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President's Note:

Moyaone Association Meets Dec. 11

I'm looking forward to greeting friends and neighbors at the December 11 (3:00 pm) Moyaone Association (MA) Budget Meeting at the Wagner Community Building (2311 Bryan Point Rd.). MA Secretary Lona Powell emailed a meeting packet to all community members a few weeks ago; if you did not receive the packet, please email Lona at MoyaoneSecretary@gmail.com to request another copy. The meeting will kick-off with a discussion on the unique relationship and history between Piscataway Park and the Moyaone Reserve, led by Laura Ford, CEO of the Accokeek Foundation, and Michael Commisso, Acting Deputy Superintendent of the National Park Service. During the budget portion of the meeting, the membership will vote to approve the 2022 budget as well as vote on capital expenditures. Please bring a favorite snack and beverage to share with friends and neighbors after the meeting. An agenda, May 2021 meeting minutes, and proxy ballot can be found in this edition of *Smoke Signals* following page 6. We did not care to publish the budget materials but if you would like a copy, please reach out to Lona and she will send you the full meeting packet that includes the budget.

We do ask that you arrive at 2:45 pm to check-in for the meeting; this is especially important if you are checking in for yourself and as a proxy. We have a lot to cover and this will help us start on time.

As we think about the 2022 budget, I want to share some numbers:

- 5,000** (approx.) acres in Piscataway Park
- 1,400** wooded acres that make up the Moyaone Reserve
- 188** developed lots (with homes)
- 60** undeveloped lots
- 7** sectors in the Moyaone Reserve based on the phases acquired by Alice Ferguson or the Moyaone Corporation between the 1940s and 1970s
- 5+** acres of land per each lot
- 2** counties — Prince George's and Charles

Moyaone Association Budget Meeting

Saturday, December 11, 2021

*Wagner Community Building
2311 Bryan Point Rd.*

3:00–4:30 pm - Meeting
4:30–6:00 pm - Social

Please bring a favorite nibble and beverage to share.

Our community is small, and in order to continue to thrive, everyone's financial support is vital. There are a number of homes who do not voluntarily pay their annual MA dues. If those households contributed to the community financially, the MA would have an additional \$32,000 in the budget! I am most grateful to those who have contributed in 2021. When you receive your 2022 annual dues email notice in January, I sincerely hope you will continue to support your community.

This is the last *Smoke Signals* of 2021 – a year to which many of us are more than ready to bid adieu. My wish for all of you is a holiday season filled with joy and light.

See you on the 11th!

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Moyaone Association Pool Manager Selection Update

The Pool Manager Selection Committee has met several times and is in the process of developing a position description. In addition, an announcement for the position, and other items related to the Pool Manager position are being prepared. The committee is chaired by Nancy Weiman, and also includes Rhonda Hanson and Lindsay Laws who will also interview and select the candidate for the position.

Timeline:

- Dec. 11 Moyaone Association Budget Meeting: Position announcement available
- Mid-late December Position will be announced in other forums
- Jan. 1–Feb. 1 Resumes will be accepted
- Early February Interviews will be held
- Early March Position will be filled

Duties include, but are not limited to:

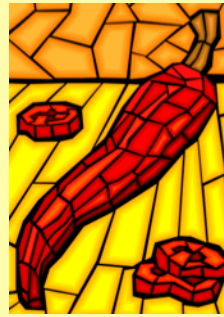
- Recruit, train, supervise, and evaluate staff
- Maintain water quality, proper disinfection, and water balance
- Keep equipment in good working order and make minor repairs as needed
- Provide a safe recreational environment and enforce pool rules
- Comply with Prince George's County Health Department and state regulations
- Purchase equipment and supplies
- Maintain records of pool usage and maintenance
- Ensure that all income and expenditures are accurately recorded
- Plan, coordinate, and direct programs

Requirements:

- Pool operator's license
- First aid/CPR/AED certification
- Lifeguard certification, or 2 years of lifeguard experience within the past 5 years
- Background check
- WSI, Red Cross certification desirable
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Good problem-solving skills and the ability to troubleshoot problems
- Computer literacy, including Microsoft Office

The position will start in March with limited hours to prepare the pool for opening Memorial Day weekend. From Memorial Day weekend through the week after Labor Day, the position will be 30 hours per week paid hourly. The pay rate is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Moyaone Chili Cook-off Returns



The Moyaone Chili Cook-Off is coming back on **Sat., Feb. 5, 2021.**

Save the date and get ready to cook. There will be both meat- and plant-based options.



Moyaone Turkey Trot 2021

— Rita Bergman

The annual Moyaone Turkey Trot was well-attended this year. Over 25 folks and at least 5 dogs turned out on a beautiful, chilly morning to run/walk a mostly wooded route through Piscataway Park and the National Colonial Farm. Thanks to Sheryl Romeo and Matt Schwaller for charting the route, making the yellow directional arrows, and for posting the route with Nan Fremont the day before. We all had a cup of cider before heading out to enjoy our Thanksgiving meals. Looking forward to next year's Trot!

Winter Solstice



December 21



(top left) At the AAA Winter Market, visitors were greeted by large outdoor sculptures, and (top right) an array of artwork for sale. (left) Daniel Wise gave a demonstration on working with pastels.

After Winter Market Success, Artists Alliance Plans for Spring Exhibit

The Accokeek Artists Alliance's Winter Market at the Cafritz Environmental Center was a grand success. A very special thank you goes to the Alice Ferguson Foundation for its generosity in providing this elegant venue. Sales for the participating artists were robust and the AAA's Silent Auction raised more than \$1,800 to benefit the Trey Thomas Recovery Fund.



AAA artists are now planning ahead for a spring exhibit at the Mattawoman Creek Art Center, March 18–April 17. The entire Center, located in Smallwood State Park, will be devoted to AAA artists. Look forward to a rollicking opening reception and a blockbuster exhibit.

Wait, there's more! During the Moyaone Homes Tour on April 30, 2022, AAA artists will be exhibiting and selling art at Daniel Wise's Barn Studio at 820 Bryan Point Road.

Consider joining this inspiring and companionable group. You can join as a supporter of the arts or as a producing artist. Find the application for membership at accokeekartistsalliance.com.

Davies Concert Series – Dec. 5

The Davies Concert Series' 50th Anniversary Season continues Sun., Dec. 5 at 5 pm with the Beau Soir Ensemble, featuring traditional holiday fare as well as the work of contemporary composers. In keeping with the Series' emphasis on accessibility, all tickets are Pay What You Can. They can be obtained onsite beginning 30 minutes prior to the performance at Davies Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 7400 Temple Hill Road, Camp Springs, MD. Masking and proof of vaccination are required for admittance. Visit daviesconcertseries.com for details.



Moyaone Youth to Hold Christmas Market (Weihnachtsmarkt) on Dec. 10

Join the holiday fun at the Moyaone's Weihnachtsmarkt sponsored by our local youth. The learning pod that's been meeting at the Moyaone pavilion has been busy practicing learning about banking, making change, and keeping ledgers. They've also been creating hand-crafted goods suitable for holiday gift-giving. The community decides whether the youth will make a profit, but the students will do the math.

The *outdoor, cash-only* market is open for one day only, rain or shine: **Fri., Dec. 10, 2–7 pm**. Come on down to the Moyaone Pavilion and grounds, 2311 Bryan Point Rd. Hot cocoa and cookies will be available for purchase. Curbside pickup of reserved items is available. To view the inventory of goods (items are being added as they are completed), visit the Christmas Market website: <https://lunactias.wixsite.com/weihnachtsmarkt>

Moyaone Bumper Stickers Available

Over the years, the Moyaone Association has had three versions of bumper stickers. The current one is green (*lower right*), and available for landowners in the Moyaone Reserve, gratis, from MoyaoneMembershipChair@gmail.com, or KentLHibben@gmail.com.

I am readying an order for the very first one (the blue M; *top*) that Papa and his neighbors put on their cars in the '60s — or, also, for folks who wish to have the middle years' blue leaf motif (*middle*). These options are good for keeping the neighborhood's oldest vehicles chronologically accurate!

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December 2021 Greater Accokeek Civic Association News

The GACA Board — President, Judy Allen-Leventhal; Vice President, Trey Thomas; Secretary, Lee Puterbaugh; Treasurer, Erica Barry; and members-at-large, Roger Midgette, Phil VanWiltburg, Dan Donohue, Stevenson McIlvaine, and William Centeno — has continued behind-the-scenes work although the last general GACA membership meeting was held in June. Phil VanWiltburg continues to reach out via email with important information from a variety of sources. The Roadway Advocacy Committee for South County (RACS) — Larry Bettis, Brinson Evans, Colleen Walter Puterbaugh, and Joan Smuck — continues work with Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Prince George's County's Councilmanic District 9 — as you may have noticed, in particular along Maryland Route 210, its frontage roads near the Route 373 intersection, and along Livingston Road.

We want to extend special thanks to the MDOT Upper Marlboro shop team for their invaluable work in making the Oct. 30 Growing Green with Pride Prince George's County event a great success. Special thanks to MDOT's Ernie Johnson and Jamaal Craven for their leadership, which was invaluable in helping the GACA volunteers complete the planting and litter pickup along north- and southbound Maryland 210 frontage roads.

The Accokeek Heritage Tourism Study (AHTS) Steering Committee met virtually in October, and the consultant team visited Accokeek Nov. 15, 16, and 17. Consultant Carolyn Brackett and members of the Neighborhood Design Center consultant team met with various local stakeholders and visited local resources. The consultants will continue to gather information over the coming months as they prepare the written study report. The project webpage provides more details: <https://www.mncppc.org/5133/Accokeek-Heritage-Tourism-Study>.

What's next for GACA?

- The Holiday Christmas Tree will be decorated on Sat., Dec. 4, at 10 am in front of B&J Carry-Out. We extend a heartfelt thanks to B&J proprietor Barry Young for generously providing the tree again this year. Everyone is welcome: please join us!

- In 2022: GACA will host a General Membership Meeting: Wed., Feb. 23, 2022. Covid-19, concerns about variants, "breakthrough" risks, and associated health risks will delay reinstating the Free Table and the 50-50 raffle; all health protocols will be carefully followed. Membership dues will be reinstated, and a general election of the GACA Board (officers and members-at-large) will be held. We are optimistic this will be an in-person meeting at the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Hall. Details will be forthcoming early in 2022.

On behalf of the entire Greater Accokeek Civic Association Board, we wish you and your families very Happy Holidays!



CCYO to Perform a Concert of Seasonal Music Dec. 11

The Charles County Youth Orchestra (CCYO), directed by Dr. Osman Kivrak, will perform a holiday concert on Sat., Dec. 11 at 5 pm at the Kris Kringle Market at the Charles County Fairgrounds, 8440 Fairgrounds Rd., La Plata, MD. The program will include holiday favorites as well as popular classical composers such as Vivaldi, Handel and Mozart. Two CCYO seniors, Eileen Browning and Candace Jackson (*pictured above*), will be featured in a performance of Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Cellos. CCYO's performance will be followed by fireworks at 6 pm.

More information about the Kris Kringle Christmas Market can be found at this link: <https://www.charlescountyfair.com/kriskringlechristmasmarket/>

CCYO is one of the largest youth organizations in Southern Maryland, providing music education and performance opportunities for talented young musicians ages 8 to 18 in Charles, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Calvert counties.

Mid-year auditions will be held Jan. 22 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Neighborhood Creative Arts Center in La Plata. Information about auditions can be found here: <https://www.charlescountyyouthorchestra.org/auditions>

Live performances in 2021 by CCYO have included an orchestra concert, a Concerto Competition concert and six chamber music concerts at the Alice Ferguson Foundation and Christ Church, La Plata.

The Charles County Youth Orchestra is sponsored in part by grants from the Charles County Arts Alliance, the Maryland State Arts Council, the Rotary Club of Charles County, MD, the Charles County Charitable Trust and the Knights of Columbus of Accokeek, MD. Other major contributors include Potters Violins, Gales Violin Shop, and the Neighborhood Creative Arts Center of La Plata as well as generous donations from individuals.

The Charles County Youth Orchestra is directed by Dr. Osman Kivrak; with Encore Band, Takako Mato, Director; Encore Strings, Krisztina Der Noble, Director; and Prelude Strings, Teri Lazar, Director. For more information, contact Dr. Kivrak (email:charlescountyyouthorchestra.org; tel. 301 375-7109).



Winter's Eve
at the National Colonial Farm

\$15/adults; \$5/children under 10
Sat., Dec. 4, 4–8 pm

Celebrate the season at the Accokeek Foundation's annual Winter's Eve festival.

We're lighting up the hay wagon, decking the stalls of the livestock barn, and building a bonfire you won't want to miss! Enjoy caroling and hot cocoa, explore the historic buildings by candlelight, enter the magical and glowing realm of the Fairy Trail. And please remember to drop by the Visitor Center to shop for gifts by local artists. Pre-register or pay at the door.

Farm Tour

Friday, Dec. 10, 1–2 pm, or 2:30–3:30 pm. \$7
Tours must be booked by 5 pm the evening before.

Take a tour through 1770 led by one of our educators. Explore the grounds of a working tobacco farm and meet its two- and four-legged residents. Suitable for all ages.

Please note: Walking tours take place outdoors and over uneven terrain. Unvaccinated visitors over 2 are asked to wear masks, and all visitors are required to wear a mask inside the Visitor Center and other public buildings.

Owl Prowl

Sat., Dec. 11, 4–5:30 pm

Discover local owls and their adaptations! Go on a guided trail walk at dusk to look for signs of owls. If time permits, participants will dissect an owl pellet together; however, if our trail walk is full of owl signs, then you will take an owl pellet home to dissect on your own. A portion of this tour takes place outdoors and over uneven terrain.

For all events

Pre-register online at calendar.accokeekfoundation.org. Unvaccinated visitors over the age of 2 years are asked to wear masks during tours, and all visitors are required to wear a mask inside the Visitor Center and other public buildings or when social distancing is not possible outdoors.

The Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek; info@accokeek.org



A Very Merry Moyaone — a holiday event on Dec 18.

There's a lot of talent in the Moyaone and I wanted to create an occasion to gather and share this magic. What better time than the holidays to get together for some merriment and good tidings? So I decided to form a choir with my magical neighbors and invite other performers for an evening of singing, storytelling, and laughter. We're performing outside with a big fire to keep everybody warm. We still have space in the program if any brave souls want to take the stage for a number or two. We also will have lots of tables available for the makers in the community to show and sell their wares. Anyone interested in participating should reach out to me ASAP.
— Mina (Minameister@gmail.com)

Alice Ferguson Foundation Offers Gift of Nature

Give your loved ones the gift of some great memories and experiences as you spend time together in the outdoors. Fun on the Farm will continue in Spring 2022. Dates and session themes will be announced. Stay tuned!

Become A Member

We invite you to join our community of members! For \$45 annually, you and your household will receive an invitation to member-only events, as well as reduced tickets for Pinot on the Potomac and other workshops. [LEARN MORE HERE](#)

We can't wait to see you at the Farm! Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Rd.; fergusonfoundation.org

Memberships in Local Organizations Make Good Gifts ...

Looking for stocking stuffer suggestions for friends and neighbors? Consider a membership or donation to one of our local organizations, listed below. I hear that Sankt Niklaus encourages gift memberships rolled up in a scroll and tucked into your favorite neighbor's/co-members' stockings. The Moyaone Association (MA) partners with each of these organizations, year-in and -out, helping each of us to effectively engage in matters of mutual interest.

Accokeek Foundation (AF) accokeek.org/
—an anchor to the past, partnering with MVLA, AFF, and MA to shape our scenic easements in our future.

Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department 24 (AVFD24) pgvolunteers.org/department/accokeek-volunteer-fire-department/ —volunteering to save homeowners and homes

Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) fergusonfoundation.org/ —connecting children of all ages with farm, field, and forest

AMP Creeks Council s525533305.onlinehome.us/
—coordinates actions helping the health of Accokeek, Mattawoman, and Piscataway creeks

Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Department brvfd.com/
—teams with AVFD24 to help protect our homes

Conservancy for Charles County conservecharles.org/
—through donated conservation easements, helps protect Moyaone Reserve's southern flank

Friends of the Accokeek Library facebook.com/friendsofaccokeeklibrary/ —supporting one of our most valuable community resources

Greater Accokeek Civic Association accokeekcivic.wixsite.com/website —advancing civic and social betterment of all who live in Accokeek

Indian Head Highway Area Action Council ihhaac.org/
—helping shape legislation of land use along the 210 corridor.

Mattawoman Watershed Society mattawomanwatershedsociety.org/ —works to preserve the watershed

Mount Vernon Ladies Association (MVLA) mountvernon.org/preservation/mount-vernon-ladies-association —partners in stewarding the Mount Vernon Viewshed

Moyaone Association (MA) moyaone.org —(y)our collection of houses and forest bound together; welcoming landowners' engagement in all seasons, to help homesteads be in harmony with nature.



... and so do Books on the Moyaone Reserve's History

1) *The Moyaone Reserve: A History of a Unique, Environmentally Conscious Community*, by G.L. Hanssen. Describes the history and development of a community of Maryland homeowners who live along the Potomac River in the viewshed of George Washington's Mount Vernon, and whose land is under scenic easements with the National Park Service to protect that view. *The Moyaone Reserve* is a mere \$25 for a vast collection of history and photos of what we were and are. Contact KentLHibben@gmail.com for your copy. Proceeds go to the Moyaone Association.

2) *The Possible Dream: Saving George Washington's View*, by Robert Ware Straus, is being readied for a new reprint. The Accokeek Foundation and I are taking orders to determine quantity.

3) *After Alice: Building a Foundation to Protect the Land*, by Kay Gardner Powell, past executive director of the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Contact: kaypowell@verizon.net

4) *Hard Bargain Adventures*, by Henry Ferguson, and *Adventures in Southern Maryland* by Alice L.L. Ferguson, are available from the Alice Ferguson Foundation (call 301 292-5665).

Welcoming questions or info, 24/7/365

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Moyaone Association Public Affairs

Moyaone Association Budget Meeting
December 11, 2021 from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
The Wagner Community Building
2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607

Agenda

We ask that all those attending have received their COVID-19 vaccinations, and that all in attendance wear masks except when speaking.

- 3:00 pm Moyaone President's Welcome and Approval of May 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- 3:10 pm Accokeek Foundation/NPA Presentation
(Laura Ford, President & CEO of the Accokeek Foundation and Michael Commisso, Acting Deputy Superintendent, NPS)
- 3:40 pm 2021 Budget Review and 2022 Budget Discussion and Approval
(Karen Bell, Moyaone Comptroller)
- Capital Improvement Items for Discussion and Approval
- New Roof at the Entrance to the Wagner Building & Replace Fencing Around Dumpster (Rose Kim)
 - Moyaone Commons Sports Court (Crystal Garcia)
- 4:00 pm Financial Trustees Risk Assessment
(Rita Bergman, Paul Livingston & Bill Robertson)
- 4:10 pm Other Business & Updates
- Air Traffic (John Mitchell/Bill Parker)
 - Pool Manager (Nancy Weiman)
 - Wagner Center Acoustic (Michael Leventhal)
 - Accokeek Swim Team – Standing Committee Approval (Rose Kim)
- 4:30 pm Adjourn

Please stay after the meeting to enjoy happy hour with neighbors and friends.

Moyaone Association Annual Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2021
Wagner Center Pavilion, 2311 Bryan Point Rd. Accokeek MD 20607

Board members in attendance: Rose Kim (President), Lona Powell (Secretary), Michael Leventhal (Director-at-Large), Paola Carts (Comptroller)

Committee Chairs in attendance: Crystal Garcia (Membership), Kent Hibben (Public Affairs), Rhonda Hanson (Pool), Stan Fetter (Roads)

Call to Order

A quorum was verified and the meeting was called to order by president, Rose Kim at 3:13.

President

Rose thanked everyone for coming and acknowledged several “unsung heroes” in our midst, specifically Alex Naar and Antonia Bookbinder (for their work combatting invasive species in the commons area), Holly Wagner (planting native plants around the buildings), Rita Bergman (National Register Nomination), Gary Penn (our webmaster), Paul Murray (our website), Chris Ailes (cleanup) and Ruth Gaumond (editor, Smoke Signals).

Rose introduced several community partners that had been invited to briefly speak:

Laura Ford, President and CEO of the Accokeek Foundation. Laura said that going forward the Visitor’s Center will be open every weekend and there is also a twitch stream that will be up all month. She acknowledged that we are on Piscataway Nation homeland and that they are working on putting the Piscataway back into Piscataway Park.

Theresa Cullen of the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Theresa spoke briefly about the programs that they had been able to continue and thought that the children will be back sometime next year. They have a mission both to “get people outdoors” and to “keep the environment healthy”. They have the “Pinot on the Potomac” fundraiser coming up in June, and later, on October 8, a community picnic.

Judy Allen-Leventhal, President of the Greater Accokeek Civic Association (GACA). Judy spoke of some GACA initiatives like highway cleanup and advocating for our fair share of highway money. She is also working with MNCPPC on the Accokeek Heritage Tourism Plan, which will involve a consultant coming down to identify stakeholders and resources then producing a plan.

Leanne Erwin, from the Prince Georges County Lynching Project. She is working on getting historic markers put up where lynchings took place, including one in Piscataway in 1869. Promoting racial justice is the goal of the project.

Comptroller

Paola said we have \$82K in the bank account. 70% of homeowners have paid. Paola said that during her two years as comptroller she was impressed by the stewardship of the board in deciding how to spend the money. Paola gave a shoutout to Rose for being very proactive in getting people to pay their fees and to Michael Leventhal for working tenaciously to save us thousands in property taxes.

Chair and Standing Committees Report

Financial Trustees & T. Rowe Price

Stan Fetter reported that we have \$319 in the accounts, up \$78K from a year ago. The audit of the books showed good recordkeeping with transparency in the records.

Membership

Crystal Garcia mentioned that there were lots of new neighbors in attendance and she encouraged them to each introduce themselves, which they did. The new people included a block of homeowners from the Howe Estates, which were recently annexed into the Moyaone Reserve.

Roads

Stan Fetter reported that the roads are in decent shape with some culvert work coming up. We got some free material that will save us thousands of dollars. People will be informed as the time gets closer – June or July is the timeframe, since there will be a time when the roads will be impassable. Stan also reminded all to take care of the brush along your road frontage, look at your trees and take care of them if they are ready to come down. He also reminded us that Sanford Lane is not ours and we need to drive slowly and carefully when using that road.

Pool

Rhonda Hansen reminded everyone that pool membership is included in the fees. She said the pool inspection would be on Wednesday, May 19, and that May 29th is the opening. Rhonda said that we are bound by a county policy that will still require social distancing and the wearing of masks on the pool deck. The swim team will meet this year, but we are not sure yet if there will be lessons.

Buildings and Grounds

John Hollyfield talked about the importance of stewardship, then made these important points:

- Off-season the trash cans don't get emptied.
- Don't use match-light charcoal, the flames get too high.
- He found the fire extinguishers empty.
- The water is turned off during the off season.
- A combination can be provided to use the gas but don't give the combination to children.
- Don't put sharp knives where kids can get to them.
- Bring soap, paper towels to events on the grounds.
- If you see a toilet running jiggle the handle.
- The Pizza oven gets to 1000 degrees; its important that kids don't run around it. There is a "Yellow Zone" for the pizza that should not have kids in it.
- Furniture should not be dropped off without checking first.
- The back door of the Wagner Center doesn't latch well – be sure to check it.
- Pick up large rocks if you see them in the field.
- Lock the gate if you are the last one out.

John encouraged people to sign up for the Building and Grounds Committee. (At the back were sign up sheets for all the standing committees.)

Public Affairs

Kent Hibben said he works to coordinate with all of our partners and he encouraged people, especially newcomers, to learn all about the neighborhood that they can. He mentioned two helpful books: Moyaone Reserve by George Hanssen and After Alice by Kay Powell. He also mentioned “The Woods in Your Backyard” as another helpful book, which has best practices for land stewardship.

Other business

The nominating committee of Karen Hoagberg and Rita Bergman presented the following slate:

President – Rose Kim

Vice President – Lindsay Laws

Comptroller – Karen Bell

Secretary – Lona Powell

Director At Large – Michael Leventhal

Financial Trustees – Rita Bergman (to take over Stan’s third year), Bill Robertson, Paul Livingston

A motion to approve the slate was made and was approved by the membership.

Michael Leventhal gave an update on his efforts to get scenic easement tax credits for Charles County landowners. There are 44 lots that would be eligible for easements. He has asked Mt. Vernon for help in identifying which properties they would like to see easements on, but these talks have not been fruitful. Michael is waiting to get something from them that he can go back to Charles County with. Holly Wagner clarified that if your easement was bought, back when these were being established, then you do not get a tax credit.

Michael also informed the meeting that Royal Farms has withdrawn its application to develop at the main Accokeek intersection. He also mentioned that a new threat is the expansion of Maryland Airport in Pomonkey. Charles County wants to put commercial development all around it. People were encouraged to express disapproval to the Charles County Planning Commission. John Mitchell spoke briefly on the Fair Skies Coalition that deals with the airport noise issue. The goal is to spread the noise out.

Holly Wagner spoke on an effort underway to try to improve the acoustics in the Wagner Center. An acoustic engineer is being consulted.

The meeting closed with a very moving tribute by Kent Hibben to the 11 Moyaoners who had died during the last year. None of the deaths were from coronavirus. Remembered were Phil Jones, Bev Linde, Judy Bedner, Mike Realo, David Townsend, Ed Jones, Bob and Charlotte Gillespe, Tom Powell, Vince Femia, and Brendan Watts.

Rose presented mementos to Paola Carts and Karen Hoagberg to thank them for their past service.

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM and everyone was invited to stay and drink a champagne toast.

The Moyaone Association
December 11, 2021
Membership Voting Proxy Form

Home Owner Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

I give _____ authorization to vote on my behalf on all issues put to a vote by the Moyaone Association during the December 11, 2021 Budget Meeting.

Home Owner(s) Signature: _____

Date: _____

This form must be presented by the Proxy at the Moyaone Membership Meeting on Dec. 11.