

Town Council Summary from the January 12, 2015 Town Meeting:

- Approved the Town Council Minutes from December 8, 2014.
- Approved Resolution No. R-01-2015 - A Resolution updating the Town's schedule of charges, expenses, and fees.
- Approved Resolution No. R-02-2015 - A Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Playground Specialists for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment at St. Paul Park.

January 12, 2015

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 for Town Attorney Ferguson's son.

The Minutes from the December 8, 2014 Town Meeting were approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

Mayor Fosselman reminded Residents to clear the sidewalks in front of their homes of snow and ice within 24 hours of a storm; informed Residents that On The Purple Couch is collecting blankets and space heaters for A Wider Circle and will be distributed to families in need; attended swearing in for new Attorney General Brian Frosh; had coffee with Montgomery County Schools Superintendent Joshua Starr, and discussed rumors regarding redistricting of the Town, which were inaccurate, as the County is discussing redistricting boundaries for BCC because of the new middle school coming to Rock Creek Hills; the School Board is also studying high schools in the area to better utilize staffing resources; and met with Residents on Kensington Historic Building Workshop, which will be held on January 31st from 9 to 1 at St. Paul's Church to identify uses and potential for Warner Circle, Kensington Cabin, and Noyes Library.

Council Member Sexton invited local business owners to attend the Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce business mixer on January 21st from 6 to 8 p.m at Town Hall.

Council Member Furman reported she will be meeting with Maier Warner to discuss the changes to ExploreKensington.com. She noted they will also discuss the different mailing options for the recently completed Town Map project. She mentioned a parking issue during certain Town Hall events had been brought to her attention and suggested when events, such as the Bridge Tournament, will be in Town, to ask the Bridge Club to remind their members of parking concerns along residential streets. The Mayor also suggested the Town publicize to the surrounding neighbors when events will be in Town.

Council Member McMullen reported on the December 10th Traffic Committee meeting, and noted that the Fawcett Street petition was discussed. He stated that there was a misunderstanding between the business owners and the residents as to the purpose of the petition, and informed them both that parking restrictions will be enforced. The Committee is still waiting to hear back from the business community on how many parking spaces they believe would be adequate, to meet the demands of their patrons. The Town staff will be instructed to continue to enforce all restrictions within the area and the Traffic Committee will commence again on February 25th to discuss the situation, along with a number of other topics.

Council Member Bartram attended the Traffic Committee Meeting, and thank everyone for a successful Menorah Lighting.

From the Town Manager and Staff

From the Public –

Jack Gaffey thanked the Mayor, Council, Staff, and Town Crew for their efforts in clearing the streets of the most recent snow storm. Mr. Gaffey also noted that the Comet LoveJoy would be visible over the next few nights.

Liz Brennan, Kensington Park Friends of the Library, discussed the pending renovations to the Kensington Park Library and noted that the construction will require the facility to temporarily close from April 1st through July 1st. The project will include a new elevator and a refresh of the building. Ms. Brennan also encouraged membership with the KPFOL, as they are looking to double their membership and help make a sizeable contribution for a café styled wifi area.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

Resolution No. R-01-2015 – A Resolution updating the schedule of fees, charges and expenses was discussed. Town Manager Daily noted that the fee schedule is updated periodically to coincide with the local cost of living index. The Mayor noted the increases were nominal. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-02-2015 – A Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Playground Specialists, Inc. for replacement at St. Paul Park was discussed. Town Manager Daily stated that proposals were received from various companies and that he was recommending the proposal by Playground Specialists based on their contract bid with Frederick County Public Schools. Mr. Daily also mentioned that Playground Specialists had been working directly with a number of Town Residents to design a park that was more inclusive of the community. The Mayor noted Section 2-403 of the Town Code authorizes the Town to piggy-back on an existing governmental contract, as long as they have similar purchasing requirements. He also suggested that in the future the Town should still publicize that they are accepting proposals for major projects.

Council Member Furman expressed support of the proposed projects and thanked the group of

Residents working with Playground Specialists for their efforts.

Lauren Dworken stated that “Freddy the Fire Truck” will be outfitted with a #5 on it to match Station 5 of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department. See Council Actions.

Council Actions –

Council Member Furman moved to approve the Minutes from the December 8, 2014 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution No. R-01-2015 updating a schedule of fees, charges, and expenses as provided for in the ordinances of the Town of Kensington. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adopt Resolution No. R-02-2015 authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a contract with playground Specialists to install playground equipment at St. Paul Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. The motion passed unanimously.