

**Town Council Summary from the July 1, 2013 Organizational & Town Meeting:  
Organizational Meeting**

- Darin Bartram and Paul Sexton were sworn in as Council Members prior to the Organizational Meeting.
- Areas of Interest were assigned as follows: Sean McMullen – Audit Committee and Traffic Committee; Darin Bartram – Ethics Commission, Revitalization Committee, Development Review Board; Paul Sexton – Board of Elections, Historic Preservation, Revitalization Committee, Development Review Board; Tracey Furman – Green Committee, Design Guidelines Task Force.
- Sean McMullen will serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

**Town Meeting**

- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2013.
- Tax duplication was reviewed; Proposed MML legislation on tax duplication will be reviewed at the next Town Meeting.
- Resolution No. R-12-2013 supporting County Bill 14-13 to increase the historic preservation tax credit from 10% to 25% was discussed and tabled until further notice.

**July 1, 2013**

**Organizational Meeting 6:35 p.m.**

Darin Bartram and Paul Sexton were sworn in as Council Members prior to this meeting. Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen, and Sexton, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present.

Sean McMullen was elected Mayor Pro Tem.

Lead Council Members were assigned to areas of interest as follows:

Audit Committee – Council Member McMullen  
Ethics Commission – Council Member Bartram  
Board of Elections – Council Member Sexton  
Green Committee (includes environmental, trees, and parks) – Council Member Furman  
Historic Preservation – Council Member Sexton  
Revitalization Committee – Council Members Bartram (official chair) and Sexton  
Design Guidelines Task Force – Council Member Furman  
Traffic Committee – Council Member McMullen  
Development Review Board – Council Members Sexton (official chair) and Bartram

Town Meetings will remain on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month, unless a meeting is not needed.

Council Member McMullen suggested planning another leadership retreat for the Council with Jill McCrory from Leadership Outfitters.

Town Manager Daily stated areas to focus on in the upcoming year include updating the sign ordinance and changing some language in the Town Code to town manager or designee.

## **Council Actions**

Council Member Furman moved to designate Council Member McMullen to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adjourn the organizational meeting at 7:04 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

## **July 1, 2013**

### **Town Meeting 7:10 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 to keep Jean Thompson in thoughts in prayers.

The minutes from June 10, 2013 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

**Public Appearances** – Julie O'Malley thanked the Town for promoting the Howard Avenue concert series and attending the meeting to discuss shade options for concerts; she will be using an umbrella over the band as a temporary solution to provide shade; Christopher Stevenson, a new resident, introduced himself and stated he is looking forward to being active in the Town; and Cameron Jacobs, from Fit America, presented an idea to have a Mayor's fitness challenge as a wellness initiative.

**From the Mayor & Town Council** – The Mayor reported he met with four members of the NIH Camera Club and was presented with fantastic photographs of the Town on DVD along with a letter granting permission to use the photographs, he suggested using the photographs on the website and making a donation to the Club; he attended the MML Conference which was very productive and included many new sessions; the Town received its first Banner City Award for being an active participant showcasing municipal government and taking part in league programs and activities, a plaque and flag were given to the Town.

Council Member McMullen reminded Residents of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Bike Parade at 10 a.m., and also suggested a future agenda item to review the parking lot usage for MARC riders; he suggested soliciting input from businesses to determine their need for spaces and whether additional spaces should be allocated for MARC riders.

Council Member Furman reminded Residents of the July 2nd potluck picnic at 6:30 p.m., reported she attended the benefit event for Peter Roelvink, which was very well attended, and reported the results from the labor day festival location survey showing businesses wanted the festival back on Howard Avenue, this will be discussed with Labor Day Coordinators at the next Town Meeting; and reported she is continuing to work on the town visitor map.

Council Member Sexton stated he is looking forward to working with Fit America on a Mayor's fitness challenge.

Town Manger Daily discussed current tax duplication from the County and provided the Council

with reports from the Office of Legislative Oversight; he explained MML is proposing legislation to change the tax duplication law so the county does not tax residents for services municipalities provide, after more information is received, the proposed legislation will be discussed at upcoming meeting.

**Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations** – Resolution No. R-12-2013 supporting County Bill 14-13 to increase the historic preservation tax credit from 10% to 25% was discussed. The Council expressed concerns over the fiscal impact and the County's basis for raising the tax credit to the maximum allowed by the state. The Council discussed sending a letter supporting historic preservation with these concerns but instead decided to table the Resolution. The Resolution was tabled and may be re-introduced if additional information is available prior to the hearing. See Council Actions.

Julie O'Malley clarified that the credit is not just for historic properties but any property within the historic district. She stated the Town's support was important since it has one of the largest historic districts and she spoke in support of the increase to encourage restoration within the historic district.

The Mayor suggested the Town could publicize information about the historic preservation tax credit on the website and in the newsletter.

**Council Actions:**

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2013 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Council Members Bartram and Sexton abstained.

Council Member McMullen moved to table, until further notice, Resolution No. R-12-2013 to support the adoption of County Bill 14-13, which would increase the county historic preservation tax credit from 10% to 25% of improvement costs on historic properties. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.