

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
January 8, 2020

Note: There was no meeting in December

Attendees in bold face:

<i>MNCA Officers</i>		<i>Other Members of the Board of Directors</i>	
President	Hillary Clawson	Arsenio Ayon	Scott Stroh
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Randy Benton	Mark Thompson
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Reinhardt Gray	Peter Weyland
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Rick Hutson	Nancy Wilochka
		Rob Kolb	

President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:35 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from : Motion to approve passed, (Nancy/Peter)

Treasurer Report: Current funds are \$1645.53 (Bruce)

Lower Speed Limit on Gunston Road? Delegate Kathy Tran has discussed with VDOT the merits of lowering the speed limit on the first stretch of Gunston Road, from Route 1 to Belmont Blvd., and/or extending the school speed zone at Gunston School. Concerns are the traffic and somewhat limited visibility at the Gunston/Old Colchester intersection, and the safety of Gunston students. MNCA will write a letter in support.

Planned Cuts in State Funding for Mason Neck State Park: Delegate Tran opposes the cuts and MNCA (Marvin) will write a letter of support for continuing the current level of funding (which had already been reduced).

Next General Membership Meeting: Probably in March, need to check Gunston Hall availability.

MNCA Spring Picnic: Date will be April 25, 2:00 to 5:00. Arsenio and Bruce will constitute a food committee, and local businesses will be solicited for support.

MNCA Tri-fold Poster for Showing at Various Events: Hillary and Nancy will work on it.

Mason Neck Photo Calendar? Suggestion made to solicit photos of the Neck, choose a monthly winner, and then make a calendar for sale.

Fort Belvoir Nuclear Reactor: Noted that the Army's plan for dismantling and removing the remaining parts of the reactor (which was decommissioned in 1973) is available online and at the Lorton Library, and public comments are welcome until January 31.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 5, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:19 (Nancy/Bruce)

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President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:37 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from September: Motion to approve passed (Marvin/Bruce).

Treasurer Report: \$1826.83 in our account (Bruce)

Membership Report: Currently 23 or 24, much lower than normal because Coronavirus has cancelled all the planned MNCA events in 2020.

Board election results: Thirteen electronic ballots received, a sufficient number given the reduced membership, and all supported the slate—the existing Board but with Nancy taking over as President.

“Harmony Hills”—A proposed Equine Riding and Boarding Center: Owner(?) Terry Abrams gave a presentation to the Board about the plan and their hopes to have it included under the County’s new agritourism zoning provisions. The County has rejected their request but they are appealing and asking for MNCA’s support. Marvin proposed a resolution of support, which passed unanimously.

Board member from Harbour View? Randy suggested a possible candidate. (Note: MNCA by-laws do not require that all parts of Mason Neck be represented but the Board has always tried to have broad representation.)

Proposed indoor ski slope on the site of the closed Lorton landfill: The County has given permission for the developer to proceed with further exploratory studies. Supervisor Storck supports the idea but some environmental groups are opposed.

Voting rules for the November 3 election: Marvin outlined the rules and suggested using school buses to help transport people to the voting site (Laurel Hill for Lorton residents).

Staff positions at Mason Neck State Park: The legislature has approved restoring two of the badly needed positions but still has to approve funding for them.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, at 7:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn: Passed at ???.

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
~~Cranford Methodist Church~~-Virtual Meeting via Zoom
 November 4, 2020

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President	Hillary Clawson	Arsenio Ayon	Scott Stroh
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Reinhardt Gray	Mark Thompson
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Rick Hutson	Peter Weyland
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Rob Kolb	Nancy Wilochka

President Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:35 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from October: Not done yet. Bad secretary!

Motion thanking Hillary for her five(?) years of service as President: Passed unanimously!
 The Board is taking donations for a contribution to the Friends of Mason Neck State Park, in Hillary's honor (she is their President.)

Problems getting MNCA emails: Issue raised by Nancy, Peter said it was likely a problem with Cox's internet service and they now have a way to take complaints.

Treasurer Report: \$1826.83 in our account (Bruce)

Harmony Hills: They have filed a zoning appeal with the County, meanwhile have cleared some trees and planted grass seed. Marvin suggested that when a zoning hearing is held, MNCA should attend to express our support. See October minutes for more info.

Presentation to the Board about the County's agri-tourism plan? Motion to request such a presentation passed unanimously (Marvin/Bruce). Hillary has the info on who to contact.

Power failures, esp. in Gunston Manor: Bruce noted that they are increasing and more underground lines are needed. Marvin suggested a letter to Supervisor Storck and Dominion Power. Motion to send letter passed unanimously (Hillary/Bruce).

Free MNCA membership: Agreement to send a postcard to the approximately 1140 residents of Mason Neck residents announcing that this will be in effect for 2021 for all adult residents who provide an email address. Target date of Nov. 20, will also put up a banner with this information at the Gunston/Old Colchester intersection.

Board member from Harbour View? A person has been suggested, Hillary will contact.

Panera Bread next to the car wash? Planned but on hold for now.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 2, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:36 (Marvin/Bruce).

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
~~Cranford Methodist Church~~ Virtual Meeting via Zoom
 December 2, 2020

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President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Scott Stroh
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Mark Thompson
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Reinhardt Gray	Peter Weyland
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Rick Hutson	
		Rob Kolb	

President Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:35 and the following were discussed:

Annie Collins was introduced as a prospective Board member from Harbor View

Presentation on Agritourism in Fairfax County (35 minutes): By Sara Morgan from the County, with particular reference to how proposed horseback riding faculty on Harley Rd. might be affected.

Motion to add Annie to the Board (Peter/Marvn): Approved by acclamation!

Minutes from October and November: Postponed till next month because of time.

Postcard mailing to all Neck Residents (about 1150 addresses): Has been sent for printing, should be mailed by next Tuesday. Main purpose is to tell adult Neck residents that MNCA membership is now free; Secretary Dick this weekend will put up a banner at the Gunston/Colchester intersection that also announces the free membership.

Brief bios of Board members: General agreement on posting them on our web site.

Harmony application for permission for horse-riding facility on Harley Road: It was noted that Harmony got a special exception for this two years ago and that a County hearing is scheduled for March 10. The South County Federation will discuss this issue at its meeting next Tuesday and a **motion was made and seconded (Marvin/Rick) and approved 7 to 2** that MNCA write a letter of support before then.

Letter to Dominion about recurring power outages on Mason Neck: Nancy is drafting, will include data and/or graphic about the outages.

Phone Tree for urgent communication to Board members: Has been created.

Final decommissioning of the nuclear reactor at Belvoir (which ceased operating decades ago) is in progress: Hillary has all the info on this.

“Next Door” cell phone app: Some discussion of its possible usefulness for communications among Neck residents, no decision.

Meeting adjourned: 9:07 pm

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 6, at 7:30 PM .