

# Town of Upper Marlboro

## REGULAR TOWN MEETING

April 10, 2012

Approved Minutes

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Stephen F. Sonnett, President of the Board of Town Commissioners (communicated absence)  
James Storey, Commissioner/ Treasurer  
Joseph A. Hourclé, Commissioner

Staff present: M. David Williams, Town Clerk

Also present: Erich Wagner of the *Gazette* and various citizens and interested parties.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes & Financial Reports

President Sonnett asked for consent to the Agenda. Approval was given by both Commissioners. The Town Meeting minutes from March 13, 2012 and the Work Session minutes from March 28, 2012 were summarized by Commissioner Hourclé. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve both sets of minutes, Commissioner Hourclé seconded. All minutes from March's Town Meeting and Work Session were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Storey reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2012. At 9 months into FY2012, total operational revenues and general government expenses are all in the 75% range with the exception of some items in the Public Works department due to current under-staffing situation. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Commissioner Storey seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2012 was unanimously approved.

### Reports

Staff: Mr. Williams reported that there will be a third meeting of the Prince George's County Commission on the War Of 1812 in April, but had not received a confirmed date as of yet. Mr. Callicott added that the War of 1812 U.S. Mint Commemorative Coins are now available, and, that road signage was currently being updated from the lower Patuxent River up through Upper Marlboro, changing the headers on the signs from "Scenic Byway" to "Star Spangled Historic Trail".

Commissioner Hourclé: Reported that the Marlborough Day Committee had extended the vendor registration deadline, and, that he would be attending the upcoming PGCMA and MMITA meetings.

Commissioner Storey: Delivered a progress report on Memorial Day Ceremony preparations, noting that a keynote speaker was still needed, and, that because of budget cuts this would be the last year that the Frederick Douglass High School Junior ROTC will be available to perform the color guard ceremony.

President Sonnett: In the President's absence, the Clerk reminded everyone that the Police Report for March 2012 was in the April *Landings* newsletter, and that there were flyers available for Marlborough Day, as well as, applications for the 2012 Prince George's County Beautification Awards program.

### Business

Contract renewal: It was noted that the Town's auditing services contract renewal for FY2013 had risen by 5%, but was still less expensive than competitor's estimates. Commissioner Hourclé made a motion to authorize the contract with Bridgett Mock & Associates for \$12,250.00, and Commissioner Storey seconded the motion. With no one opposed, the renewal contract was authorized.

Ordinance 2012-01 (FY2013): Commissioner Hourclé introduced the Town Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 by reading it aloud in its entirety. Commissioner Storey noted that a brief summary of the proposed budget was in the *Landings* newsletter, and that line item details were listed in the handout entitled "Proposed FY13". It was also noted that the Regular Town Meeting for June would have to be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> instead of June 12<sup>th</sup>, in order to comply with the Town Charter's procedures for passage of the ordinance.

Marlborough Day (application): A special event application submitted by the Marlborough Day Committee was reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve the application, Commissioner Hourclé seconded. The application was unanimously approved. The text for the Town's Proclamation that will appear in the event's program was read aloud by Commissioner Hourclé, and approved by all Commissioners present.

Commissioner Hourclé called for a motion to waive enforcement of the following Town Ordinances during the Marlborough Day event on Saturday, May 12th, 2012: Ordinance 90-04 section 1-2 paragraphs (a, b, e, h) and section 1-3; Ordinance 83-02 in its entirety; and, provide exemption for Ordinance 04-01 under section 1-4. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to waive enforcement of said Town Ordinances, Commissioner Storey seconded the motion. With no one opposed, the motion was unanimously approved.

Cable Negotiation Public Hearing: As part of the agreement for the cable television franchise renewal process with Comcast, the floor was opened to allow for public input on desired future cable service (i.e.; voice, video and data needs and local public, educational and governmental access programming needs and interests.) The Clerk read aloud an informational introduction of the public hearing process, and a citizen expressed interest in receiving both Washington and Baltimore area news and programming. The Clerk added that another opportunity to give public input would be offered at the May Town Meeting.

Sustainable Communities: Commissioner Hourclé reported that he, President Sonnett and the Clerk attended meetings with personnel from the Park and Planning department to work on the application. He said they were limited in their ability to spend much more time with the Town on the application, but did supply Census data and supporting maps for the package. He noted that the County has officially committed to participate as part of the Workgroup required for the Town to be considered for a Sustainable Community designation.

### **Public Comment**

Questions and comments from residents concerning the Sustainable Communities initiative were discussed. After discussion, Commissioner Storey noted that President Sonnett had the most experience working with the program and suggested that further questions would be best directed to him upon his return. Walkability issues in the Town and State Highway Administration projects (past and present) were also discussed.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Storey made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hourclé seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
M. David Williams  
Town Clerk

