

“*Civility: George Washington’s 110 Rules for Today*”.

All of us in Worman’s Mill recognize how much happier we’d be if the prevailing culture were a more civil one. Think back about what happened recently in Washington DC! Sometimes in order to move forward, we need to take a long look back. We were fortunate to have Mr. Steven Selzer, a resident of Worman’s Mill, who made a presentation on January 20, 2021 of his updated book.

At age fourteen, George Washington wrote 110 guidelines to cultivate civility and orient himself toward others, which he called *Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation*. In this book author Steven Selzer examines and expands on Washington’s rules, proving they’re still as necessary today as they were 250 years ago. With subjects ranging from media literacy to choosing friends, to nail biting, the principles and proposals in *Civility* will enable readers to better handle interpersonal conflicts, conduct business, manage everyday stress with grace, and treat their fellow citizens with more respect.

These rules remain fundamentally pertinent and valuable today. We found, in this presentation that George Washington’s rules are brought to bear on modern problems, sticky social situations, and twenty-first-century media – it becomes clear just how deeply the way we treat each other affects us all. The way we treat one another in private and in public have never been more significant than they are today. In a world where everything is increasingly fast, our impatience fuels our entitlement and need for immediate gratification. We all know that more and more people crave the return of greater civility in modern times.