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
  - 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:
  - We must meet every three months
  - 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
  - Laurie Atkinson (latkins8@jhmi.edu)
    - Laurie has been on boards before and put together fundraising letters
  - Kevin Atkinson (kevin@smithouseconstruction.com)

**Gardens/Projects:**
- 2016 garden maintenance
  - Maria will send Mike the previous garden schedule
  - Mike will redo the maintenance schedule and change the dates
  - Tim will update and re-post the document
- Hundreds of feet of deer fencing were installed
- Arboretum gate
  - Paul is doing this for $3K and is halfway done; made out of white oak
  - 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