

Friends of Worcester Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 13, 2010, Bean Road Nursery

Review of Minutes. The minutes of the November meeting were discussed and approved as written. They will be posted to the website.

Executive Committee Reports.

President's Report. President Kim David stated that we will try to keep our business meetings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Committees will have a chance to meet briefly afterwards as needed.

Kim thanked Rob & Wini Hayes for again hosting FOW's annual holiday potluck at their home in December. It is always an enjoyable evening.

Kim also thanked Susan Caughlan for serving as FOW's administrative assistant for the past several years. Susan resigned when she was elected to the Worcester Township Board of Supervisors. We will be putting an ad on our website and Craigs List to find an independent contractor to provide administrative services.

Treasurer's Report. No Report.

Current Issues.

Partnerships. Al Cuce volunteered to spearhead this committee. The goal of this committee is to grow our relationship with community organizations and businesses.

Monitoring – PECO, Turnpike expansion, etc. The PECO electric transmission substation off Fisher Road is complete. Unless events change, FOW will no longer report on this issue.

We will continue to monitor the Turnpike expansion.

Township Reports.

Board of Supervisors Nothing pertinent to open space.

Planning Commission The Planning Commission is continuing its discussion of village planning. They presented a powerpoint on village planning to the Board in early December. The next step is to present village planning to the public for input.

Zoning Hearing Board A special exception was granted in December to allow a small restaurant on the Cedars Country Store property.

Open Space.

Land Preservation Committee - Barb McMonagle and Al Cuce will report at the next meeting on a strategy for contacting large landowners to inform them of their land preservation options.

Village Plan Committee – See Planning Commission Report

Worcester Land Preservation Fund Committee – No Report

Education & Outreach Committee.

Community Activities & Programs Committee. – The committee is beginning to prepare for Arbor Day at Worcester Elementary School.

Newsletter. The committee discussed various themes for the Spring 2010 newsletter. The committee will choose a chair to coordinate their efforts.

Newsletter Advertising – The current rates of our newsletter ads were discussed. It was decided to reduce the cost of our business card size ad to \$100.00. This will be effective for our Spring 2010 newsletter. All other ad rates remain the same.

Website. Dave Cardy reported that we now have a link on our homepage to our donation form (See <http://www.friendsofworchester.org>). Dave also reported that we can add Paypal to make donation giving easier for our contributors. He will complete the paperwork. Dave will continue to post updates to the website.

Organizational Advancement & Growth Committee. This committee includes subcommittees on recruitment of active members, membership development, and operational fundraising (which includes contributors, newsletter ads and sponsorships, and sale of merchandise). Any interested in helping on this committee, please contact info@friendsofworchester.org.

FOW 2010 Meetings and Events:

Meetings: Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.,

March 10, 2010 - Meadowood Retirement Community -- Board Room

April 14, 2010 -- Bean Road Nursery

May 12, 2010 -- Bean Road Nursery

Events:

Farmers Union Horse Show and FOW Food Tent, Sat. June 5, 2010 -- Heyser Field, begins 8 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara McMonagle