

Catoctin Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2019 (4:30 - 6:00 PM)

Committee Members: Joan Linhardt, David Ward, David Nelson, Bruce Johnson, Patti Psaris (Present); Eleanor Adams, Carol Matheny (Absent)

Location: Robey Meeting Room, Purcellville Library, 220 East Main Street, Purcellville, VA 20132

Call to order: 4:31 PM

Review Minutes: Motion to accept the April 2019 minutes – Psaris (Motion); Linhardt (Second), Vote: Approved by members present and Abstained by Johnson.

Development Projects: No Activity

Loudoun County 2040 Comprehensive Plan (Formerly Envision Loudoun): No activity.

State Scenic River Program and 50th Anniversary: Bruce Johnson attended 5/7/2019 meeting in Mechanicsville where topics included preparation of Scenic River displays for the General Assembly in Richmond and the development of a media package. Bruce Johnson is working to develop a video to be recorded at Creeks Edge Winery. Catoctin Conservation Fund will explore purchase of commercial signage (Psaris).

Resolution: The Virginia House Resolution regarding the Virginia River Program and 50th Anniversary was accepted. Nelson and Ward will adopt language and prepare a draft resolution to submit to have Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Higgins to forward for full BOS adoption. Members discussed the possibility that the request ultimately be expanded into a joint resolution from Goose and Catoctin Creek Committees.

Event: It was agreed that the Catoctin Scenic River Committee should plan for a local event in Spring 2020, either in Taylorstown or Waterford to be held on a Saturday or Sunday. The Catoctin Creekside Winery is a consideration with speakers experienced in local history, geology or wildlife.

Stone Dumping Incident along Downey Mills Rd: It was noted that VDOT recently began the process of removing large rocks adjacent to trees. David Nelson visited.

Scenic River Signage: The request for support for signage at 4 locations along Catoctin Creek will be forwarded (Psaris).

Emerald Ribbon: It was generally agreed that the Committee needs to be engaged in this project. Members will seek opportunities to provide input to this project through the Loudoun County Preservation and Conservation Coalition.

Other: On May 13, Virginia Dept Environmental Quality will hold the Final Public Meeting on North Fork Catoctin Creek Watershed Implementation Plan.

Next meeting: June 10, 2019 – Monday - Purcellville Library – 4:30 to 6:00 PM

Adjourn: 5:45 PM (Motion – Psaris; Second – Ward)