

WFNA General Meeting Minutes March 12, 2019, Kulshan Middle School

Board members:

Stephen Dillon- President
Claudia Oates - Treasurer
Amanda Cook - Secretary
Jenny Baker-Couch- MNAC
Representative

Todd Luther - Vice President
Dave Ahrenholz - Director
MNAC Alternate - Vacant
Director - Vacant

1. Call to order at 7:00PM, 20 attendees present.
2. Meeting minutes from January 8, 2019 were approved.
3. Steve acknowledged the passing of one of our board members, Joe Coons. Our thoughts go out to his family.
4. Ted Carlson from the Bellingham Public Works Department was our first guest speaker. Here are some of the highlights:
 - Lake Whatcom is the primary water source for Bellingham
 - Algae bloom has been a concern the last decade
 - Outdoor water restrictions have helped with water demand in the summer months
 - Building a pre-treatment facility in Whatcom Falls Park has helped treat the water before making it to the main filtration plant
 - There will be a tour of the pre-treatment plant on March 20th at 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00pm. To sign up for the tour please contact Amy Cloud at accloud@cob.org or 360-778-7700
 - Building the pre-treatment facility was a 16 million dollar project
 - Solar was added to the buildings to help offset the added energy use
 - If interested in having your water tested, call 360-779-7700 Public Works and they will direct you to the lab department
5. Our next speaker was Robin Elliott from CHS Northwest Bellingham and Ross Robb who supplies chicken feed to the store.
 - Chicks arrive every Thursday
 - Geese, ducks and turkeys will be available at the store as well
 - The store brings in hearty varieties that will withstand our weather and winters
 - Chicks start to lay in about 20 weeks after being born
 - Each year of age hens will reduce the amount of eggs they produce, the average life span is around 4-6 years but can live longer
 - Decreasing daylight will reduce egg laying but in regular light a hen will produce an egg every 25 hours
 - Chicks are sexed when they leave the breeders but sometimes a rooster can make it in with the hens at the young age. Roosters are not legal within city limits
 - Raccoons and rats are attracted to chicken coops

- a bird eats about a handful of food a day, it is okay to give them food scraps from your garden
 - Ducks will lay eggs as well, it is best to keep ducks and chickens separate to avoid disease and parasites spreading between the species
6. Under New Business we approved the 2019 board
- Steve Dillion President
 - Todd Luther Vice President
 - Claudia Oates Treasurer
 - Amanda Cook Secretary
 - Jenny Baker-Couch MNAC
 - Matt Randal MNAC Alternate
 - Small and simple grants \$5000, applications need to be in by May 15th, this can be used to make a neighborhood sign, create a little park, or something to benefit the neighborhood. If you have any ideas let's get a committee together to spearhead the discussion so we are prepared for next year.
 - The City recently acquired a parcel of land at the end of Birch for added parking, no other information was available regarding the parcel
7. Next meeting will be May 14th, and Mayor Kelli Linville will be our only guest speaker, please mark your calendars! Please email questions you may have for her to Steve Dillion at StephenDillon@gmail.com. He will make sure she receives the questions ahead of time so she can be prepared to answer them to the best of her ability.
8. Local resources can be found at the following:
- Litter Control Officer (360) 778-8623
 - Social: www.nextdoor.com
 - On the Web: www.whatcomfallsneighborhood.org
 - In the City: www.cob.org
 - Our neighborhood plan:
<http://www.cob.org/documents/planning/neighborhoods/whatcom-falls.pdf>

Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Cook, Secretary