

**Hethwood Foundation Meeting of the Members**  
July 28, 2014 @ 12 noon in the Huntsman Clubhouse

**I. Opening Remarks**

Hethwood Board President, Donna Gresh introduced herself & explained that we have two meetings today; a Meeting of the Membership and the Hethwood Board quarterly meeting. She welcomed everyone and requested that comments from the membership be timed/limited to 3 minutes, to give everyone a chance to speak.

**II. Public Comment**

A. Comments regarding the proposed trail easement requested by Friends of the Huckleberry. The following are a summary or list of comments from those in attendance:

- Why the rush?

Donna explained that the Friends of the Huckleberry requested an expedited answer to their request for an easement because they have a time limit on an option to purchase a piece of land in the Hethwood Office Park that would

Josh explained that the Friends of the Huckleberry and the Town can not guarantee funding for anything now. They are requesting easements before proceeding. Any easement granted would come with a list of items/conditions that Hethwood would want. Nothing is in writing at this point –all verbal.

- This goes against the reason we moved here to begin with.
- This will lower our property values.
- Friends saw increase in property values w/trail.
- Voiced support because of four advantages –enhanced neighborhood, recreation, financially good if the Town or VDOT covers cost of tunnel under Heather Dr.
- Can we reroute foot traffic? This is too close. The Huckleberry is already near us, with easement. Where is the benefit?
- Bikers passing through are dangerous to our pedestrians and kids on tricycles. Often don't feel safe as a walker.
- This compromises our community-for 25yrs we've played on the Hethwood trail and had good access.
- Fencing and hedges will cut down on our openness and accessibility.
- The houses are too close to the trail...the area by the library is different and the houses are further away.
- This will change character of the neighborhood. Puzzled why this will increase our property value to add fences and hedges behind property.
- Park area is no real park, not very big-would like a park there instead of business.
- 5% Grade on bridge was talked about and will take most of the lot
- What's coming across the street (Price's Fork)? We don't really know yet. Support bridge but better alternative-maybe Heather along Prices Fork Rd?
- Consider a different route not through our backyards-keep character of neighborhood. How about on back of Foxridge make left (by creek)?
- If the path is widened 2' they may kill or remove our trees (14) behind Plymouth & Capistrano. Alternative routes should be considered.
- This was not our original vision-betrayal of contract.
- People that live on the path would be most impacted and will maybe not have enough votes. It may improve your value if it's close-not if it's right in your back yard.

**B. Other Comments**

- If we vote no, they may come back with another proposal. If we vote yes, we could put together a list of conditions.
- Janet asked ...Forget lot and bridge would there be a scenario that you would ever approve the easement as proposed? We are asking because at the informational meeting it seemed as if there was interest. We want to find out what the residents want.

Public comment was closed 12:48pm.

- Bruce talked about Obenchain property, zoning, & plan for light at Hethwood Blvd. & Prices Fork.

While we may not support this option we do support the trail and will work together for the future.

Donna closed all comments on the Huckleberry @ 12:58pm & votes were collected.

Josh announced that we have counted the votes and there is an overwhelming majority of those opposed to the easement.

The meeting was adjourned 1:05PM

