

Town of Upper Marlboro

REGULAR TOWN MEETING

September 11, 2012

Approved Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Stephen F. Sonnett, President of the Board of Town Commissioners
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 August 14, 2012 and the Special Town Meeting minutes from August 30, 2012 were summarized by Commissioner Hourclé. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve both sets of minutes, Commissioner Hourclé seconded. All minutes from August's Town Meetings were unanimously approved.

President Sonnett introduced special guest, State Delegate Melvin E. Holmes Jr. He said he came to get acquainted and explain the latest redistricting of the area from 27A to 23B. After the elections of 2014, Delegate Holmes will be the Town's representative in Annapolis.

Commissioner Storey reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2012. He noted that total operational revenues and expenses were within an acceptable range of the 16.66% benchmark for 2 months into FY2013, with the exception of noted "one-time" expenditures. One correction to move line item 8375 from Public Works to Public Safety was noted. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, President Sonnett seconded. The Treasurer's Report for August was unanimously approved.

Reports

Staff: Mr. Williams reported that he would be attending a meeting of the Prince George's County Committee on the War of 1812 on September 13th in Bowie. He said the wayside signage for Dr. Beanes gravesite, Trinity Church and Darnall's Chance was designed this summer by the National Park Service and is expected to be completed and installed before the end of the year. He also noted that the Citizen's Guide had been printed and mailed, and that there were extra copies at Town Hall. Brian Callicott added that there would be a lecture on the War of 1812 presented by Darnall's Chance, at the library on September 15th.

Commissioner Hourclé: Reported that the Wee Scottish Games at Darnall's Chance had been canceled.

Commissioner Storey: Reported that he attended the birthday party for Marie Parrish's 100th birthday on September 9th and presented her with the Town's Proclamation celebrating the event.

President Sonnett: President Sonnett delivered the August 2012 Police Report and noted that it was also published in the September *Landings* newsletter. He reported that he would be meeting tomorrow with Dr. Beatrice Tignor and Mr. John Petro to discuss repair and maintenance to Dr. Beanes gravesite. He also reported that the Town contracted a service to remove a dead tree at the Public Works Facility and cut low hanging branches along Elm Street and the ally way from Church to Main Street.

Business

Charter Amendment Resolution 01-2012 (signature authorizations): Commissioner Hourclé read aloud Charter Amendment 01-2012 in its entirety, which was introduced at the last Town Meeting on August 14th. One minor edit was noted by the Clerk. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the Charter Amendment, Commissioner Storey seconded the motion. With no one in opposition, Charter Amendment Resolution 01-2012 was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2012-02: Establishment of a Town Historical Committee: Commissioner Hourclé read aloud Ordinance 2012-02 in its entirety, which was introduced at the last Town Meeting on August 14th. President Sonnett noted that only the date had been changed under item number 2, from "October" to "November", so that the term of appointments would best work with the Town's operations schedule. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to adopt Ordinance 2012-02 to establish a Town of Upper Marlboro Historic Committee, Commissioner Storey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Special Event Application (Dr. Wise High School Homecoming Parade): The Commissioners reviewed a Special Event Application from Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School for a Homecoming Parade on September 29th. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the application, Commissioner Storey seconded the motion. With no one in opposition, the application was unanimously approved.

Cruzin' Main Street Car Show (date change): A date change from August 26th to September 16th was requested due to inclement weather. After discussion, the Commissioners unanimously approved the date change.

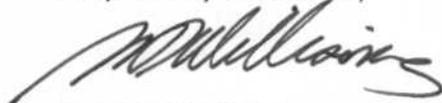
Public Comment

A citizen expressed concern, for the record, that unknown graves could be desecrated by the installation of the new sidewalk planned for Old Marlboro Pike between Rectory Lane and Elm Street. President Sonnett said that he intended to stand with the statements made by the SHA and other parties involved. He also noted that State Law requires their work crews to immediately stop work when any historically significant find or site is uncovered. Discussion ensued that was called out-of-order by the President, and he reiterated that he was satisfied with the communication and response from the State concerning their evaluation of the property.

Adjournment

Commissioner Storey made a motion to adjourn, President Sonnett seconded the motion. With two thirds of the Board in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams
Town Clerk

