

Town Council Summary from the May 13, 2013 Town Meeting:

- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2013.
- Appointed Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, and Kerry Thompson to the Audit Committee.
- Acknowledged a resident petition for Permit Parking on Baltimore Street between Detrick Avenue and Connecticut Avenue; required public notice will be placed in the June Town Newsletter.
- Announced the Candidates for the June 3, 2013 Town Election as Darin Bartram and Paul Sexton; the Candidates Forum will be held on Monday, May 20th at 7 pm.
- Council approved waiving the rental fee for a fundraiser to be held at Town Hall on June 27th.
- Approved Resolution R-08-2013 authorizing the removal of "No Parking Anytime" signs on the west side of Wheatley Street between Oberon Street and Plyers Mill Road.
- Approved Resolution R-09-2013 authorizing the Town Manager to execute a contract for Auditing Services with Linton, Shafer, Warfield, and Garrett, P.A.

May 13, 2013

Town Meeting 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Barch, Furman, McMullen, and Thompson, Town Manager Daily and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Assistant Town Manager Hoffman was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed; the Mayor noted Bill Maury passed away and to keep his family in their thoughts and prayers and also to keep Jean Thompson in their thoughts and prayers.

From the Mayor & Town Council – The Mayor, Council Member Furman, and Town Manager Daily met with representatives from SHA to discuss widening of the median on Connecticut Avenue, a wider median to provide green space and a pedestrian haven would be possible because of the current 12 foot wide lanes; trees would not be possible because of new tree standards. Council Member Furman suggested any concrete areas could be stamped to resemble brick and also discussed changing the chain link fence over the railroad bridge to a material that resembles wrought iron.

Council Member Barch requested clarification on whether funds were in the CIP budget for the Montgomery Avenue intersection improvement project; he volunteered to continue to assist with the project after his term; and noted weeds and ivy at Flinn Park needed to be addressed. Town Manager Daily stated the CIP street reconstruction budget includes paving of Frederick Avenue from Frederick Place to Wake Drive, Wheatley Street from Plyers Mill Road to Dupont Avenue, and the Montgomery Avenue intersection improvement project.

Council Member McMullen discussed waiving the drill rental fee for a community outreach fundraiser on June 27th to help Town Resident, Peter Roelvink. See Council Actions.

The location of the path at Kenisngton Cabin Park was discussed. The Town has reviewed the plan with Brian Lenwandowski, an engineer with Montgomery County Parks, and the location of the path cannot be changed. Town Manager Daily explained the placement of path was due to the grade, the location of trees, and ADA accessibility requirements.

Council Member Thompson reported the Traffic Committee met on April 23rd to tour Perry and Farragut Avenues for consideration of a sidewalk; there are topographical challenges on both streets; funding would have to be determined; and property owners will need to be contacted to determine interest.

Council Member Furman discussed the location of last year's Labor Day Festival; noted the position of the Lions Club bus isolated the rest of the street and some businesses on Howard Avenue expressed concerns that they were not part of the Festival. Town Manager Daily will discuss the concerns with the coordinators and see if they are available to attend an upcoming meeting.

A petition to establish parking restrictions on Baltimore Street between Detrick Street and Connecticut Avenue was acknowledged. The petition was to prevent non residents from inhabiting the street for long periods of time. The Council discussed the petition. Town Manager Daily stated the required two-thirds of households on the block signed the petition and requested guidance on scheduling the required notice. The Council concurred it was not an emergency and to provide notice that the restriction is under consideration in the next Town Newsletter. Mike Houser requested the Council respect the Residents' petition.

The Mayor announced reappointment of Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, Kerry Thompson to the Audit Committee.

Town Manager Daily announced two candidates filed for Council, Darin Bartram and Paul Sexton. A Candidates Forum will be held on May 20th at 7 pm.

Public Appearances – Jack Gaffey suggested during the Labor Day Festival parking the Lions Club bus parallel to Armory Avenue.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations – Resolution No. R-08-2013 authorizing the removal of the “No Parking Anytime” signs on Wheatley Street on the west side between Plyers Mill Road and Oberon Street. Town Manager Daily stated the Traffic Committee met and recommended the removal of the signs due to insufficient parking on the street and he stated the width of the road was sufficient to allow parking. John Bailey clarified the location with the Council. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-09-2013 authorizing a contract with Linton, Shafer, Warfield & Garrett, P. A. to perform the annual audit for the Town of Kensington was discussed. Town Manager Daily stated the contract with our current auditor, Linton, Shafer, Warfield & Garrett, expired and two proposals were received. He stated Linton, Shafer, Warfield & Garrett's price was \$842 higher per year than the other proposal and he recommended a contract be executed with Linton, Shafer, Warfield & Garrett due to their familiarity with our process and records and their past guidance to help improve our accounting controls. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Council Actions:

Council Member Barch moved to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2013 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Barch moved to support the community outreach event for Peter Roelvink and waive the fee for drill hall use provided they have the necessary insurance and alcohol license. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to reappoint Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, and Kerry Thompson to the Audit Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve Resolution R-08-2013 authorizing the Town Manager to remove the “No Parking Anytime” signs on Wheatley Street on the west side between Plyers Mill Road and Oberon Street. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve R-09-2013 authorizing the Town Manager to execute a contract with Linton, Shafer, Warfield & Garrett, P. A., Certified Public Accountants to perform the annual audit for the Town of Kensington for FY 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.