

Town Council Summary from the March 11, 2013 Town Meeting:

- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2013.
- Introduced Ordinance O-01-2013 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget and set the Public Hearing for April 8, 2013.
- An update was given on the Design Guidelines Task Force which will be working on an appendix to the recently adopted Design Guidelines by the Planning Board. Their next meeting will be on April 30th.

March 11, 2013

Town Meeting 7:02 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 was observed.

From the Mayor & Town Council – The Mayor and Council will be having a retreat March 16th on leadership, offered on a pro-bono basis by Jill McCrory from Leadership Outfitters, the agenda is available; however, the retreat will be closed to the public. The Mayor reported the following: the Sector Plan Design Guidelines were approved last Thursday at the Planning Board, Council Member Furman attended and spoke on behalf of the Town; a development review board will be created by resolution at the next Town meeting, it will consist of five members and one Council Member, the board will review all new building projects for compliance with the Sector Plan and Design Guidelines; Governor O'Malley secured 15 million for municipalities which will give the Town additional revenue; attended MML's legislative luncheon in Annapolis which is held for legislatures and their staff to advocate for MML's 2013 legislative agenda, the Town was a sponsor; participated on a panel to discuss storm water management issues and solutions; attended the February 3rd Thursday on Antique Row, thanked Maier Warner, merchants and sponsors, and Kensington Volunteer Fire Department; attended MML's annual meeting with the County Executive to discuss budget issues and tax duplication; attended the County Executive's State of the County address in Silver Spring; and met with a representative from the State's Business and Economic Development area to discuss Town initiatives.

Council Member Furman gave an update on the Design Guidelines Task Force. They convened three times and met with Bill Kominers, Chris Bruch, Michael Brown and Fred Boyd. They will be developing an appendix to the adopted Park and Planning Design Guidelines. The next meeting will be on April 30th and a draft should be available to present at the second Town meeting in May.

Jack Gaffey stated there should be green space between curbs and sidewalks in all sidewalk situations. The Mayor stated green space is part of the Design Guidelines; adequate right of way does not exist on Connecticut Avenue for the SHA sidewalk project to have green space; however, he is working with state to widen the median on Connecticut Avenue for green space.

Town Manager Daily explained due to the expense of having a shred it day, the Town purchased a commercial shredder in 2011 which is available for Resident use at Town Hall; and he explained that he continues to work with county officials to reach an appropriate agreement

between Montgomery County Police and individual municipalities for continued police enforcement in Town.

Public Appearances – Duane Rollins suggested the Town consider the cost and benefits of having its own police patrol. The Mayor stated it was not economically feasible.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations – Ordinance O-01-2013 adopting the Fiscal Year Budget was introduced and the hearing set for an April 8th. Council Member McMullen stated non- policy questions will be addressed prior to the hearing either at the next Town Meeting or by contacting the Staff or Council. Council Member Thompson informed Residents that the real property tax rate remains the same.

Council Actions:

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the minutes from February 11, 2013 Town Meeting. The motion passed 3-0, as Council Member McMullen abstained due to his necessary absence from the February 11, 2013 Meeting.

Council Member McMullen moved to introduce Ordinance O-01-2013 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget and set the Public Hearing for April 8, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Barch moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.