

Mount Washington Preservation Trust Meeting

March 16, 2016

Present at the meeting:

Karen Meadow, Paul Levine, Mike Sherlock, Maria Leasca, Rick Kingsbury, Tim Kearley, Kevin Atkinson, Laurie Atkinson, Barry, and Neil

Financials:

- We're in good shape financially; we have a balance of about \$25K in liquid capital to spend
- We're not sure exactly who has paid into the pilot tree project, but Karen and Maria will find out.
- There is a discrepancy with the Kelly Avenue Bridge project that is related to Dave not yet being paid for his time
 - o Paul and David should submit documentation to be paid for their time and materials
- Maria will need to submit the new board member names with the tax return

Minutes:

- Previous meeting minutes are unanimously approved

New board candidates, members, and volunteers:

- We only have a treasurer and a secretary, so we really need is to get a new president and vice president
- Who are some other possible candidates for joining the board and/or being president?
 - o Laurie Atkinson
 - She'll definitely be vice president if someone else will be president. She'll think about being president.
 - o Julie Garver
 - o Tom Faulkner
 - o Phoebe Rostov (possibly interested in being secretary)
 - o Tim Kearley
 - Will advise on option of taking a different board position based on new recruitment efforts
- The person who did the MWIA website may be amenable to rework our website
 - o Karen will ask her husband for that person's name
- Rick will post a request on the MW listserv to see if anyone wants to get involved with the MWPT
- Could get assistance from Johns Hopkins students on April 1st and April 2nd

Achievements with Rick as President:

- Renewed relationship with the MWIA has been established

- Rick would have liked to get a green business open house going at the Arboretum and he thinks that it should be pursued in the fall
 - o We could get Claudia West (a landscape architect) to come speak at such an event

What are the responsibilities of holding MWPT office and/or being president:

- President is responsible for putting out fund raising letters
- President must sign land easement agreements
- Participation on the MWIA board meetings once a month (usually the president, but could be anyone) to weigh in on projects and investments
- Meet with the Treasurer to consolidate and plan out the finances
- Deal with infrequent complaints
- Other notes:
 - o We must meet every three months
 - o Financial liability insurance is held for all officers

Easements:

- New zoning would subdivide the R1 zone into many subzones that would make the easements work moot since that land would be automatically off limits for development
- If people were to set an easement beforehand, they would get a financial benefit

Communications updates:

- Update google listserv to show new members and remove old ones
 - o Laurie Atkinson (latkins8@jhmi.edu)
 - Laurie has been on boards before and put together fundraising letters
 - o Kevin Atkinson (kevin@smithhouseconstruction.com)

Gardens/Projects:

- 2016 garden maintenance
 - o Maria will send Mike the previous garden schedule
 - o Mike will redo the maintenance schedule and change the dates
 - o Tim will update and re-post the document
- Hundreds of feet of deer fencing were installed
- Arboretum gate
 - o Paul is doing this for \$3K and is halfway done; made out of white oak
 - o Capstones on top of the pillars must be put in
 - Kevin knows a fabrication company that can do the work
 - Iron work will need to be remounted
- The aging Arboretum signs have to be replaced, especially at the corner at the Arboretum entrance
- Boy scouts are willing to come back and assist with something (Aqueduct?)
- Paul: Let's proceed with building a nicer looking fence around the vegetable garden.
- Rick: Any new work should be announced so people have a chance to provide feedback
- Neil: I don't think the aqueduct is worth spending the time of the boy scouts on

- Corner near the bus stop in Mount Washington Village
 - o Rick will do a design for this area with low plantings (or something compatible with a sign)
 - o Paul will provide a budget estimate
 - o Ask Clayworks to put a Mount Washington sign together
 - Tim will ask Marlene to look into this
- More perennial plantings needed around the Mount Washington Village retaining wall
 - o We should have the merchants pay for the plants
 - o Paul will submit a budget to the merchants
- Neil:
 - o Work along Cross country and Chillam (where the cuttings are dumped)
- Hillside garden
- Corner of cross country and Bonnie view
 - o Flowers stuck behind shrubs
- Vegetable garden projects:
 - o repair the aqueduct and have it feed the vegetable garden
 - o put up a nicer fence around the Arboretum vegetable garden
- Map out the Gardens and place on google maps