

Catoctin Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2015 (4:00 - 6:00 PM)

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

Location: Lovettsville Library, 12 North Light Street, Lovettsville, VA

Call to order: 4:10 PM

Discussion

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve September and October Minutes by Adams, Seconded by Psaris, Vote was Unanimous.

John G. Lewis Memorial Bridge on Featherbed Lane for:

- Patti Psaris will edit, circulate and send a letter to VDHR stating previous points.
- It was noted that VDH often creates viewshed maps. It was suggested that PEC may be able to support efforts for viewshed development on Catoctin Creek.

Development Projects:

- No response from County Staff on inquiry regarding 2014 house construction on Creek Lane.

Catoctin Conservation Fund:

- Patti Psaris will contact PEC to finalize the MOU. PEC will be invited to Dec. 14th meeting.
- Anticipate that there will be outreach activities in the future and that PEC resources will be leveraged.
- Need to acquire copies of PEC literature.

Events:

- Celebration of Loudoun's Historic and Environmental Heritage will be held on December 5, 2015. Members contributed \$25 in cash to apply. Ward to submit check and entry form. Attendees include: Adams and Ward. Need to prepare/update table top display, print brochures and location map (Ward). Plan to extend invitation to Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee. Photos are requested for the event. Nelson plans to edit video and eventually film the entire scenic river.

Communications:

- Current logo is being also used by local business in Purcellville. Committee accepted modifications to fill in creek with blue polygon.
- Strategy and Mission: Refocus areas for 2016: (1) Goose Creek coordination/communication, (2) Viewshed, (3) Extension of scenic river designation from Waterford upstream to Rt 9 or to Nature Park in Purcellville.
- Annual Report to DCR – Ward to initiate draft report.
- Membership: Need to re-assess current delinquent members, continue to address new recruits and consider revisions to bylaws and allow members who live outside of the watershed.
- Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee – Bruce Johnson will contact.
- Event for 2016 – Briefly discussed ideas.

Other Business:

- Ward presented cost to date for website, logo. Motion to reimburse from Catoctin Conservation Fund by Adams, Seconded by Nelson, voted to approve was unanimous.

Next meeting: December 14th, 2015

Adjourn: 5:30 PM Motioned by Psaris, Seconded by Ward and vote was unanimous.