

Friends of Worcester Meeting Minutes **Wednesday, May 13, 2009**

Review of Minutes. The minutes of the April meeting were discussed. They were approved with corrections and will be posted to the website.

President's Report. President Kim David spoke about the FOW Board retreat. Those who attended are now working on different goals. We plan to meet again over the summer and present our 5-Year Strategic Plan in September. As part of preparing our 5-Year Strategic Plan, a revised mission statement was created.

President Kim David also noted that the FOW Board recently approved an Email List Policy. Due to several requests to share our email list we have decided "not to give, lend or sell" our "list to any other individual or organization" and only use our list to advance FOW's mission and goals. We have added a Community Events section on our website, www.friendsofworchester.org, for listing local community events that might be of interest to everyone.

Current Issues.

Turnpike Expansion Project. No report available

TDRs. Discussion tabled to next month.

New Business.

Environmental Advisory Council. – Discussion tabled to next month.

Newsletter. The newsletter went out today and should be in mailboxes shortly.

Website. We have posted several events on FOW's new Community Events column on our website. Any organization is welcome to submit information on their public event.

Outreach Committee.

Arbor Day. Outreach Committee Chair Jen Strouse reported Arbor Day was a success at Worcester Elementary School. Each child was given a small oak tree. When the tree was planted the student returned a signed leaf. The class with the most leaves back by the deadline will be treated to an ice cream party courtesy of Merrymead Farm. Congratulations to Mrs. Kentworthy's 3rd grade class.

Horse Show. – This year's Farmer's Union Horse Show is June 6th. Jen Strouse and Maeve Vogan will chair this year's FOW Food Booth. A revised menu was circulated and suggestions were made.

Township Reports.

Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors discussed the purchase of a new 100' ladder truck by the Worcester Volunteer Fire Company. The township is working with the Fire Company to come up with a way to fund the purchase.

The board approved a use request for Worcester Township Community Hall and Heyser Field for the Farmer's Union Horse Show on June 6th. Worcester Township is purchasing Heyser Field (7 acres adjoining Community Hall). Settlement is planned for May 15, 2009.

Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has begun discussing a Village Ordinance.

Kibblehouse Property – A new plan was filed which changed the way the subdivision is designed due to recommendations by the Planning Commission. Homes are now sited further away from the turnpike area, and a drainage basin will be located near the turnpike.

Zoning Hearing Board. The board continued an application to expand the Cedars Country Store restaurant. There are still a lot of unanswered questions.

Joint Meeting. No report.

Contributors/Supporters. Barbara McMonagle reported that additional contributions are still being received from our letter mailed earlier this year. The newsletter will also bring in additional funds.

Administrative Assistant's Report. No report.

FOW meeting with guest speaker: We are planning to have a guest speaker at our October 14th meeting. Barbara McMonagle will email several suggestions for speakers. Jen Strouse will contact Solaris Grill (formerly Bella Cucina) to see if that location is available. We will discuss having guest speakers further at our September meeting.

FOW 2009 meetings: September 9, October 14, November 11. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held at Bean Road Nursery unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara McMonagle