

Town of Upper Marlboro

REGULAR TOWN MEETING

November 13, 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
James Storey, Commissioner/ Treasurer
Joseph A. Hourclé, Commissioner

Staff present: M. David Williams, Town Clerk

Also present: Charles Montrie of the M—NCPPC 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 October 9, 2012 and the Work Session minutes from October 23, 2012 were summarized by Commissioner Hourclé. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve both sets of minutes, Commissioner Hourclé seconded. All minutes from October's Town Meeting and Work Session were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Storey reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2012. He noted that total operational revenues were slightly low due to tax revenues not yet received, but, that general government expenses were below the 33% benchmark used for 4 months into FY2013. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, President Sonnett seconded. The Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2012 was unanimously approved.

Presentation

Mr. Charles Montrie/ Planning Supervisor, Park Planning and Development Division of the PGC Department of Parks & Recreation, gave a short presentation about the new "Formula 2040 Functional Master Plan for Parks, Recreation and Open Space". Mr. Montrie said that even though public input sessions were last summer, there will be additional opportunities for public input in the spring of 2013, when the Plan is brought before the Planning Board and County Council. He noted that the plan is expected to be adopted in early 2014, and will include 200 miles of walking, hiking and biking trails, as well as development of new, multigenerational community centers. Historic properties and sites of local interest, such as the Compton-Bassett House and the Chesapeake Beach Railway, were also discussed as trail and destination opportunities.

Reports

Staff: Mr. Williams explained that the six large informational panels in the conference room were a "War of 1812" exhibit made by the Department of the Navy. He added that the exhibit was on loan from the Park and Planning office for a limited time and would be circulated throughout the County for display through 2014.

He also gave an update on the wayside signage that was recently designed by the National Park Service/ Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail for Dr. Beanes' gravesite, Trinity Church and Darnall's Chance House Museum. The NPS sent an email on November 1st stating that due to crew availability, the three signs would now be installed by May, 2013.

Commissioner Hourclé; Reported that he delivered a presentation about Municipal Government to 4th grade students at Barack Obama Elementary School on November 5th. He also said that Josie Fiore from the Upper Marlboro Branch Library had offered the use of their trophy display case to the Town Historical Committee.

Commissioner Storey: Reported that the Town had received its Annual Financial Report for FY2012. He noted that the report was favorable, in that it reported the Town's assets exceeded its liabilities, the Town issued no new debt (using available cash for funding Capital Outlay projects) and, continued to invest in operating equipment and maintenance of its physical plant. He also mentioned that the Holiday Party was still set for December 9th at 5:00 p.m. with tree lighting at 5:30 p.m.

President Sonnett: President Sonnett reported there was nothing new on the Comcast negotiations, and he delivered updates on the following topics: 1) The Historical Committee would be holding its first quarterly meeting on November 17th; 2) The Army Corps of Engineers' are conducting a flood study and have been asked to keep the Town updated on its progress; 3) PEPCO has a "2 Free Trees" program; 4) To provide the public with an opportunity to bring issues for the Maryland General Assembly to the attention of local elected officials, the County has scheduled two "Listening Sessions" for November 19th and 27th; 5) Testified before the standing committee on zoning about CB-82-2012 which allows boat and cargo trailers to park in residential neighborhoods; 6) All 4 Town entrance signs are damaged and need to be replaced; 7) Will be attending the PGCMA Annual Legislative/ Scholarship Reception this Thursday; 8) Still awaiting sign-off from the County on the maintenance M.O.U. for Dr. Beanes' gravesite; and, 9) The Town has now met all the necessary requirements to qualify for the Maryland Municipal League's "Banner Town" designation.

Business

Proclamation (Municipal Government Works! Month): The proclamation was read aloud in its entirety by Commissioner Hourclé. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve, Commissioner Hourclé seconded. With no one opposed, the "Maryland Municipal Government Works! Month" proclamation was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2012-03 (Check Signing): The resolution, that follows-up on Charter Amendment Resolution 01-2012, was read aloud in its entirety by Commissioner Hourclé. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve the resolution, Commissioner Hourclé seconded the motion. With no one in opposition, Resolution 2012-03 was unanimously approved.

General/Administration issues:

President Sonnett delivered an update on the zoning case concerning the rezoning of a property in Town from residential to commercial. He said that the court had recently voided the County's Sub-Region 5 & 6 Master Plans and Sectional Map Amendments due to improper procedure. In light of this, he suggested that the Town reestablish its "continuing" opposition to the original rezoning measure (known as Amendment I.) After discussion, the Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to draft a letter to reaffirm the Town's position.

President Sonnett recounted the September 24th meeting he had with Planning personnel concerning an adaptive re-use feasibility study on the Old Marlboro High School (OMES) building) After discussion, the Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to draft a letter requesting the study be put in the Planning Board's FY2014 budget.

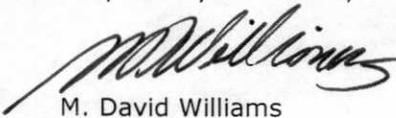
Public Comment

President Sonnett said that the County will no longer accept plastic bags for leaf and yard waste collection come January 1, 2014. It was noted that large paper bags for this purpose could be purchased at Home Depot, but that the Town will investigate if savings could be gained on the bags if purchased in bulk.

Adjournment

Commissioner Storey made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hourclé seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams
Town Clerk

