



WCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2nd QUARTER 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Christy Hertel at 7:03 pm on June 8, 2023, at the Waterford Old School. On behalf of the WCA, Christy expressed her thanks to the Waterford Foundation for our award presented in recognition of the traffic control services provided by the WCA during the 2022 Fair. If all works out, the WCA hopes to accept responsibility for more of the shifts during the upcoming Fair.

Minutes: Secretary Nancy Doane, via phone, presented the minutes for the 1st Quarter 2023 Membership Meeting which were 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 by Jeff Bean and seconded; motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Maureen Arnold reported year-to-date expenses of \$2,684, for a current balance of \$13,415. She also noted that an additional \$1,228 in fundraising was needed for the 4th of July fireworks.

Waterford 2033: Chair Cate Magennis Wyatt reported that the Committee is working hard to reach out to elected officials, especially Supervisors representing the eastern jurisdictions of Loudoun County, bringing them out to Waterford singly to allow them to experience firsthand the issues Waterford 2033 is addressing.

Foundation Update: Susan Manch, President, updated members on continuing measures to address the poison hemlock situation on the Phillips Farm. The Foundation is working intensely on securing grants in support of their work. Forty-five 4th grade classes have participated this spring in the Second Street School program. Spring and summer craft classes are almost all filled, providing an increased revenue stream for the Foundation. The Waterford Trail Run/Walk was a big success, with the number of participants and amount of sponsorships continuing to increase. The Women for Waterford support organization held an enjoyable event at the Union of Churches Cemetery, with Ann Belland providing a very informative program. The Foundation is working with the descendants of the John Wesley Community Church to host a Juneteenth celebration at the Church. And, naturally, things are already gearing up for the 2023 Waterford Fair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Events Committee: Fiona Sullivan, Chair, reported on preparations for the 4th of July celebration. She reiterated that the Committee is a little short on the money needed to sponsor the fireworks and alerted members that additional volunteers are still needed for both the 3rd and the 4th. She also solicited suggestions for improving the celebration, and while many could not be adopted in time for this year, they will be considered as plans are made for future celebrations. She closed by thanking everyone for their support in making this such a great community event.

Beautification Committee: Nick Ratcliff, Chair, announced that he is now working on behalf of the Foundation to further address the issue of invasive species, including poison hemlock, on the Phillips Farm. To highlight the extent of the issue, he presented a map showing their presence on the Farm property. He is seeking volunteers to assist their efforts to locate and mark where plants have survived previous treatments in order to concentrate treatment efforts in the future.

Traffic Committee: Sharyn Franck, Chair, discussed the updated traffic counts she received from the County and encouraged members to get in touch with her with any questions they may have. Drivers continue to exceed the posted 20mph speed limit. For example, in March of the roughly 31,800 drivers entering the village from Loyalty Road, only 4,000 were either at or under the speed limit; of the 88,000 vehicles on Clarks Gap Road, only 12,500 were at or under 25 mph (which is 5 miles over the posted speed limit) and 3 drivers exceeded 70 mph! While Waterford 2033 provides a long-term plan to address these speeding issues, the Committee will be initiating discussions with the County to pursue short-term, temporary measures, such as speed bumps, that can be taken. Two traffic cameras have been installed to-date, but Sharyn has been informed that a cloud account is needed to store the collected data files. The account is estimated to cost \$20/month, which was not included in the 2023 budget. A motion to authorize the purchase of the cloud account was made by Cate Magennis Wyatt and seconded; motion carried.

Water Committee: Mark Sullivan, Chair, informed members that an aerial survey will be taken in the near future before the foliage branches out on trees this spring. He again reiterated that no structure will be constructed within the village for either the water system or the new waste water treatment plant and that no one will be required to hook up to the community water solution.

Cemetery Committee: Linda Landreth, Chair, reported that the recent women for Waterford educational event, as highlighted by Sue Manch in her report, was very well received. She also restated that this year's efforts are concentrating on re-erecting some of the tombstones and on beginning on a years long effort to remove diseased trees. She said that the Board of Trustees is always open to suggestions on how to engage the public and increase interest in the cemetery.

Membership Committee: Ed Lehman, Chair, reported that there are now 109 member households, down from 120 this time last year.

Adjournment: With no further business presented, Christy adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Doane, Secretary

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.