

Mason Neck Citizens Association  
Monthly Board Meeting  
Cranford Methodist Church  
7:30pm, January 7, 2009

**Attendees**

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Rick Hutson	President	Mike Devlin (absent)	Richard Ryan
Lucia Ferguson (absent)	Vice President	Tam Harvie (absent)	Cindy Rufty
Bob Lee	Sec/Treas	Dave Kyle	Bruce Scott
John Pionzio		Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland

President Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting:

**Approval of December Minutes**

The minutes were accepted. (Miller/Ryan)

**MNCA Website**

The website was down for some period of time. The operation required a new server. Peter Weyland is still exploring the cost to move MNCA website to new software which will make it more collaborative. The software is called community builder software. The software itself is rather inexpensive but some programming work will be required for the transition. A motion was made and seconded (Miller/Scott) to authorize up to \$500 for this improvement. The motion carried.

**ICAR**

Representatives of the MNCA Board (Hutson/Miller/Ryan) met with Dr. Cobb of GMU and Bob Nealon of the GMU Foundation on Monday December 15 to continue discussion about community concerns with the project, in particular the excessively large water treatment permit. Dr. Ryan is impressed with Mr. Nealon's dynamism and energy. A good dialogue is underway. Of note in the discussion is that the existing Lynch house was already used in one international dispute meeting. GMU reported that Operating Expenses have been estimated at higher than expected costs and will require GMU to revisit its plan, since it would not be able to sustain the facility with expected income against operating expenses. There is no plan to renovate the Lynch House. One thought that has arisen is to use nearby hotels or homes to house guests for short duration during the talks. The next scheduled meeting is February 9th.

**Farmer's Market**

MNCA check for \$200 still needs to be sent in support of this. Bob Lee will obtain payment information from Supervisor Hyland's office

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## **Horse Boarding at Meadowood**

The initial contract for service to maintain the horse boarding operation is due to expire. Meadowood manager, Este Stiffl, must make a decision about continuing the lease. One alternative is to end the operation. She is the sole decision maker on the issue and there will be no public hearing. Rick Hutson will attend a meeting with her to provide input. A motion was made and seconded (Miller/Weyland) that MNCA should endorse and encourage the continuing horse boarding operation as a long-standing part of Mason Neck and should offer assistance in gaining financial assistance for the operation if that is necessary. The motion carried. One issue that MNCA reps will raise is the dwindling stable space in the area and the need to preserve this piece of bucolic use.

## **Crime on Mason Neck**

Rick Hutson reports several crimes on the Neck in the past month including day time burglaries and thefts from garages or autos including GPS equipment. Fairfax Police are aware and have been rendering extra attention. Rick wants the community to be cautious and help the police as they can.

## **Signs**

Peter Weyland reports that sign work continues on hold and will be revisited in February.

## **Adopt a Highway**

Next date is 1/31/09 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon

## **Next General Membership Meeting**

Board is considering a meeting for February with the intent of Col. Blixt of Ft. Belvoir as a speaker. Rick Hutson is working with Col. Blixt's assistant to schedule. Mason Neck Signage should also be discussed.

## **Post Office Box Key**

Bob Lee provided Rick Hutson with a back-up key for use as necessary. There are two keys; one with the Secretary and one with the President.

The board received late notice of a meeting to be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Following discussion it was decided that they should be sent a letter reminding them of the need for community involvement in decisions and that low impact on the environment is always the preferred form.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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