

WINTERGREEN PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 9, 2019 - Skyline Pavilion/Windsong Room

MINUTES

Members Present:

Tom Steele
Joe Ely
Larry Luessen
Karen Asher
John Claman
Jim Wright
Bill Gatewood – Newly elected
Rod Kessler
Mark Fischer

John Coy-Absent

WPOA Staff:

Jay Roberts Executive Director
Theresa Harris

CALL TO ORDER – 12:15 PM

Mr. Wright welcomed newly elected director, Bill Gatewood and congratulated Karen Asher on her re-election to the board.

MINUTES:

Approval of minutes of the September 4, 2019 meeting

Motion – Larry Luessen
Second –Karen Asher
Carried

President Wright moved to recognized and commend John Claman for - not just his past four years, but his many years of service to the WPOA Board and the Wintergreen Community including his tireless volunteering for the Volunteer Rescue Squad, Wintergreen Music, and his work with Friends of Wintergreen.

All in favor!

Mr. Wright thanked Jay and his staff for their help and dedication.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: John Claman-Chair

Mr. Steele moved to accept the following 2019-2020 Slate of Officers and Resolution of Authority to act on the behalf of WPOA.

President – Larry Luessen
Vice President – Joe Ely
Secretary – Tom Steele
Treasurer – John Coy (Tom Steele assisting)

Motion to Approve - Steele
Second – Karen Asher
Carried

Mr. Luessen, as newly elected President, thanked Mr. Wright for his leadership the past few years especially with the special circumstances facing WPOA.

OLD BUSINESS

The following was presented by email and approved unanimously by the WPOA Board of

Motion for Elefant

Mr. Jim Wright moved to approve up to \$25,000. for the filing of an amicus brief by Carolyn Elefant, on behalf of WPOA, with the Supreme Court. The board will encourage her to work with Mike Hirrel, and retain the services of a firm of her choosing to assist her in preparations and filing.

Motion- Jim Wright
Seconded – John Claman
Carried – 10/22/2019

Resolution follows as approved by the Board of Directors, October 14, 2019.



Wintergreen Property Owners Association
88 Wintergreen Drive

October 14, 2019

WHEREAS, the Wintergreen Property Owners Association is charged with protecting the safety of its citizens and guests, and

WHEREAS, the community of Wintergreen, including Wintergreen Resort, will several times per year have a census exceeding 10,000, and

WHEREAS, the Wintergreen community is located on mountain ridges with only one entry/exit approximately 1,500 feet lower in elevation than the mountain village, and

WHEREAS, the only alternate escape route, which has always been marginal at best, recently became impassable and beyond repair due to a large debris slide, and

WHEREAS, recent fires in Gatlinburg Tennessee have shown what fires in resort communities with similar east-coast topography are capable of, and

WHEREAS, only 400' of relatively level and relatively sparsely populated forest separate Wintergreen from the Blue Ridge Parkway, and

WHEREAS, Wintergreen Property Owners Association is willing to pay for all costs associated with creating and maintaining an emergency ingress/egress route between Wintergreen Property and the Blue Ridge Parkway, and

WHEREAS, Wintergreen has for decades been a public safety partner with the National Park Service by providing fire suppression, emergency medical, and law enforcement support between milepost 5 and 25 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Forestry, the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, the Virginia Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, United States Congressman Riggleman, United States Senator Warner, and United States Senator Tim Kaine all fully support the proposed emergency ingress/egress route,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wintergreen Property Owners Incorporated Board of Directors supports and authorizes its professional Fire Chief, Curtis N. Sheets, in all endeavors associated with application and approval of a Right of Way granting access from Wintergreen to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Signed this 14th day of October, 2019.

Jim Wright, President

Jay Roberts, Executive Director

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2018 Audited Financials were handed out with a brief description of the complex nature of this tax and reporting year.

Mr. Luessen moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 PM.

Seconded – Wright

Meeting Adjourned

The 2020 February meeting date was set as a Thursday the 6th. The rest of the calendar will be set at the first meeting with the understanding that special executive meetings may be needed as issues arise from the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

Proposed 2020 Meeting Dates:

February 6, 2020 Thursday 1:30 PM - Thursday Confirmed

April 3, Friday 3rd 9:30 AM

June 12, Friday 12th 1:30 PM

August 14, Friday 14th 1:30 PM (Budget)

November 7, 2020 – Saturday - Annual Meeting – no election