

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting  
Cranford Methodist Church  
January 6, 2016

**Attendees in bold face:**

<b><i>MNCA Officers</i></b>		<b><i>Other Members of the Board of Directors</i></b>	
President	<b>Hillary Clawson</b>	<del>Adam Dameron</del>	<b>Ann Elise Sauer</b>
Vice President	<b>Sergio Diaz Briquets</b>	<b>Rick Hutson</b>	<b>Bruce Scott</b>
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Treasurer	<del>Bob Lee</del>	<b>Marvin Miller</b>	<b>Peter Weyland</b>

President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:35 and the following were discussed:

**Minutes from :** Motion passed to approve (Marvin/Bruce)

**Guest speaker: Nick Kuttner, Board member of Potomac Riverkeepers.** Grew up in DC. Lives in Bellehaven. Noted that the Potomac provides 25% of river flows into the Chesapeake Bay. Potomac RK started in 2000, has focused till now on river upstream from DC. Model is the efforts to restore the Hudson River in NY, which began in the 1960s. Their efforts focus on three areas—Activism, Advocacy, and Legal Action (they have 15-25 cases on going at any time, have never lost a case, have \$1 million budget plus several million \$ of pro bono work), . Nick mentioned the Chesapeake Bay Agreement, signed by VA, DC, MD, PA, and DE—aimed at limiting input of nitrates, phosphorus, and sediment into the Bay. Noted that agriculture, esp. cattle, and acid mine drainage (mostly from closed mines) are important sources of pollution.

**DEQ Hearing on Coal Ash at Possum Point:** Dec. 8 meeting, Hillary attended, noted some complaints about the short notice for the meeting. DEQ will present its findings to the Water Board in Richmond on Jan. 14.

**Gunston Hall Master Site Planning:** GH has hired an excellent firm to draft the plan. They will have eight meetings (“Charettes”) for different interest groups to attend and present their thoughts—the one for Mason Neck residents will be Jan. 20 at 7:30. The resulting plan will be announced on George Mason Day, June 11.

**Postcard reminding people to pay MNCA dues:** Dick will do revised draft tomorrow.

**2016 Tentative Plans/General Membership Meetings:**

- Would like the Riverkeepers to do a presentation, perhaps in March.
- Candidates Night will be Sept.27 or Oct. 4.
- June meeting on Gunston Hall’s Master Site Plan
- S-CAR-related event, probably at their new facility on Mason Neck (S-CAR is George Mason University’s School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution)

**MNCA Newsletter?** Will discuss at next Board meeting.

**Antiques Show at American University:** Noted that Gunston Hall is featured at the show

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 PM .

**Motion to Adjourn:** 9:02 (Marvin/Hillary)

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting  
Cranford Methodist Church  
February 3, 2016

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**Minutes from January: Motion passed to approve (Scott/Marvin)**

**Discussion of dues postcard sent in January:** Should have put the dues request more directly and up-front.

**Gunston Hall:** Scott (GH Director) gave an update on their Master Site Planning process. About 80 people attended the various public meetings with the planning firm. The overlay maps provided were very useful and some of the main conclusions were that the mansion should basically be kept as-is, that the “intimacy” of the site should be maintained, and that the “historic area” should be made to look more like it was in Mason’s time. The planners will be back in April for more discussions, focused on the Visitor Center, and the final plan will be finished by George Mason Day in June.

**Possible extension of Metro’s Blue Line to Woodbridge using the VRE tracks:** There is a Virginia Senate proposal to study this and Marvin proposed that MNCA support it with a letter to about half a dozen county and state officials. **A motion to this effect was passed (Marvin/Scott)**

**Rt. 1/Gunston Road Intersection:** Hillary said that VDOT had sent an email confirming receipt of our letter and promising a response in 4-6 weeks.

**MNCA Newsletter?** Discussed, and agreed that, at least for now, a “year in review” would suffice, and could be included with the election mailer sent before our annual election meeting in May or June.

**Dates for General Membership Meetings:** Dates tentatively approved are March 15, June 14 (Board election meeting), and September 27 (“Candidates Night”).

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, March 2, at 7:30 PM .

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:27**

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting  
Cranford Methodist Church  
April 6, 2016

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President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:35 and the following were discussed:

**Minutes from March 2 :** Motion passed to approve ( Scott/Peter)

**March 15 General Membership Meeting:** Good attendance. Fairfax police attended to provide on DeLeede murder but could not answer many of the questions asked. Good speaker, from the Potomac Riverkeepers.

**Coal Ash from Dominion’s Possum Point Plant:** Noted that coal ash is a toxic substance, greater awareness needed, and VA is not doing as much as DC and MD on this problem. **Motion passed** (unanimously, with abstention from Scott because of Gunston Hall’s government affiliation) **to send letter to Gov. McAuliffe** asking “what he knows that DC and MD don’t”, with copies to Sen. Surovell and Del. Albo.

**South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce:** Peter said it will meet tomorrow at Wegman’s; noted that it is different from CofC’s in that it does not just represent business interests.

**Mason Neck Eagle Festival on April 23: Motion passed to donate \$200** (Scott/Marvin); we will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers to man the MNCA table.

**Branches left by Gunston Road from Dominion’s tree trimming:** Marvin suggested a letter to Dominion saying that we are happy about the trimming but the branches should be removed.

**GMU’s School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR):** Hillary attended the official dedication today.

**MNCA membership and finances:** Bob said we have about 100 members and about \$2500 on hand (but we owe the Secretary almost \$800 for the last two postcard printing and mailings; the postcards go to about 1130 Mason Neck addresses.

**South County Federation:** Peter said it now charges \$50 for a lifetime membership. Also that it is looking into proposals for the concrete plant on Old Colchester.

**Gunston Road repaving:** Secretary still needs to draft letter asking that the section from Gunston Hall to Hallowing Point be done, to complete the work done in 2012(?).

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, May 4, at 7:30 PM .

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:14**

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting  
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May 4, 2016

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President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:40 and the following were discussed:

**Minutes from April** : Motion passed to approve (Ann/Peter)

**Route 1 widening:** The County is having a meeting – “Embark Richmond Highway”-- on May 9 – Peter can attend. It was mentioned that Supervisor Dan Storck voted against doing a study of our section of Rt. 1 – Marvin clarified that the County staff had recommended against the study (by the General Assembly) and Dan does support the current plan for the Woodlawn section of Rt. 1. He will be seeing Senator Surovell Saturday ask him about Rt. 1.

**Peter also** said that he has raised the issue of the **Rt. 1 intersections** with Gunston Cove Rd. and Furnace Rd. with the South County Federation. Also noted that the Federation will have a meeting on a **20-year plan for Lorton**. And he mentioned the **stop signs** on Gunston Cove where the bridge over the railroad tracks used to be – are they still needed?

**MNCA Financial Audit:** Need two people – Ann Elise plus one non-Board member who will need to review the finances and then write and sign a letter, and then we can do our financial report.

**Nominating Committee for Board Candidates:** Rick will chair, need four other MNCA members in good standing.

**General Membership Meeting – June 14:** Will try to get S-CAR head as speaker.

**George Mason Day at Gunston Hall on June 11:** Big event, many activities, and announcement of GH’s 20-year plan. MNCA will have a table.

**Gunston Road need for repaving:** Dick will draft letter next week.

**Speeding on Harley Road (private section):** Marvin said it has become a safety problem because of kids walking to the school bus stop. He has spoken to Dan Storck and the residents have signed a resolution. Agreement that the Board will endorse a letter from the Masons Collar citizens asking for some kind of traffic-calming solution.

**Tree limbs left from Dominions tree trimming on Gunston Rd:** Dick will take pics.

**BLM:** Will have ribbon-cutting when the work at Meadowood (on the barn???) is done.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, June 1 , at 7:30 PM .

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:00 (Bruce/Peter)

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting  
Cranford Methodist Church  
June 1, 2016

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President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:35 and the following were discussed:

**Minutes from May** : Motion passed to approve, with a correction to make clear that there was only one County meeting on the Rt. 1 issue, not two.

**MNCA Audit**: Hillary will get the bank statements and checkbook from Bob, go over them, and Kim Thompson, President of the Friends of Mason Neck State Park will review.

**General Membership Meeting on June 14**: Scott will moderate a 45-minute roundtable discussion including:

**Zachary Reichold**, Manager of BLM Lower Potomac Field Station (Meadowood)

**Reinhardt Gray**, Manger of Mason Neck State Park

**Kevin Casalenuovo**, Manager of Pohick Regional Park and Golf Course

**Daffny Pitchford**, Refuge Manager at Potomac River National Wildlife Refuge Complex (The topic will be their plans for the next 10-20 years)

Also Peter will take 3-5 minutes to give an update on Embark and Rt. 1 plans, particularly as they affect Mason Neck.

Some discussion of starting the next meeting with a social half hour.

**Need for Gunston Road repaving of the section not done in 2012**: Dick is drafting a letter to VDOT. We should mention that its condition is actually dangerous in places, and that many non-residents use the road to visit the state park or the wildlife preserve.

**Parking of commercial vehicles on the Neck?** There have been a few citizen complaints. We need to get more info on Fairfax County's regulations, since it is a County issue – Hillary will check with Supervisor Storck's office.

**Next Board Meeting**: Wednesday, July 6, at 7:30 PM .

**Meeting Adjourned**: 8:13

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting  
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August 3, 2016 (Note: There was no meeting in July)

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President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:35 and the following were discussed:

**Minutes from June** : Motion passed to approve (Scott/Peter)

**Embark/Richmond Highway**: No news; the August meeting was cancelled.

**Letter to VDOT requesting repaving of Gunston Road from Gunston Hall to Hallowing Point**: Dick has a final draft of the letter he and Hillary have been working on; it includes photos of the road surface and a VDOT map showing its condition as Fair to Very Poor.

**MNCA Web Site**: Peter announced a change in the way items are posted. There will be two categories: [MNCAnotices@listserve.com](mailto:MNCAnotices@listserve.com) will not be moderated, and will post automatically, while [MNCA@listserve.com](mailto:MNCA@listserve.com) will be moderated by Peter.

**MNCA Audit**: Hillary had several suggestions for doing a more thorough audit, and there was a lengthy discussion of ways to make sure everything is transparent without overburdening the treasurer, given the relatively small amounts that we deal with. One agreed change is that the treasurer will give a brief report at the monthly Board meetings.

**VDOT reply to our letter about the Rt. 1/Gunston Cove Road intersection**: They are planning to extend the right-turn lane on Gunston Cove and make the left lane a through lane to alleviate the problem of back-ups caused by vehicles waiting to turn right onto Rt. 1.

**New Board member?** Adam would to step down because of his other commitments, and Mark Thompson from Hallowing Point was suggested as a replacement. Motion passed to ask Adam to continue serving as our liaison with the Boy- and Cub Scouts.

**S-CAR (GMU's School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution)**: Hillary met with the new director, who will be added to our email list. Scott will ask her if she wants to participate in the "Gang of Five" – the informal group of the managers of the public facilities on the Neck. Hillary also noted that the repaving of the road to S-CAR has been completed.

**Date for Candidates Night**: Will be September 27.

**Wine-Tasting to benefit LCAC**: Will be at the Scott's residence on September 17.

**Next Board Meeting**: Wednesday, September 7, at 7:30 PM .

**Fast Rail to Richmond**: It was noted that, if it happens, the railroad underpass on Old Colchester would be closed.

**Recent police activity on the Neck/attempted break-in in Hallowing Point**: Some discussion but no real news.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:03**

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting  
 Cranford Methodist Church  
 September 7, 2016

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President Hillary called the meeting to order at 7:32 and the following were discussed:

**Speaker:** Jonathan???

**Minutes from August 3 :** Motion passed to approve, with some minor changes.

**MNCA letter to VDOT about repaving on Gunston Rd.:** Supervisor Storck cprntacted VDOT and was told that no repaving is planned.

**SCC Fee:** Dick received the fee notice from Marvin and paid it online (\$25).

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bob handed out August report--\$2824.30 on hand; has paid the post office for our PO box and for our non-profit mailing permit.

**S-CAR’s open house on Oct. 1:** Any preference for the time? Answer – No. Suggested that Sen. Surovell, Del. Albo, and Sup. Storck should be invited.

**Parking of commercial vehicles on the Neck:** Someone had called Hillary about this, Sup. Storck contacted the police – citizens should report complaints on the police non-emergency number.

**Rt. 1/Gunston Cove intersection:** In response to our letter asking for a reconfiguration on Gunston Cove to alleviate back-ups, VDOT says it has done the “engineering” but also the work would be done by end-August, which hasn’t happened. Marvin suggested a letter to Surovell/ Albo/Storck saying VDOT hasn’t followed through.

**“Candidates’ Night”, September 27:** Del. Albo, Sup. Storck, and School Board member Corbett-Sanders have confirmed; Rep. Beyer has a previous commitment.

**Airplane Noise from Reagan National:** The FAA is considering changes that would hacc aircraft fly further south before turning west, which would mean more noise for Mason Neck. Agreement that MNCA needs to register its opposition to the change with our representatives (Beyer, Surovell, Albo, Storck) highlighting the environmental sensitivity of the Neck and the possible harm to wildlife, including the eagles which nest at the Hartwell refuge and the many migratory birds that stop on the Neck to feed and rest.

**Mason Neck State Park – 10-year plan in preparation:** Citizen input is invited, public meeting will be held on November 10.



**BLM – Public Lands Day, September 24:** BLM has requested a \$400 donation – which will be reimbursed later – to buy food for the volunteers. Motion passed to make the donation (Bruce/Marvin)

**Audit Report:** Hillary said no irregularities were found.

**MNCA policy on sending notices about political fundraisers:** We don't send them.

**LCAC Wine Tasting Fundraiser:** September 17, at the Scott's residence; Marvin noted that LCAC currently is providing to more than 200 area families.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, October 5, at 7:30 PM .

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:25

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting  
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October 6, 2016

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President Clawson called the meeting to order at 7:35 and the following were discussed:

**Minutes from September 7:** Motion to Approve (Weyland), Second(Scott) Motion to approve, PASSED with minor changes.

**Secretary Report:** Director Hutson standing in for Secretary Kennedy to take minutes.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Lee presented report in form of email prior to meeting; Motion to Approve (Miller), Second(Clawson), Motion to approve, PASSED

**Candidates Night Summary:** Approx. 60 people in attendance. Meeting went Smooth.

**FAA Letter:** Letter regarding new Flight Routes over Mason Neck has not gone out yet. Should go out within week,

**S-CAR's Open House on Oct. 1:** Meeting went well. Dean Kevin Avruch willing to speak at our General Membership meeting.

**Alexandria Sewer System Dumping:** MNCA needs to send letter to DEQ/Potomac River Keepers/EPA.

**MNSP Scoping Meeting:** 6:00 pm, Thursday, Nov 10, 2016 at MNSP Visitor Center.

**Motion for Bruce Scott to become Treasurer and Rick Hutson to Head MNCA Membership:** Motion to Approve (Miller), Second(Weyland) Motion to approve, PASSED

**BLM Volunteer Day funding:** Director Weyland provided 2 letters and receipt for funding of refreshments for BLM Volunteer Day (MNCA to be reimbursed by BLM).

**LCAC October Fest:** October 22, 2016; 12-6 at Fords Brewery.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, November 2, at 7:30 PM .

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:20; Motion to Approve (Miller), Second(Scott) Motion to approve, PASSED

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting  
Cranford Methodist Church  
November 2, 2016

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Vice-President Diaz-Briquets called the meeting to order at 7:31 and the following were discussed:

**Minutes from October 6:** Motion to Approve (Scott), Second (Stroh) Motion to approve, PASSED.

**Secretary Report:** Director Hutson standing in for Secretary Kennedy (who was a few minutes late) to take minutes.

**Treasurers Report:** New Treasurer Scott had no report. New Treasurer Scott to arrange meeting with Past Treasurer Lee to transition Treasurer duties and resources.

**Membership Report:** Membership Director Hutson to arrange meeting with past Treasurer Lee to transition Membership Duties and resources.

**Letters sent:**

Request to repave Gunston Road  
Gunston Hall grant support  
FAA/Airplane noise  
Alexandria Sewer System Dumping into Potomac.

**Reminder MNSP Scoping Meeting:** 6:00 pm, Thursday, Nov 10, 2016 at MNSP Visitor Center.

**Next Board Meeting:** Proposed Holiday Dinner Meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Café Tequila. May include spouses/friends? (President/Secretary to send out RSVP to Board and make reservation accordingly).

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:50; Motion to Approve (Weyland), Second (Stroh) Motion to approve, PASSED.