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## FW: Summary of the September 2015 Meeting

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## September Meeting Summary

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**4 p.m. September 29, 2015**  
Purcellville Train Station

1. **PRESENT:** Al Van Huyck (Chair), Bob Shuey (Vice Chair Heritage), Ed Gill, Ard Geller, Mitch Diamond, Mike Kane, Phil Ehrenkranz, Maura Copeland, Margret Good, Brad Bradshaw, Alysoun Mahoney, Su Webb, Gem Gingol, Patty Rogers-Renner, and Martha Polkey. Guest: Patricia Rostkowski.
2. Mitch Diamond reported that the Rural Roads Committee will hold a workshop by invitation on November 20, 2015, to explore ways to educate the public on the historic importance of unpaved rural roads.
3. Al Van Huyck said that the rural roads mapping project held a meeting with Larry Camp of VDOT and the County GIS staff. It turned out the VDOT has just gone on line in June with a very similar system for taking in information both directly on the website and by phone on problems with all roads in Virginia. The citizen gets an email response as

acknowledgement. The VDOT map is not available for public viewing. Van Huyck suggested that a future meeting be held to explore if the rural road information from VDOT could be automatically downloaded onto the County rural road map and if Loudoun citizens can use our app to upload onto the VDOT system. Then the Rural Roads Committee could undertake a public education initiative to encourage widespread use of the combined systems.

4. Al Van Huyck noted that the Steep Slope Zoning Amendments will be discussed with county staff, ZOAG, and the Coalition at a meeting scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2015. Then the issues will be considered by TLUC at their October 16, 2015 at 9:00 AM meeting and probably go to the BOS for action in November. A updated note on objections will be circulated to the membership prior to the TLUC meeting.
5. Al Van Huyck reported that the BOS public hearing on the proposed Flood Plain amendments is scheduled for October 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the County Office Building. It is hoped that at least six or seven Coalition member groups will appear to oppose certain amendments. An updated report will be circulated prior to the public hearing. Alysoun Mahoney said that LWC is preparing an action alert for their members on the impact of the proposed Flood Plain amendments on wildlife. Gem Bingol said PEC is also putting together an action alert.
6. Mike Kane reported for the Conservation Easement Committee. The expanded membership of the committee now includes: Ed Gill, Margret Good, Al Van Huyck, Wendy Beebe, and Mike Kane as Chair. Paul Ziluca is also available via email for consultation. A meeting date with Charles Yudd has been set for October 27, 2015 from 1-3 PM to review the memo we submitted on out-sourcing the stewardship and monitoring functions and to begin a long-term focus on the development easements held by the County. A preparatory meeting will be held in Mike Kane's office in Middleburg at 1 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2015, to brief new members of the committee and to prepare for the meeting with Charles Yudd and County staff.
7. David Nelson updated the Coalition on the John G. Lewis bridge. Another meeting was held with VDOT on September 16, 2015. VDOT noted the archeological study was completed with the finding of one Indian artifact and a conclusion that the options being considered will not affect the viewshed. There was discussion of the options, but none truly meet the expectations of the community. The representative of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources was present and pointed out that they had not yet been contacted to perform their mandatory review of the options to assess their impact on the bridge and its historic designation. The Coalition members were urged to share their comments with the VDHS and we will await their report.
8. Al Van Huyck suggested a Coalition committee role in an effort to get reconsideration of

using performance standards to best adopt “farm breweries” into the rural Loudoun landscape. A committee was formed with Al Van Huyck, Mitch Diamond, Maura Copeland. The first step will be to meet with the Janet Clarke and staff to assess the present situation. The objective is to be ready with our position when the ZOAG rural uses report moves forward. This is likely to be after the November 3, 2015 election.

9. Al Van Huyck and Patty Rogers-Renner reported on the Coalition Festival scheduled for Sunday, December 6, 2015 at REHAU, Leesburg. Pat Daly, CEO of the George C. Marshall Center, has agreed to print posters and program, etc., for the event as well as lend us table clothes for the table displays. The Loudoun Preservation Society has agreed to hold the funds for the Festival, which is much appreciated. The main task is to select an interesting keynote speaker; several candidates were discussed. At the October meeting the Festival Committee will ask for volunteers to take on the multiple tasks needed on the day of the event. ***It was stressed that all member groups get in their commitment form for the Festival as soon as possible, but not later than our Coalition meeting on October 27, 2015.***
10. Phil Ehrenkranz, editor of the In Our Backyard Column, reported that he is working with four authors on articles in final revision. ***New articles from members are welcome. The instructions for submitting an article was distributed to all members.***
11. Al Van Huyck noted that there are pending amendments to the Noise Regulations in Loudoun. We need to familiarize ourselves with the proposals to insure there is no effort to weaken current standards. The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for November 17, 2015.
12. Patricia Rostkowski spoke of her concern with encouraging Dark Sky in Loudoun. She distributed some printed materials from the International Dark-Sky Association. Alysoun Mahoney commented that LWC was concerned with the issue from the impact on wildlife. Al Van Huyck recalled that Joe Coleman prepared materials in 2008 to encourage the adoption of a Dark Sky Ordinance. The recent PEC newsletter contained an article on the issue. There was interest in the subject as a potential 2016 activity. Alysoun Mahoney and Patricia Rostkowski would meet with any interested Coalition members to consider the subject further and report at a future meeting of the Coaliton.
13. Al Van Huyck said that it is time to schedule another meeting with Tim Hemstreet, County Administrator, in early November.
14. Alysoun Mahoney briefed the Coaliton on the LWC/VDOT/Dominion Power initiative to create life-sustaining refuges for the Monarch Butterfly and other pollinators. The effort will include a mass plant of 8,000 pollinator friendly plants.
15. The main topic of the October meeting was to be the draft Strategic Plan circulated by email to the members. Ard Geller stated that he thought the draft Strategic Plan was not

well organized or complete. However, there was not time to discuss it and it was decided that a special meeting would be scheduled in October for those members who are interested to work on the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan.

16. There did appear to be agreement that the Coalition should establish a committee to act as a Stakeholder and monitor the review of the General Plan proposed for 2016.

***The next meeting of the Coalition will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at the Purcellville Train Station.***

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