

### **Council Summary from the December 10, 2012 Town Meeting:**

- Audit Committee met with Mayor, Council Member McMullen, and Staff prior to Town Meeting.
- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2012.
- Discussed revised Kensington Cabin Park plans and noted concerns to be expressed to Park and Planning on their proposed location of the path.
- Discussed Connecticut and Metropolitan Avenues and suggested improvements to be recommended to SHA.
- Approved Staff recommendation to accept the offer from Dunigan Landscaping to purchase the 1995 GMC and 1998 Chevrolet Dump Trucks.
- Approved Resolution R-29-2012 supporting Charles and Helen Wilkes application for an easement on a portion of their property at 3923 Prospect Street.

### **December 10, 2012**

#### **Town Meeting 7:06 p.m.**

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Barch, Furman, McMullen, and Thompson, Town Manager Daily, Clerk-Treasurer Engels, and Assistant Town Manager Hoffman were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed.

#### **From the Mayor & Town Council –**

The Mayor thanked everyone that attended and helped with the Menorah and Tree Lighting Event including Rob and Anna Sachs, Barrie Carr, and the British Players; reported he attended the County Executive's Annual Arts Ball in which the Town is a sponsor; met with the Audit Committee and thanked Members, Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, and Kerry Thompson; met with Noyes Library Foundation to go over progress; attended the Governor's Marriage Equality Celebration; attended the GROWS breakfast, in which Town Resident Detta Voesar volunteers, GROWS assists the elderly and handicap in the County; attended the Wheaton Kensington Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party, and thanked the Chamber for the letter they sent in support of the Sector Plan; attended the Board of Education's induction for new members; and attended the County Council Budget Hearing.

Council Member Thompson reported he attended the Tree Lighting and Historical Society Holiday Party and thanked all associated; spoke on behalf of the Town on bills for the single voting location and wine and beer tastings at the State Delegation's hearing; and will be attending the Committee for Montgomery Breakfast which will provide an opportunity to lobby for a single voting location.

Council Member Furman reported she attended the Tree Lighting and Historical Society Holiday Party and thanked the Peterson's for opening their home; and stated the Design Guideline Task Force will be meeting tomorrow night at 7:15 at St Paul's with guest speakers, Bill Kominers and Chris Bruch.

**Public Appearances** – Sharon Scott requested the Town have SHA repaint the crosswalk approach signs at Metropolitan/St. Paul and Metropolitan/Wheatley and requested the status of the intersection improvement at Howard and Connecticut. The Mayor stated the Staff will be meeting with SHA tomorrow and will discuss the intersection. Improvements including relocating the bus stop, a brick crosswalk, an underpass, and an additional turn lane on

Connecticut from Howard to Plyers Mill Road were discussed.

Julie O'Malley suggested another lane for a bus pull off on Connecticut; informed Residents the Victorian Room was decorated by the Woman's Clubs; provided a chart with the history of Cornelius Clum's house; and presented a booklet Bertha Clum wrote in 1981 with historical tidbits.

Jack Gaffey stated the bus stop helps to block traffic for those turning and suggested adding reflectors to mark the intersection.

**From the Town Manager and Staff –**

Town Manager Daily discussed options for disposing of the 1995 GMC and 1998 Chevrolet dump trucks. He explained the County was unable to advertise the vehicles on the government site prior to snow season and in the meantime the Town received an offer to purchase the trucks from Dunigan Landscaping for \$16,000. An estimated value of \$15,000 for both trucks was obtained from Wolfe Auctions. He recommended accepting the offer from Dunigan Landscaping since it exceeded the estimated value and other costs would be incurred with the auctions. See Council Actions.

Council Member McMullen discussed revised plans for Kensington Cabin Park and expressed concerns on the usefulness of the proposed location of the ADA compliant path. He will contact the engineer to determine the reasons for the location and suggest a path on the front side of the park. Council Member Furman suggested a walking path around the park. Julie O'Malley stated the proposed path intrudes on the baseball and soccer fields. Jack Gaffey stated the proposed location of the path was not useful.

**Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations –**

Resolution No. R-20-2012 to support the application of Charles C. and Helen C. Wilkes for a preservation easement on their property at 3923 Prospect Street was discussed. Helen Wilkes was present and explained the easement would be the third one in the Town and the importance of preserving the open space on her property in perpetuity. Julie O'Malley thanked the Wilkes and stated it preserves the garden atmosphere of Kensington. See Council Actions.

**Council Actions:**

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2012 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Thompson moved to sell both the 1995 GMC and 1998 Chevrolet dump trucks to Dunigan Landscaping in "as is" condition for \$16,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Barch moved to approve Resolution No. R-29-2012 providing comments with respect to and supporting the application of Charles C. and Helen C. Wilkes to the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission to accept an easement on a portion of their property located at 3923 Prospect Street. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Barch moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion passed

unanimously.