

Catoctin Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2015 (4:00 - 6:00 PM)

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

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

Call to order: 4:10 PM

Discussion

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes: (Draft minutes for August, Motion to approve with revised attendees list: Johnson, Second: Nelson, Voted: Unanimous.)

Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee: Mark Peterson is stepping down as Chair. Anne Larson will contact Lynn Crump, DCR.

John G. Lewis Memorial Bridge on Featherbed Lane for:

- There was a third meeting on September 16 by VDOT. Preservation is still not being considered as an option. Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDH) attended and is just now being engaged in the process. VDOT will forward three options for VDH to review. VDOT was asked to consider modifications to either eliminate the center pier or make it less noticeable.
- David Nelson will prepare and circulate a letter thanking VDOT and restating previous points.

Development Projects:

- Waterford Downs – No discussion.
- Gillen House on Creek Lane. The application was initiated in 2014 and constructed in 2015. The house is on 5+ acres parcel and the house located less than 200 feet from Catoctin Creek as the Scenic Creek Valley Buffer ordinance allows reduction to 100 feet is an approved forestry management plan is submitted. The parcel was noticed using County GIS where recent Occupancy Permits are shown.

Upcoming events: The committee voted to participate in the following two events. Both events are informational.

- Loudoun Preservation and Conservation Coalition “Festival” at Rehau in Leesburg on December 6 from 2 to 6 PM (Motioned by Nelson; Seconded by Psaris: Vote was unanimous).
- Nature Generation 2015 Fall for the Trail in Purcellville on Sunday October 25, noon to 3 PM. (Motioned by Psaris; Seconded by Nelson: Vote was unanimous).

Website: The work plan and budget was presented. While the concepts and strategy was aggregable, the cost were deemed too great and would significantly deplete the Catoctin Conservation Funds. The decision was to move forward using Committee volunteer resources. David Nelson will explore possible crowd sourcing for a logo.

Other Discussion: Catoctin Conservation Fund, administered by PEC. A meeting will be held in October to finalize the MOU. (Patti Psaris to contact Mike Kane)

Next meeting: TBD 10/5 or 10/6

Adjourn: 5:48 PM Motion: Johnson; Second: Nelson; Vote: Unanimous.