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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2010, 7 P.M.

All Finksburg residents and business owners are invited.
Carroll County Public Library, Finksburg Branch
Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg, MD 21048

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TALKING ABOUT TRASH, WASTE NOT! CARROLL

Don West, of Waste Not Carroll, will be our featured guest. Don has lived in Carroll County for 25 years on a small farm outside Westminster with his family. As a result of his business and personal interests, greenbuilding and sustainability issues have become important to him.

Three years ago, he co-founded the Maryland Heartland Sustainable Living Fair, a local non-profit that encourages renewable energy, greenbuilding and sustainable agriculture and lifestyle. Last summer, he started studying solid waste issues in Carroll County, including recycling,

landfills, incineration and other methods of trash disposal. Forming Waste Not! - Carroll was the result. After weighing the options, his local group, in conjunction with a similar group in Frederick County, has committed to opposing the proposed WTE incinerator while exploring more sustainable alternatives.

His talk to the FPACC will concentrate on specific issues of interest regarding the WTE incinerator — cost, oversight, myths and misinformation, and he will discuss some of the alternatives. Obviously, questions from the group will be welcome at the end.

JANUARY MEETING

New Years Resolutions, the Library's Birthday and Finksburg Plan

Many of you joined us to hear the latest on the Finksburg Corridor Plan & the County Master Plan updates. We discussed its results and answered your questions. Thank you for keeping this important matter in mind. It could dramatically change the way we live in Finksburg and Carroll County.

The Finksburg Library opened January 28, 2009. Our meeting coincided with the one year anniversary of the opening. The library provided celebratory refreshments at our meeting including a fantastic decorated cake with an edible photo of the library!

“To promote a Finksburg Community, whose objective is to preserve the fundamental quality of life where farms, families and businesses may coexist in a manner beneficial to all.”

FINKSBURG CORRIDOR PLAN UPDATE

In October 2009, the Carroll County Planning Commission announced the cancellation of the Pathways Plan process. This placed the state of the Finksburg plan, which was happening in conjunction with this plan, in question. Daphne Daly joined us at our November meeting and provided an update on the state of the Finksburg Plan.

A revised staff draft of the Finksburg Corridor Plan is now available for you to review on the County Planning

Department website: <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/compplan/finksburg/default.asp>. The Planning & Zoning Commission had a work session on the County Master Plan & the proposed Finksburg Corridor Plan on Tuesday January 19, 2010. See the agenda at http://carroll.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1004.

FINKSBURG HOTEL

Proposed Demo and Re-development of 3 lots.

The Bureau of Development Review currently is processing a development plan for the Mann property (3051 Old Westminster Pike), located along Old Westminster Pike between Murray Road and Schoolhouse Lane. The proposal for three lots would demolish the current structure that is located on the property. This structure is the old Finksburg Hotel, which was noted as a contributing structure in the Finksburg Survey District (CARR-987), and also had its own field sheet completed for it (CARR-1003). Both inventory documents can be found online at http://mht.maryland.gov/Survey_MIHP_Search.html by signing in and searching Carroll County. This was discussed at the January meeting and some in attendance were interested in exploring the possibility of preserving these structures.

PLEASE PAY YOUR FPACC DUES

We ask you to please pay your membership dues for 2010. You can pay your dues online at <http://www.finksburg.org/Dues.htm>, at our meeting, or print a form on our website and mail it in. The annual cost is only \$10 for residents and \$25 for businesses. Thanks so much.

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General Council meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month at the Finksburg Branch of the Carroll County Public Library. Meetings begin at 7 PM. Board meetings are usually held on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Check our website to confirm meeting dates.

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

If you have any questions or any issues that you might want discussed at a future meeting, please contact mail.admin@finksburg.org.