens Association

Minutes of the 3d Quarter 2019 Regular Meeting

The third quarter regular meeting of the Waterford Citizens Association (WCA) was held Tuesday September 10, 2019 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 was distributed.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Richard Rogers, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the draft minutes for the 2d quarter meeting, as attached. A motion to adopt the minutes as drafted was made and seconded. A voice vote was taken, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Nomination of 2020 Officers. Kathleen Hughes presented the Nominating Committee's nominations for the slate of 2020 officers: Ray Daffner (President), Jill Kadish (Vice President), Carol Smoots, (Secretary), & Betsy Gibson (Treasurer). Motion was made and seconded to approve the nominations. The slate was approved unanimously. There were no additional nominations.

Committee and Event Updates.

Beautification. Nick Ratcliffe, Chair of the Beautification Committee, reported on the activities of the Committee. Attached is a copy of his report. He cautioned that it was important to keep up with VDOT about a possible extension of the high power lines, which extension would create significant issues for the Villages.

Concerns were raised about the erection of a sign for the winery (Terra Nebula). Discussion of Virginia sign rules. The Committee was tasked with looking into the sign rules and to come back with a recommendation. There was also a discussion of the Waterford Baptist Church historical sign; comments were made that the sign needed sprucing up; Beth Erickson will follow up with Virginia on maintenance help.

Streets. Meredith Imwalle, Chair of the Traffic Committee, presented a report with exhibits of alternatives for traffic reduction and calming based upon her discussions with VDOT. Many of the suggestions set before VDOT were rejected by VDOT as not possible. Certain traffic calming approaches might be acceptable, including bigger signs at the entrances to the Village (paid for by the citizens), and electronic signs showing the motorists' (electronic speed sign). It was suggested that the electronic speed sign be placed at the East and West entrances, and that they might have the benefit of being a place keeper for other

measures later. Speed bumps and raised pedestrian crosswalks are not favored by VDOT. Meredith said she would email the Committee's slides and a questionnaire to WCA members.

Water. Mark Sullivan, Chair of the Water Committee, presented the Water Committee's charter that it will follow in meeting its mission – copy attached.

Social. Jill Kadish, Chair of the Social Committee, invited everyone to the October 25 party at the John Wesley Church basement.

Fundraising/Waterford Fair/BBQ Stand. Antonia Walker reported that the BBQ stand would be moved to Second Street next to Linda's market, and that Linda would be paid \$250 for the use of her property.

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

Richard Rogers, Secretary

WCA Beautification Committee Report September, 2019

Members in no particular order are: Jeff Bean, Skip Couser, Ann Beland, Peter Thomas, Laurie and Wells Goddin, Nicholas James, Kim Bentz, Mark Sullivan, Paul Rastus, Jamie and Mary Hutton. There are many tasks we do – extra hands are always needed please do volunteer to join in.

Tree trimming meeting with AF- Dominion Electric(DE)- WCA – after brutal trimming-- walk through was held—We proposed that Dominion Electric contact both the WCA President and the Waterford Foundation of expected trimming and that a pre- trim walkthrough be held with reps of the two organizations who would tell citizens what to expect. That was agreed on. The WCA and WCA requested that future power utility plans for line upgrades be made public well ahead of any such upgrades to the high tension lines that transect the historic district. We thought that planning for future “improvements” be a transparent process. No return on that yet. Burial or elimination of some lines were discussed. DE was to get back to us about burial- of –lines- programs DE supports. No response on those two requests yet from DE.

Village Green clean up and repairs—The WF and WCA requested that the County repair a rotted sill and paint the roof at the jail. The county also helped clean out the drainage channel and remove a dead tree on site and at the Weavers Cottage at our request. The county did all of those things.

American chestnut plantings—The Water Street Meadow and Phillips Farm plots have a combined 8 growing trees that the WCA cares for. Donations by private individuals paid to belong to the program and the WCA is a member of the American Chestnut Foundation whose long term goal is to re-establish the American chestnut forests in the eastern US. The American Chestnut Foundation/ Waterford Foundation are signers of a germplasm agreement to allow these two stands to be permanent plots on Waterford Foundation property. Trees are 15 /16 true American chestnuts designed to withstand the blight. The Beautification Committee supports grass trimming of the plots.

Sidewalk repair initiative program

In this year’s budget we have identified funds in the amount of \$160 per home not to exceed \$500 total in FY 2019. Labor of the Beautification might be possible depending on needs

Homeowners who might want to fix or repair their sidewalks might find the assistance of the WCA sidewalk repair resource helpful. Contact Peter Thomas.

Street-side planting of trees – The WCA has supported planting trees along village streets to help calm traffic and to retain our historic tree cover for more than 70 years. Owners may request that trees be planted in front of their property. This October we are planning to plant 3 trees at identified locations. If you are interested please contact me or any committee member.

Small brass tags have been affixed to trees the WCA has planted over the past 50 years. If you see such a label in front of your house it signifies that it was planted by the WCA as part of this program. If you want at some point to remove one of the trees contact the Chair of the Beautification Committee and that person may be able suggest how help from VDOT or Dominion Electric might be arranged.

Brass identification tag looks like this:

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Other things we do—Keep Loudoun Beautiful ---Roadways clean up in Spring

Assist where we can with regular street cleanups of debris- limbs- keep open- drainage ditches cleared

Interface with VA DOT about culverts, drainage ditch repairs, physical aspects of roads in village in cooperation with Traffic Committee

Possible cooperation with Phillips Farm Committee of WF

Assist Waterford Foundation Phillips Farm Committee with “Mile A Minute weed control “ to be done by a team of WF helpers and an equal number of WF helpers, if requested by the WF ---- TBD at later date.