

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 1st. 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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Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, February 4, 2009

Attendees

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

President Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting:

Approval of January Minutes

The minutes were accepted with the following corrections:

- remove the second paragraph under Post Office Box Key as a typographical error
- change date of Adopt a Highway to 1/24/09. (Weyland/Ferguson)

Signs

Derek Havens reviewed his understanding of signs for Mason Neck.

- Main Sign to go onto Private property at Gunston Road and Belmont Blvd
- Sign to be subtle built upon low maintenance naturally appearing stacked stone
- Mt. Vernon Supervisor should be consulted
- Board still needs final design and price

ICAR

Next meeting with GMU representatives is 2/8/09.

Horse Boarding at Meadowood

Rick Hutson met with Meadowood staff and concerned persons to learn about their concerns on 1/9/09. They agree that continued public access to the site is important. They would like to relet the barn and are naturally concerned with its current condition. There will be additional information provided later in the year.

Adopt a Highway

Clean up took place on 1/24/09 as scheduled. Girl Scout Troop #3195 lent a hand.

Lower Occoquan Watershed Advisory Group

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Rick Hutson attended a meeting during which the Advisory Group revealed that they wanted representation from major civic groups over the next 9 - 12 months. Concerns of the group include: reduced sewer discharge, no impact on the habitat or population, and increased water well health. Three members offered to represent MNCA: Michael Devlin, Dave Kyle, Richard Ryan.

MNCA Website

Big improvements are coming. Peter Weyland would like to present to General Membership later this year to demonstrate what will be available to all members through the website.

Next General Membership Meeting

Col. Blixt of Ft. Belvoir will speak on 2/24/09. Signs up on 2/17/09. 2009 Membership dues to be collected at the meeting.

Potomac River Clean-up

4/4/09

Eagle Festival

4/25/09. MNCA will look to present awards to one or two deserving people. MNCA will look into providing a take-away for attendees.

Barge

Letter of support for removal was approved. (Weyland/Ferguson)

VDOT

Michael Devlin reported regarding improvements to Route 1 and Gunston Road. Delegate Albo reports VDOT unlikely to have extra funding in near future due to economic circumstances.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

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Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, March 4, 2009

President Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting:

Approval of February Minutes

The minutes were accepted as submitted (Ferguson/Miller)

General Membership Meeting - 2/24/09

Col. Blixt of Ft. Belvoir spoke at the General Membership Meeting. Many members paid their 2009 dues at the meeting.

ICAR

Next meeting with GMU representatives is scheduled for 3/9/09.

Horse Boarding at Meadowood

Rick Hutson has learned that horse boarding will continue at Meadowood. There is a short and longer term plan to maintain the stable and to seek a partner for the long run. Meadowood staff expressed thanks for MNCA concerns on the issue. MNCA to send letter to Meadowood encouraging continued use of facility in ways that support community, such as Track and Field events which have recently occurred there.

Annual Meeting and Nominating Committee

The annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 19, 2009. President Rick Hutson will appoint a Nominating committee to determine candidates for the MNCA 2009. Bruce Scott, past president will chair the committee. The secretary was reminded of the need to distribute a letter with nominating committee's slate of candidates 30 days in advance of the meeting.

Eagle Festival

The Eagle Festival is scheduled for 4/25/09. MNCA will have a table at the event, and is considering honoring a community member for service during the event. The board approved up to \$300 to buy a takeaway, such as a refrigerator magnet, to distribute the MNCA website info at the event.

Tom Howard of Supervisor Hyland's Office

Tom is moving on to the Veteran's Administration. Lucia Ferguson attended a reception in his honor and expressed the thanks of MNCA for his efforts in support of our community.

Park Land Clean-up.

Park Land clean-up sessions are schedule for 3/14 & 3/28/09.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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Mason Neck Citizens Association
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Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, April 1st, 2009

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

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting: (Minutes taken by John Pionzio, translated by Rick Hutson).

Mason Neck Sign Update

Peter informed that Derek Havens was looking into permitting from VDOT (\$40.00) and working up the final costs of the proposed signs. The two smaller signs were thought to be approximately \$500.00 per sign. Peter would also contact the owner of the Gunston/Old Colchester lot to discuss potential placement of sign in corner of that lot by easement.

Approval of March Minutes

The march minutes were amended to include that in addition to Lucia Ferguson, both Marvin Miller and Rick Hutson attended Tom Howard's reception at Gerry Hyland's office.

The amended minutes were accepted(Weyland/Kyle).

Horse Boarding at Meadowood

It was decided that a letter to the community be sent out by e-mail and also posted on the Hot-Topics portion of the website informing the membership that horse boarding would remain at Meadowood Farm after the current management contract runs out.

A second letter was drafted to communicate the association's gratitude to Meadowood Field Manager Este Stifel for this recent decision as well as previous events (i.e. Stallion Stampede Cross Country Meet).

ICAR

The most recent meeting with ICAR on the 9th of March was summarized. Marvin Miller, Rick Hutson and Richard Ryan were in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11th at 8:00 am.

Annual Meeting and Nominating Committee

The annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 19, 2009. The nominating committee to determine candidates for the MNCA Board 2009 is Bruce Scott, Linwood Gorham, Gary Knipling, James York and Kim Kern. The Board is seeking a Secretary.

Peter is on line for a MNCA Website presentation for the May 19th General membership Meeting. Rick will inquire as to internet access at Gunston Hall.

Eagle Festival

The Eagle Festival is scheduled for 4/25/09. MNCA will have a table at the event, and is honoring Gerry Connolly and Gerry Hyland with the "Preservationist Award". Invitations were sent to each in this regard, and Marvin will follow up with phone call. Marvin will purchase awards and be reimbursed by MNCA (Hutson/Pionzio).

The board approved an increase in the amount spent on the MNCA refrigerator magnet, to \$362.00 (The total of the invoice for the 500 MNCA magnets ordered on 3/30/2009).

A list was started for those Board Members to sign up to "man/woman" the MNCA tent at the Eagle Fest.

Potomac River Cleanup

Alice Franklin Ferguson Potomac River Cleanup is this Saturday, April 4th 9:00 am to 12:00 am at Pohick Creek behind the Water treatment plant. Rick Hutson will set up and organize. All supplies will be provided.

VDOT Letter

A second letter was sent to Dave Albo stating that the citizens would accept a minimal crosswalk at the intersection of Gunston Road and Route 1 as opposed to nothing.

Water Quality Monitoring Interest

In response to Jose Chudzik's inquiry, the board stated their support of continued Water Quality Monitoring at Pohick Creek as in the past. The board also supports Joe's effort to apply for a Fairfax Water grant to continue this monitoring and would like a description of how the funds would be used.

Reminders:

Citizen Infor. Mtng-Fairfax Cnty Pkwy April 14th, West Springfield Highschool, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Hyland/Stork Budget meeting Wednesday, April 15th at Lorton Station Elem. 7:00 pm

Next Meeting: 7:30 pm, May 6th at Cranford Church

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, May 6, 2009

Attendees

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

President Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting:

Mason Neck Sign Update

Peter Weyland has met with the owner of the Gunston/Old Colchester lot to discuss potential placement of sign in corner of that lot by easement. The owner expressed no objection.

Approval of April Minutes

The April minutes were approved as read.

Meadowood Parking Lot on Belmont Blvd.

In e-mail to the board, Richard Ryan has raised some concerns about a new parking lot for a path associated with Meadowood. Some Board members reported that this is not a new issue and has been discussed for several years including a public hearing at Gunston Elementary School. Nevertheless, they heard Dr. Ryan's concern, and it was decided that no action would be taken without a clear understanding of the facts.

ICAR

Sara Cobb is no longer the head of ICAR. Marvin Miller, Rick Hutson and Richard Ryan will be in attendance at the next meeting which is scheduled for May 11th at 8:00 am. ICAR may be impacted by some new legislation in the US Congress which may redefine navigable waterways to broaden impact of the Clean Water Act.

Annual Meeting and Nominating Committee

The annual meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2009. The nominating committee has determined candidates for the 2009-10 MNCA Board. No additional nominations were received via mail. Peter is on line for a MNCA Website presentation for the May 19th General membership Meeting. Rick will inquire as to internet access at Gunston Hall. Rick reminded all not to forget to get signs up and asked Peter to do an internet blast to remind members. Since the new web site will be demonstrated it would do us well if Board Members have completed a profile on the new page.

Eagle Festival

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The Eagle Festival of 4/25/09 was well attended. Gerry Connolly and Gerry Hyland were honored with the MNCA "Preservationist Award". The group consensus is that the awards help to expand MNCA identity and value. The group approved payment to Marvin Miller of \$157.50 as reimbursement for the award plaques.

VDOT Letter

VDOT seems unwilling to take action on a crosswalk at Route 1 and Gunston Road since it would involve a drastic rework of the signals and curb line. Michael Devlin will have a personal discussion with a VDOT representative to see if he can understand their concerns more completely and get some compromise solution.

Water Quality Monitoring Interest

In response to Jose Chudzik's inquiry, the board restated their support of continued Water Quality Monitoring at Pohick Creek as in the past. The board also supports Joe's effort to apply for a Fairfax Water grant to continue this monitoring and would like a description of how the funds would be used. Reportedly Joe will prepare the documents and MNCA Board will endorse it.

Watershed Advisory Group

Next meeting is scheduled for May 12th.

Next MNCA Board Meeting: 7:30 pm, June 3rd at Cranford Church

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
7:30 PM, June 3, 2009

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

Other Attendees: Lucia Ferguson, Bob Lee, Marvin Miller. Dave Kyle, Richard Ryan, Michael Devlin, Dick Kennedy

The following items were discussed:

Welcome of new Board members

That would be me (Dick Kennedy, new Secretary & possessor of one key to MNCA's box at the Post Office)

Mason Neck sign status

No news

Approval of May minutes

The Minutes were accepted (Miller/Ferguson)

General Membership Meeting Assessment

Rick commented that meeting went well, esp. Peter's presentation of our new web site; noted there were 81 votes for the slate of Board candidates. Current MNCA membership is 87—Marvin said it should be double that, some discussion of ways to boost number.

HB1788/SB1276

Discussion of the status of this bill, which could weaken local water quality standards. Noted that bill is better now because Gov. Kaine added provision that would allow tougher local standards to prevail.

WAG (Lower Occoquan Watershed Advisory Group)

Rick attended last meeting, WAG seeking citizen input on watershed problems. Dave pointed out several apparent problems at business center on Old Colchester—poorly designed retention pond, risky diesel fueling station, no evident permit for current construction work. **Motion passed** asking Dave to provide photos and documentation of these problems by Monday. (Miller/Scott)

VDOT meeting

Michael attended, noted VDOT official's shock at local opposition to lowering speed limit to 35 on portion of Rt. 1.

Pohick Bay Family Night sponsorship

Discussion of Family Night as way to boost interest in MNCA. **Motion passed** to spend up to \$300 for food to be given to Family Night attendees (Scott/Ferguson). **Motion**

passed to spend up to \$100 for signs that would highlight MNCA's involvement with Family Night (Ferguson/Hutson?)

September General Membership Meeting—"Meet the Candidates"

Decided that date will be Sept. 15 or 22. All candidates for state office from our area to be invited, along with usual political invitees—Congressman Hyland, Supervisor Hyland, School Board Chair Storck

New/Old Business

Marvin noted that ICAR has a new head. Rick asked people to think about topics for General meetings after September. Richard reported on his attendance at a meeting about proposed changes in parking at BLM. **Motion passed** to put on the MNCA website an excellent briefing that Don Carr, Ft. Belvoir's Director of Public Affairs, recently did for the Hayfield Farm Homeowners Association (Scott/Ferguson) **Motions passed** to 1) support inclusion of Lexington Site on National Register of Historic Places and Virginia Landmarks Registry, 2) pay MNCA's \$25 corporate fee, and 3) send thank-you postcards to all members who have paid their MNCA dues (Kyle/????)

Meeting adjourned at 8:40(??)

Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, July 8, 2009

Attendees

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Rick Hutson	President	Michael Devlin	Richard Ryan
Lucia Ferguson	Vice President	John Pionzio	Gerry Lyons
Dick Kennedy (absent)	Secretary	Dave Kyle	Bruce Scott (absent)
Bob Lee	Treasurer	Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland

President Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm. Bob Lee was appointed to capture minutes, since the secretary was not available.

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting:

Approval of June Minutes

The June minutes were approved with the following modifications: 1) Bruce Scott was present for the meeting, and 2) there was mention of a letter from Gerry Hyland, which should have read Congressman Gerry Connelly.

Mason Neck Sign Proposal

Peter Weyland reports that The S/E corner of Gunston Road and Old Colchester is not a feasible location due to property owner's interest in utilizing the land in a way that does not support sign placement.

A motion was made and seconded (Miller/Weyland) to ask Derek ____ for pricing on three smaller signs for placement as previously discussed. Richard Ryan questioned the need for a motion and requested clarification. Upon discussion the motion carried.

ICAR

Due to last minute travel problems, the ICAR meeting with GMU scheduled for June did not occur. The next meeting is scheduled for September.

Watershed Advisory Group

The LOWSAG will next meet on July 28th. Rick Hutson will attend. Rick reported positive action with regard to a deficient spillway at the new industrial park at Furnace N/W of the CSX railroad tracks, which had been noted by Dave Kyle. It will be repaired since the building bond is still in effect.

Blights

There was a hearing in June regarding the property at 9505 Old Colchester Road. Bob Lee reported watching the hearing on TV and learning that specific action has been postponed until October due

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to recent improvements in the property. Supv. Hyland wants time for the property owner and the county officials to resolve the issue.

Meet the Candidates

Plans are under way to schedule a meet the candidates' night in September. Marvin Miller is taking the lead to check candidate's schedules.

Laurel Hill

Linwood presented information about continuing items under discussion with regard to developing the Laurel Hill property, particularly the adaptive reuse plan for the penitentiary central lock-up. The comprehensive review is underway now between now and September 15th. Issues continue to revolve around the size and purpose of housing at the location. Some wish for affordable housing while others wish for magnet housing. Townhomes continue to play into the equation as a cost effective method for the builder.

Mason Neck Park West

Gerry Lyon showed a picture of new signs he designed which will be erected at the park within the next two months. The signs chronicle the history of Mason Neck with pictures and words. The project is part of the roadways improvement program, matching contribution was provided by Gerry Lyon's work.

Next MNCA Board Meeting: 7:30 pm, August 5th at Cranford Church

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

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Mason Neck Citizens Association
 Monthly Board Meeting
 Cranford Methodist Church
 7:30pm, Aug. 5, 2009

Attendees :

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Rick Hutson	President	Michael Devlin (absent)	Richard Ryan
Lucia Ferguson	Vice President	John Pionzio (absent)	Gerry Lyons
Dick Kennedy	Secretary	Dave Kyle	Bruce Scott
Bob Lee	Treasurer	Marvin Miller (absent)	Peter Weyland

Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:32 and the following were discussed:

Mason Neck sign status

Peter Weyland presented a sketch from Derek Havens of a small (30”H, 34”W) sign with a rounded top. It shows an eagle above the words “Welcome to Mason Neck”. The Board discussed getting three signs, to be located at either end of Old Colchester Road, and on Gunston Road near Route 1. One bid has been obtained thus far--\$600 per sign, not including installation. Due to the cost a **motion was passed** that additional bids would be obtained and the expenditure would be voted on at an MNCA General Meeting (Ryan/Scott). A **second motion was passed** to establish a voluntary fund to which donations could be made to cover part of the sign costs (Ferguson/Scott). Several Board members expressed a willingness to contribute to such a fund.

Approval of July minutes

The minutes from the July 8 Board meeting were approved.

Pirates Cove Family Night

Rick Hutson said the event was a success, despite thunderstorm interference. Several members commented on the remarkable success of the Pirates Cove pool and gave most of the credit to Lynwood Goreham.

WAG Meeting

Dick Kennedy subbed for Rick Hutson at the July 28 meeting of the Lower Occoquan Watershed Advisory Group. A first list of 85 possible remediation projects was handed out for comment, with a second list to follow. None of the 85 projects is on Mason Neck.

Mason Neck Trail Status

Rick Hutson noted several recent emails stating that Section Two of the trail was being split into two segments. The shorter (1500 feet) portion, designated 2A, does not require any easements so construction can begin fairly soon. Bruce Scott noted that he had offered use of his property adjacent to the fire station as a location for the horse crossing over Gunston Road but had received no response from the county.

“Dancing Trucks”

Jerry Lyons showed a diagram illustrating the problem of large trucks turning left from Route 1 onto Furnace Road – there is not sufficient space and cars sometimes are scraped and traffic sometimes is backed up when the trucks are unable to proceed. Supervisor Hyland’s office has been contacted to seek a solution, presumably a prohibition of left turns by large trucks.

September General Membership Meeting (“Meet the Candidates”)

Rick Hutson will call Marvin Miller to confirm the date.

New/Old Business

Lucia Ferguson called the Board’s attention to possible problems with a house under construction on Greene Drive at the intersection with Bard Street in Harbor View – being built on a very steep slope, difficulty passing inspections, and potential for wetlands damage. Lucia will put the info in an Email, which Rick will forward to Shannon Curtis, the Fairfax County member of the Lower Occoquan WAG. Another problem house is a burned-out one on Old Colchester, near Anita Drive.

Lucia also called attention to the “Life Without Limits” 10k run – with food music, and local celebrities – which is being held to benefit United Cerebral Palsy on Saturday Sept. 12, 8:00 AM, at South County Secondary.

Two road safety problems were mentioned: Bruce Scott noted the need for a Route 1 crosswalk at the Gunston Road intersection, and Dave Kyle said that overgrown trees and shrubs are blocking the view of oncoming traffic from the left on Gunston Road for drivers going north on Old Colchester. Rick will ask Mike Devlin to look into both issues.

Bruce Scott raised the idea of MNCA sponsoring a dinner at Gunston Hall to celebrate its 250th anniversary with both groups sharing the proceeds.

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 7:30 PM, at Cranford Church

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Mason Neck Citizens Association
 Monthly Board Meeting
 Cranford Methodist Church
 8:00 pm, Sept. 2, 2009

Attendees :

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Rick Hutson	President	Michael Devlin	Richard Ryan
Lucia Ferguson (absent)	Vice President	John Pionzio (absent)	Gerry Lyons
Dick Kennedy	Secretary	Dave Kyle	Bruce Scott
Bob Lee	Treasurer	Marvin Miller (absent)	Peter Weyland

Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 8:05 and the following were discussed:

Approval of August minutes

Motion passed to approve the August 5 Board meeting minutes (Miller/Ryan).

Mason Neck sign status

Peter has contacted about six companies for cost estimates – they raised questions about construction materials and other details. Some discussion about price, longevity and appearance all being important factors. Peter will do further inquiries.

WAG.(Lower Occoquan Watershed Advisory Group).

Rick did not give the WAG any comments about the first proposed list of remedial projects as they did not involve any sites on Mason Neck.

September General Membership Meeting (“Meet Our Representatives”)

Date will be Sept. 22, 7:30-9:00. Discussion of need for a good turnout – MNCA will send several email reminders and ask homeowner associations to do the same. MNCA will also send one or two postcard reminders to all Mason Neck residents. Dick K. will hand-deliver a reminder to Hallowing Point households.

New/Old Business

Mention of email Jerry Lyons received from Supervisor Hyland’s office saying that “federal funding has been approved through the HSIP program for the pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Gunston Road” – agreement that this is good news because of safety concerns--Rick will send letter of appreciation..

Discussion of derelict barge – general agreement that, in the current economic situation, we can’t expect the state or county to pay for its removal. Resolution to encourage effort to locate the party responsible for the barge and get them to pay.

Furnace Road business property – has been paved and a fueling station installed but Fairfax County apparently doesn’t have a permit on record. Dave Kyle will send email to Fairfax zoning office and to Supervisor Hyland, and request a response before the Sept. 22 MNCA meeting.

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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 8:00 pm, October 7, 2009

Attendees :

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Lucia Ferguson	Vice President	John Pionzio (absent)	Gerry Lyons
Dick Kennedy	Secretary	Dave Kyle	Bruce Scott (absent)
Bob Lee	Treasurer	Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland

Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 8:02 and the following were discussed:

Approval of September minutes

Motion passed to approve the September 2 Board meeting minutes (Miller/Ryan).

September 22 General Membership Meeting (“Meet Our Representatives”)

Several comments that the turnout was good and the meeting successful; Marvin commented that this would pay off in the future.

Financial Statement (Membership Status)

Treasurer Bob Lee had a handout summarizing MNCA’s 2009 finances to date:

Balance on Hand on Jan. 1: \$2303.61
 Credits: \$1950
 Debits: (\$2385.83)
 Balance on Hand on Sep. 30: \$1867.79
 Breakdown of 2009 expenses: Awards--\$157.50, Postage--\$415.05, Contributions--\$500, Web Site Services--\$500, Printing--\$706.74, Flowers-\$89, Bank Charge--\$17.54

Bob also had a handout showing current MNCA membership at 97, down from 110 in 2008 and 160 in 2007. For comparison. There are 220 names on MNCA’s list of current/former members and there are 800 homes on the postal routes serving Mason Neck.

Marvin suggested doing something to attract interest in MNCA, such as a food drive for LCAC. **Motion passed** to put a membership application online with an option to pay using PayPal (Miller/Ferguson). We will also send an email with membership info and a list of current issues. Discussion of appointing a membership chairperson and of possibly webcasting MNCA meetings.

Furnace Rd. Construction

This was in a proffer approved five years ago so there was no requirement to notify residents when construction began. Traffic on Old Colchester is likely to increase as a result—Supervisor Hyland’s office can assist in applying for traffic calming measures. VDOT plans for Rt. 1 likely to be delayed for budget reasons—Mike will

inquire. Dave noted difficulty in obtaining info from the county about the Furnace Rd. business – MNCA will ask Supervisor Hyland to assist.

Gunston Hall Support

Jerry noted that the recent “Hands That Built Gunston Hall” event was poorly attended and suggested that we look for ways to boost interest in GH; he will solicit short GH testimonials from MNCA Board members.

New/Old Business

Dave again raised the issue of restricted visibility for drivers at the Colchester/Gunston Rd. intersection due to overgrown vegetation. It was noted that the property is owned by the same person who owns the house (the former general store) on the other side of the intersection.

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Mason Neck Citizens Association
 Monthly Board Meeting
 Cranford Methodist Church
 8:00 pm, November 4th, 2009

Attendees :

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Rick Hutson	President	Michael Devlin (absent)	Richard Ryan
Lucia Ferguson (absent)	Vice President	John Pionzio (absent)	Gerry Lyons
Dick Kennedy (absent)	Secretary	Dave Kyle	Bruce Scott (absent)
Bob Lee	Treasurer	Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland

Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 8:02 and the following were discussed:

Approval of October minutes

Motion passed to approve the October 7th Board meeting minutes (Miller/Weyland).

Mason Neck Sign Status

Peter discussed a number of contacts and proposals he had received regarding a Mason Neck Sign.

Meeting with ICAR Director Andrea Bartoli

A meeting between board representatives (Hutson, Miller and Ryan) and ICAR Director Andrea Bartoli, was confirmed for Friday, 11/6/2009 at 8:00 am at Point of View. The status of Point of View is to be discussed.

Online Membership Set-up

In support of the previous motion to set up a pay-pal account it was discussed that we need to set up a bank account to support Pay-pal for the purpose of online membership acceptance.

Community Involvement

The board discussed various ways of creating and sustaining community involvement in the organization and the various events happening on Mason Neck. These ranged from a greater association with the Eagle Festival/Hartwell Group to an increased involvement with Gunston Hall and its administration.

New/Old Business

The dedication of Meadowood as an Important Bird Area on Saturday November 7th was acknowledged.

A date for the Winter General Membership Meeting (January or February) was not set due to the need for a program for this meeting. The directors were asked for input regarding a program for this meeting.

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Mason Neck Citizens Association
 Monthly Board Meeting
 Cranford Methodist Church
 7:30 pm, December 2, 2009

Attendees :

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Board of Directors</i>	
Rick Hutson	President	Michael Devlin (absent)	Richard Ryan
Lucia Ferguson (absent)	Vice President	John Pionzio (absent)	Jerry Lyons
Dick Kennedy	Secretary	Dave Kyle	Bruce Scott
Bob Lee	Treasurer	Marvin Miller	Peter Weyland (absent)

Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:35 and the following were discussed:

Linwood Gorham, our rep to the South County Federation, and also the Land Use Chair at SCF, gave a summary of recent developments at SCF: In particular, SCF was provided with a copy of FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) information obtained by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. The FOIA contained information from the Park Authority and DPW (Department of Public Works) about plans for a new Construction Debris Landfill and a Regional Sports Plex in Lorton – these raise concerns and SCF has passed three motions asking Supervisor Hyland to stop the projects. Linwood also outlined several proposals relating to future use of the old maximum security prison on Silverbrook Rd, including the possible construction of 370 housing units, of which 44 would be ADU; part of the exterior prison wall might also be demolished to provide a better view of the interior. Another item mentioned was Supervisor Hyland’s plan to form a “visioning” task force – Linwood suggested that MNCA should be represented on this group and the Board will seek one or more volunteers for this new group.

Approval of November minutes

Motion passed to approve the November 4th Board meeting minutes (Lee/Scott).

General Membership Meeting Dates and Program

February 16 or 23 were suggested as dates. Jerry proposed a program on “Mason Neck in the Civil War” with Don Hakenson (who has spoken on local history to MNCA in the past) as a likely presenter – Jerry will contact him to determine his availability.

Meeting with ICAR Director Andrea Bartoli

Meeting was held as planned – dialog is continuing. ICAR is scaling back its plans, lacks funds to do much in the near future, but the 250,000 gallon waste water treatment plant is “still on the table”.

New/Old Business

It was noted that VDOT has cleared much of the **vision-obstructing vegetation** at Gunston Rd./Old Colchester but could do more. Dave mentioned speaking at an

EQAQ meeting – suggested a study of noise from Rt. 1 and I-95, but VDOT is not interested if the noise source is more than 300 feet distant. Dave also expressed concern about increased **traffic on Old Colchester** after the improvements at the southern intersection with Rt. 1 is completed – some discussion of possible remedies. **Mason Neck sign** – Peter is continuing to check with possible contractors. **Gunston Hall** – brief discussion about ways to help, will invite GH director to a Board meeting.

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 7:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was approved at 8:47 PM (Kyle/Scott).