



WCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING 4th QUARTER 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Christy Hertel at 6:37 pm on December 15, 2022, at the John Wesley Community Church.

Minutes: Secretary Nancy Doane presented the minutes for the 3rd Quarter 2022 meeting as posted on the WCA website and referenced in the meeting announcement emailed to all members. A motion to dispense with the reading of the meetings was made and seconded; motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: On behalf of the Treasurer, Mike Stup reported that the WCA fundraiser for the Waterford Fair, providing traffic control/flaggers, was a great success. A total of 24 volunteers enabled the WCA to raise \$3,000. This brings our total cash position to \$7,620. Of that amount, \$850 is restricted to use for the 4th of July fireworks and an additional \$500 for the fireworks will be earmarked in the 2023 budget. Also, a \$2,200 carryover will be earmarked for the Beautification Committee in the 2023 budget.

Mike also introduced a motion, reflective of the difficult economic times many Loudoun County residents are facing, to donate \$1,000 to Loudoun Hunger Relief. That motion was amended, seconded and passed unanimously to also include an earmarked donation for Loudoun Hunger Relief in the 2024 budget.

Committee Reports:

Water: Mark Sullivan, Chair, recapped recent outreach efforts, including the October community meeting held at the Old School and the County questionnaire sent to all residents within the study area. Residents have provided questionnaire feedback to the County, and the County is currently considering those comments before again reaching out to the community.

Mill Update: Dave Hunt, Treasurer of the Waterford Foundation, reported that the Mill project is well underway, as residents can observe. The historical Hurst wheel has been removed and found to be in total disrepair; it will take approximately \$60,000 to \$80,000 to replace it. In addition, when the basement floor was removed, the surprising discovery was made that an underground source is producing 5 gallons of water/minute, creating a need for redesign of this portion of the project. A temporary barrier for the mill race has been constructed while the redesign/reconfiguration is developed. Otherwise, the project is on schedule.

Traffic: Sharyn Franck, Chair, reported that data pertaining to the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit of 20 mph within the village has recently been received. She requested members to report to her any speed indication signs that appear to be malfunctioning. Members were also requested to post

any anecdotes, preferably with documentation or evidence, regarding damage incurred by traffic; Ed Lehman has posted on the WCA website a link to the form for reporting traffic issues.

Guest Speaker:

Mike Stup introduced Matthew Salvas, Station Traffic Deputy, responsible for traffic control in Western Loudoun County. Mike first met Deputy Salvas in October at the Sheriff Department's quarterly meeting which he and Sharyn Franck take turns attending. Deputy Salvas reported that he joined the Sheriff's Department in June and assumed his current position approximately two months ago. Already he has traffic enforcement in Waterford on his radar and is here to support us.

Mike posed submitted questions to Deputy Salvas:

Q: How often is a deputy in the 20197 area?

A: Deputy Salvas tries to have a Sheriff's Department presence in the Waterford area at least three times per week, including sometimes on weekends. Times vary, but are generally during the timeframes of 5:00am – 1:30 pm Monday through Wednesdays and 2:00pm – 10:30pm Thursdays and Fridays.

Q: Is the additional fine of \$200 on tickets within the village actually assessed?

A: The additional \$200 fine is a civil fine. If the ticket is pre-paid, the full amount of the ticket, including the additional \$200, gets collected. If the case goes to court, the judge has discretion to waive the additional \$200. Recently, the additional assessment has been waived in 90% of the cases that come before a judge.

Q: In Hamilton, a deputy's car is parked along Business Route 7 as a deterrent. Is that an option for Waterford?

A: Deputy Salvas explained that in that case a deputy parks his personal vehicle on the site while he is on duty and then leaves his Sheriff's vehicle on the site when travelling to and from his residence. He will send out an email to his deputies to see if there is a volunteer to do the same in Waterford. A site (or sites) in Waterford would need to be offered for this to occur.

Informal discussion followed. Deputy Salvas reported that 15 citations were issued within one hour during the previous week. He truly recognizes the speeding problem. However, after-the-fact incident reporting is not helpful for enforcement, although it does clarify the problem. What is most helpful are videos of egregious infractions.

Mike expressed the gratitude of the membership to Deputy Salvas for all his efforts and looks forward to establishing a real partnership with him for the community.

Adjournment: Christy then thanked all of the volunteers throughout 2022 for their untiring support, specifically recognizing Fiona Sullivan for the annual decoration of the outdoor Christmas tree by village-children. She predicted a great year ahead for the WCA. Everyone was then invited to the Fellowship Hall for a festive holiday gathering. With no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Doane, Secretary

Members Present (in person): Maureen Arnold, Dave Bednarik, Peggy Bednarik, Ann Belland, Jeff Browning, Kay Chewning, Skip Couser, Anna Dabney, Mark Denicore, Nancy Doane, Mary Dudley, Sharyn Franck, Annie Goode, Christy Hertel, Tom Hertel, Dave Hunt, Linda Landreth, Ed Lehman, George Rambo, Nick Ratcliff, Tracy Schorm, Robbie Smith, Mike Stup, Fiona Sullivan, Mark Sullivan, Cate Magennis Wyatt, Chris White, Debbie Zungoli

MISSION:

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 unique history as a National Historic Landmark, and to maintain the Waterford Area as a desirable and attractive community in which to live.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision for the WCA is to create a sense of community and inclusion where all feel welcome to volunteer, contribute and participate.