

## **Town Council Summary from the February 10, 2014 Town Meeting:**

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2014.
- Presented a proclamation to Bob and Jo Ann Orr for their 36 years of service.
- Representatives from M-NCPPC discussed the Silver Creek Restoration project.
- Reviewed proposal for a new home at 3607 Farragut Avenue.
- Approved Resolution R-04-2014 to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Highway Administration for maintenance of plantings in the median of MD Route 185, and a fence over the CSX railroad tracks.
- Approved Resolution R-05-2014 to support House Bill 729 to assist local governments in purchasing street lights from utility companies.

### **February 10, 2014**

#### **Town Meeting 7:05 p.m.**

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

The minutes from January 13, 2014 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

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

Mayor Fosselman thanked the potluck and chili cook-off committee for organizing the event and also noted the great turnout and how successful the event was. He also thanked the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department for judging the chili cook-off and St. Paul's Church for their help. **Silver Creek** – met with County Executive Leggett with regards to funding a study for evaluating the flooding issues with Silver Creek. **Summit Avenue** - sent a letter to Executive Leggett and the County Council requesting funding for the extension of Summit Avenue in the County's 2015-2020 CIP. **Maryland Mayor's Association** - attended the annual meeting and reported that the State has secured an additional \$16 million for localities through Highway User Revenues. **Greenscape Committee** – is a new committee that will encompass landscaping, parks, public areas, and trees; the committee is still looking for volunteers.

Council Member Bartram attended the MML Chapter meeting held at the Town in January and also attended the re-dedication of the Ken-Gar Community Center.

Council Member McMullen held a Traffic Committee meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss parking concerns along Howard Avenue and Fawcett Street with the merchants; the Committee does not have a recommendation at this time. The Committee also discussed adding an additional no left-turn sign at Perry Avenue on to Lexington and recommended installing another sign with the current restrictions. Discussed the no left-turn sign at Kensington Parkway and Kent; the Committee tabled the topic for a future meeting to research the issue. The Committee also tabled the topic of adding parking along Armory Avenue at Reinhardt Park for a future meeting. Council Member McMullen also attended the Town potluck and Chili Cook-off.

Council Member Furman attended the MML Chapter meeting held at Town Hall and also attended the re-dedication of the Ken-Gar Community Center. Council Member Furman noted

the turnout at the Traffic Committee meeting and thanked everyone for coming to the potluck dinner.

Council Member Sexton thanked the Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce for their efforts over the last few months to become more involved with the business community.

Mayor Fosselman presented a Proclamation to Bob and Jo Ann Orr for their 36 years of service at the Kensington Service Center. Bob and Jo Ann sold their business and will be retiring to Florida. Bob thanked his customers, employees, and the Town for 36 great years.

**Silver Creek** – Mike Riley, Deputy Director with M-NCPPC, presented an overview of the Silver Creek restoration project, which is a cooperative effort between the Parks Dept., the Town and Eric Arai – a Boy Scout who will be helping to organize a portion of the project in conjunction with his Eagle Scout project. The objective of the project is to restore the existing rip-rap, remove invasive plants (mostly bamboo), and to plant new trees along the creek bed. Mr. Riley acknowledged that the watershed management of Silver Creek is mostly dependent on containing the existing runoff; however, this project would be helpful for the overall health of the creek.

John Thompson spoke about the project and stated that this will be a multi-year project.

Barry Peoples asked Mr. Riley about the maintenance of Silver Creek and specifically about the vines and invasive plants currently present within the creek. Mr. Riley mentioned the County's Weed Warrior program for volunteers above and beyond the County Parks maintenance schedule. Mr. Peoples also thanked Jennie Gurney for her testimony with regards to the renovations at Kensington Cabin Park, and asked if the Town could look into reassessing the street pavement list. Town Manager Daily stated that the Town is working off of the current list and will continue to evaluate each street for repairs.

Yvonne Gurney asked Mr. Riley about possible renovations at Kensington Cabin Park and also asked about the Town to look into purchasing a less harmful material to clear ice and snow.

Bonita Condon discussed the removal of invasive plants and particularly the bamboo; and also asked about joining the Weed Warrior program.

John Bailey asked if the Greenscape Committee would be involved with the Silver Creek project; Mayor Fosselman stated that the Greenscape Committee will not be involved at this point with Silver Creek. Mr. Bailey also mentioned a number of dead fish within Silver Creek at the bridge across Kensington Parkway.

**3607 Farragut Avenue Courtesy Review** – Chuck Krockner, representing the Davidson family, presented a review for the new home to be built at 3607 Farragut Avenue. Mayor Fosselman stated he had received a few emails of concern with the trees located within the public right-of-way and possible runoff issues. Mr. Krockner addressed the concerns and stated that both issues will be taken into account through the permitting process and that they did intend to remove the one public tree and that it will be replaced. The Mayor informed Mr. Krockner that the tree being

removed needs to be replaced at a 2-1 ratio of inches and the Town is interested in offsite placement. Council Member Bartram asked about the projection of the fire place into the side-yard setback, and Mr. Krockner stated he was unsure and would need to research the matter. There was no public comment on the courtesy review.

#### **Public Appearances –**

Jennie Gurney discussed her and Barry Peoples testimony at the County's FY 15-20 proposed CIP budget presentation.

#### **Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations -**

Resolution No. R-05-2014 pertaining to House Bill (HB) 729 was discussed. This bill will allow Maryland localities to purchase street lights and street lighting equipment from private entities at a fair market value for the purpose of obtaining alternative and more efficient ways to provide street lighting. Council Member McMullen stated that this has been an ongoing effort between the Town, Del. Carr, and Maryland localities. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-04-2014 was discussed. This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Town with regards to the maintenance and upgrades to the median along Connecticut Avenue, along with the bridge over the CSX tracks; the agreement will take hold following the completion of the project, which is scheduled for summer 2014. Town Manager Daily reminded the Mayor and Council that the Town will be responsible for the new fencing along the bridge. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

#### **Council Actions –**

Council Member Furman moved to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2014 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bartram moved to approve Resolution No. R-05-2014 supporting House Bill 729, to Assist Local Governments in purchasing street lights from the utilities. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to approve Resolution No. R-04-2014 for a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Highway Administration for maintenance of plantings in the MD Route 185 median and a fence over the CSX Tracks. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.