

Friends of Worcester meeting minutes Meeting date: February 13, 2007

The January 2007 meeting minutes were approved as written and will be posted at friendsoworcester.org.

Treasurer's Report. The 2007 budget was presented and was approved with a few adjustments.

President's Report. Meeting dates were set through May. A revised list of the Standing Committees was distributed.

Our newly elected state representative, Jay Moyer, was contacted regarding attending a future FOW meeting to discuss and share our perspective on local issues of importance to FOW. He will be happy to meet with us. The May 9 meeting was suggested as a good date, and Wini Hayes was asked to relay the request to Jay.

Contribution and Support. No report was available.

Fundraising/Hospitality. No report was available.

Township Reports.

Board of Supervisors. The board is looking into applying for a PECO Green Region grant, as recommended by FOW in a recent newsletter.

Planning Commission. The Planning Commission was asked to consider an ordinance that would require developers to construct a trail as part of the development plan if the township's trail plan indicates that a trail will pass through or close to the development parcel.

Zoning Hearing Board. No report was available.

Joint Meeting. The next Joint Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, at 9:30 a.m.

Newsletter. Topics for newsletter articles were discussed. Don Atkinson recommended that our advertisement costs remain unchanged for this issue. We can revisit them for the fall newsletter if necessary.

Outreach. Several dates were proposed for the stormwater workshop. The committee will meet to select a date and discuss the content of the presentation.

Website. The committee's report was tabled until the March meeting.

Current issues.

Historic Preservation Ordinance. The committee sent the completed ordinance proposal to the board of supervisors in early February and is now starting on the township-wide inventory of historic structures and the public education and outreach campaign.

White Paper on Land Preservation Options. The Board of Officers discussed this paper and agreed that it is a useful reference tool. It is posted on the FOW website.

Fairview Village Vision Plan. The discussion was tabled to the March meeting.

Army Reserve Base. FOW was asked to comment on its vision for the reuse of this property. FOW will send a letter to the LRA in support of the township acquiring the site at no cost for use as a park and open space.

New Business.

The township will be asked to take on the responsibility of planning for Worcester Day, which was handled last year by FOW and the Farmers Union Horse Company.

Discussion of an information table at the Worcester Historical Society's Flea Market in May was tabled to the March meeting.

Kim David asked Susan to prepare a letter that can be sent to owners of small to medium-size properties, inviting them to consider land preservation as an option when planning for the future of their land.

Administrative Assistant's Report. The Administrative Assistant helped to produce the annual contribution letter, handled contributions, and researched municipal land trusts.

FOW 2007 meeting dates and upcoming events:

Meetings:

Wednesday, March 14

Wednesday, April 11

Wednesday, May 9

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at Bean Road Nursery (corner of Bean & Whitehall Rds.)

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Caughlan