

# Wonalancet Preservation Association



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Greetings members and friends of WPA,

June 2018

This has been a busy and productive year for us. Check out our website, [wonalancet.org](http://wonalancet.org), for articles on some of our activities.

There is, however, one special project that I would like to share with you. The WPA Board has started a conversation about the long term future of Wonalancet. We want to include you in this conversation as we seek the answers to the question:

## **What would you wish Wonalancet to be like in fifty or one hundred years?**

Might there be a common vision of the future that we all could share, and by sharing it, help it come to pass? What criteria and imagination would be necessary to enhance this vision? How might we realize it and who would be included in the conversation? With all that in mind we decided to explore these questions. It seems to me that the alternative is to be completely subject to forces outside of our neighborhood.

Several board members who are veterans of various visioning initiatives for other organizations were unanimous in recommending professional guidance. We were fortunate to secure the services of David Chase, formerly of Sandwich, a seasoned organizational consultant. He gave us preliminary research materials and we scheduled a day in March to begin the process. We started by taking stock of our values, taking inventory of our resources, listing our challenges, and generalizing about our hopes and goals. Dave made clear at the outset that we should not expect to craft a finished vision statement. Rather we should identify and acknowledge all the stakeholders, and work to identify the essential components of a prospective vision, then open it up to the community. At the end of this fascinating day we boiled down the results to three major themes to share with you for further exploration and input.

### **Preservation**

### **Community**

### **Economic Activity**

For each theme we developed a set of ideas and concepts. Our assignment was then to try to synthesize these ideas into a brief sentence or two for each theme, to be followed with a more lengthy explication. The Board of Directors has created draft vision statements for each theme, which are published on our website. We invite you to visit [wonalancet.org](http://wonalancet.org), read the vision statements, and send along your thoughts via a brief survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X33B3LK>). With your help we will continue to evolve this vision during the coming year. Many interesting ideas have already been voiced.

And finally – but very importantly – please consider a gift to the Wonalancet Preservation Fund. We have depleted it considerably in the recent past assisting with major conservation transactions in Wonalancet. This fund is essential for most everything WPA can accomplish in pursuit of our preservation mission. WPA is a 501(c)(3) organization, so all donations and dues are tax deductible to the full extent permitted by the IRS.

Thank you, and we hope to see you at the Annual Meeting,

John Waite, President WPA

Maura King, Secretary  
Pat Read, Treasurer  
Helen Steele  
David White  
Ruth Moscovich  
Chris Wilson  
Philip Walsh  
Shelby Semmes  
Ted Sidley (Emeritus member, non-voting)  
Doug McVicar (Emeritus member, non-voting)

ANNUAL MEETING - August 12th  
**Pot-luck in the Grove at 5:30**  
**Special Presentation in the Chapel at 7pm**  
**followed by a short business meeting at 7:30**  
More details on the website

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**DUES ARE DUE** for the 2018-2019 year and can be mailed to us with the attached info form or paid in person at the Annual meeting. Add names & addresses of others who might be interested in WPA membership or mailings below in the comments area.

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