

Catoctin Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2013 (4:00 - 6:00 PM)

Committee Members Present: Otto Gutenson, David Ward, Patti Psaris, David Nelson, Anne Larson, Norma Wilson, Bruce Johnson, Eleanor Adams

Committee Members Absent: None

Guest: Heidi Siebentritt, Ray Cheronis

Location: Lovettsville Library, 12 North Light Street, Lovettsville, Virginia 20180

Call to order: 4:05 PM

Discussion

Approval of March 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved with revisions. (Motion: Johnson; Second: Larson; Vote: Unanimous).

Review of Action List: List was reviewed and updated.

History of Catoctin Creek: David Nelson is working on video and documents on the history of Catoctin Creek, specifically the actions of Corps of Engineers in 1960's and 70's. The work will be housed in Balch Library when completed.

Discussion with Heidi Siebentritt, Loudoun County Historic Preservation Planner: Various topics from Archeological review to referral agents to Heritage Planning Policy were discussed. While "conservation in place" is preferred, "fully excavate" is most common. There are 1,600 archeological sites, mostly west of Rt 15. Community input at Public Hearings generally carries more weight than Referral Agent comments. By-right applications must conform to zoning, but not the Plan Policy. County Historic Overlay boundaries don't extend to State boundaries. In Taylorstown and Waterford, the State and County Historic district boundaries are not coincident. Some districts have holes, such as Goose Creek Historic District. Lovettsville has National Registry of Historic Sites, but the local is defined by the Town of Lovettsville. The Waterford Historic District is a National Historic Landmark (1970) and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (1969). The Preservation Plan was adopted in 2003, dropped in 2004 and resurrected in 2008. In 2011 the county created "Heritage Commission" with 16 members although no environmental persons. The goal is to implement the Heritage Plan providing comment on development applications, but not as Referral Agent.

Chesapeake Bay TMDL WIP Update: Summarized various Technical and Stakeholder meetings.

Event Planning for 2013 and outreach activities: Work continues on a canoe trip, however access at Featherbed Lane is not good.

New Business: None

Next meeting: May 13, 2013.

Adjourn: 6:02 PM (Motion: Adams; Second: Johnson; Vote: Unanimous)