

### WCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

# 2<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Christy Hertel at 7:07 pm on May 25, 2022, at the Waterford Old School. Members also participated on-line via Zoom. Christy opened the meeting by reading the mission of the organization as stated in the Bylaws and the Vision Statement for the organization adopted by the Board.

## 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.

<u>Minutes:</u> Secretary Nancy Doane presented the minutes for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Treasurer Whitney Chamberlin reported that only an additional \$318.00 needs to be raised to fund this year's fireworks contract. An additional \$6,000 in donations has also been received, putting us well on track to meet this year's budgeted projection. A huge thanks was extended to all who have helped to make this possible.

<u>Waterford 2033:</u> Chair Cate Magennis Wyatt shared a brief Power Point presentation, copy attached, reflecting on highlights since the last WCA membership meeting. In addition, she indicated that assurances have been received from members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors that the County will serve as our fiscal agent in support of any grants we may receive that stipulate such a need.

**Events:** Whitney, Christy, and Vice President Mike Stup reported that plans for the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities are well underway. Permits have been obtained, contracts let, games continue to be

planned, and volunteers are being recruited. It was suggested that a current list of events be both posted and emailed identifying volunteer opportunities and needs.

<u>Waterford Foundation:</u> Stephanie Thompson reported that the Foundation's Annual Meeting was help on April 19, with Catherine Smith of the National Park Service speaking on the updated nomination documentation for the Waterford National Landmark listing. Based on comments submitted, the draft nomination will be revised and presented to the National Historic Landmarks Committee, National Park Service, in May.

The first 2022 Feast with Friends event was held the previous weekend, and the next Feast with Friends will be hosted on June 4.

Everyone was invited to the Annual Waterford Fair Kick-Off party to be held on June 3 at the John Wesley Community Church.

There was a great turnout for the 6th Annual Historic Waterford Trail Run/Walk, held on April 23, with over 300 runners participating, including 60 Waterford Elementary School students.

Stephanie also announced that at the Board of Directors meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting, Sue Manch was elected its new President, replacing Christ Gleckner who had completed her two 3-year terms on the Board.

<u>Traffic:</u> Sharon Franck, Chair, presented traffic data from the monthly reports generated by the speed monitoring signs at the Loyalty Road, Clarke's Gap Road, and First Street entrances into the village. From March to April the average daily traffic increased from 3,506 to 4,055. These numbers continue to remain lower than pre-Covid numbers. While the posted speed limit is 20mph, the average speeds recorded for April were 27mph at First Street, 32mph at Loyalty Road, and 34mph at Clarke's Gap Road. Additional cameras are being installed to also capture video of traffic and driving incidents.

<u>Water:</u> Mark Sullivan, Chair, reported that hardcopies of the County's and Loudoun Water's feasibility study of Waterford are now available and that a virtual presentation of the results will be released shortly. The report is a culmination of an extensive discovery process. The report gathers hard data, highlights specific areas of information, and presents options for the community to consider. Following release of the video, there will be a 2-week opportunity for all residents to respond to the study and pose questions or submit comments. Answers will be provided to all submitted questions. Mark emphasized that it will be up to the service-area community to discuss the information, debate the merits and options, and to map out the path forward later this year.

<u>Beautification:</u> Nick Ratcliffe, Chair, announced that arborists from VDOT and Dominion will be coming to the village on June 1 to assess the state of dead or dying street trees that might endanger the power lines. In order to evaluate if the trees by the street are within the VDOT or Dominion rights of way, check the pole for the service line. The limit of the right of way is set at the outside of the pole farthest from the road. Nick asked residents to let him know what trees might be of concern.

The arborist will certify if the trees are in fact dead or dying and therefore present a danger. Trees that are not in the right of way are generally the responsibility of adjacent homeowners.

<u>Membership:</u> Ed Lehman, Chair, urged members to renew their memberships if they have not yet done so.

## **Old Business:**

<u>Poison Hemlock.</u> An inquiry was made about the \$1,000 authorized at the last meeting to be donated to the Waterford Foundation to combat poison hemlock that has invaded the Phillips Farm. Dave Hunt, Treasurer of the Foundation, reported that treatment has proceeded and funding assistance would be greatly appreciated. Whitney will release the funds. It was also requested that information on Poison Hemlock and the Foundation's remediation be added to the WCA website. Ed agreed to do so.

## **New Business:**

<u>Waterford Fair.</u> Planning for the Waterford Fair BBQ Booth will begin immediately following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

**Adjournment:** With no further business presented, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Naucy Doane, Secretary

Attachment: Waterford 2033 Update—Power Point Presentation

Members Present (in person): Jeff Bean, Kay Chewning, Betsy and Roy Chaudet, Sharyn Franck, Christy Hertel, Emily Houston, Dave Hunt, Jamie and Mary Hutton, Stephanie Kenyon, Ed Lehman, Bill and Sue Manch, Antonia and Tim McGinn, Kathy and Nick Ratcliffe, Traci Schorn, Mike Stup, Fiona and Mark Sullivan, Stephanie Thompson, Jane and Karl Williams

<u>Members Present (via Zoom):</u> Whitney Chamberlin, Mark Denicort, Nancy Doane, Chet Gibson, Roger Smith, Cate Magennis Wyatt

## WCA Membership Meeting 5/25/22 Updates since the 3/23/22 Meeting













Supervisor Sylvia Glass

Broad Run District

Michele McIntyre, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Glass

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Open House by the Numbers 63 Attendees

52 Villagers and 2033 Committee Members

15 Exhibits for Discussion and Means Provide Comments and Reactions

3 Panel Discussions with Time for Questions











#### Monthly now Weekly Meetings with Loudoun DTCI

 $5/14/22\text{-D}\mathrm{raft}$  Plan done, circulated to Loudoun Agencies and will be sent to Waterford 2033 this week for our collective review

The Joint Leadership Council will convene another gathering to review the updated draft Plan

6/20/22 . The the updated draft Plan will be sent to the Board of Supervisors for their Board Packet

7/19/22: The Board of Supervisors Business Meeting we will ask for approval and motion to move it to Finance (FY  $^{\circ}24$  Budget)



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Loudoun County:

\$55,000 DTCI Budget allocation For this Update
FY '23: \$500,000 with another \$1.2 being
\$5/24/22: County Administrator wrote to the BOS
intent to bring our-Water-Study to the Board-in
June/Jul
\$5/25/22: Letter to Senator Kaine confirming the
County will serve as our Fiscal Agent in next round of
Earmarks

Federal Infrastructure, ARPA and potential Build Back Better Funding Foundation and Corporate Grants

Waterford 2033 Join US! We are a Guilt-Free Mighty Committee

