

## **Town Council Summary from the October 21, 2013 Town Meeting:**

- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2013; Town Business and Retail Property Owners Meet and Greet Minutes from September 30, 2013; and Work Session Minutes from October 7, 2013.
- Reviewed and approved the driveway widening request for 3503 Kensington Court.
- Supported a proposal for a Safety Month in January to include First Aid/CPR Training.
- Approved the Town to be a co-sponsor for the Annual Town Dance held on the night before Thanksgiving.
- Approved Resolution R-13-2013 to extend the contract with Unity Disposal and Recycling for one year with the same terms.
- Approved Resolution R-14-2013 to transfer funds within the FY 2013-14 Budget to properly allocate code enforcement.
- Approved Resolution R-15-2013 to extend the contract with Maier Warner to serve as marketing and public relations representatives for the Town for one year.
- Approved Resolution R-16-2013 to amend the policy regulating the use of the Kensington Armory to allow the Town Manager to waive fees under certain circumstances.
- Approved Resolution R-17-2013 opposing the Amendments to the Public Benefits Points and Categories of the CRT Zone in the County Zoning Ordinance.

### **October 21, 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. Julie O'Malley was wished a speedy recovery from shoulder surgery.

The minutes from September 9th, September 30th, and October 7th, 2013 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

The Council heard a driveway widening request for 3503 Kensington Court from Michael Dent, MGD Design/Build Company. The request was made for greater egress from cars due to the slope of the neighboring property and for greater wheelchair access; it would be approximately 21 feet at its widest part. The Town received letters of support from both adjacent neighbors. Bonita Condon, a neighbor, spoke in support of the expansion. The Council questioned, after reviewing the plans, if the driveway may be reduced from the proposed 21 feet and if an impervious surface may be used. It was determined that the driveway necessitated the width, and an impervious surface would hinder access. See Council Actions.

**Public Appearances** – Al Lacey stated enforcement of the leash law is needed for public areas and he requested the tree stump in front of Prevention of Blindness be removed. Council Member Furman suggested the Town contribute to planting of a new tree to replace the stump since it is an important part of the park and benefits the Town. The Mayor stated he has spoken to contractors to see if the stump removal may be discounted for the non-profit and can also see if any help or discount may be provided from the Town in purchasing and planting a tree.

Jack Gaffey spoke in support of the Town helping with a tree planting at Prevention of Blindness, supported the new park sign, and reminded Residents of the Orionid Meteor Shower. Sharon Scott explained a proposal for a safety month in January, which would include First Aid/CPR training at a discount to Residents and Town Staff, and she also suggested creating a notification system so Residents know who to call in case of emergencies for one of their neighbors. The Council concurred to have Ms. Scott move forward with January as Safety Month. Elizabeth Matory, candidate for District 18 State Delegate, spoke in support of the Town safety initiative and informed Residents of her website, [elizabethmatory.com](http://elizabethmatory.com).

**From the Mayor and Town Council** – The Mayor reported the Town hosted a very successful business mixer for all Town businesses and property owners with various business associations and the Council, and suggested holding this twice a year; a letter will be sent from the MML Montgomery County Chapter to the County Council over concerns of the Office of Legislative Oversight's Report on Municipal Tax Duplication and Revenue Sharing, all municipalities of the County will be signing the letter; he attended the MML Fall conference, spoke as Vice President of the Maryland Mayors Association Forum; attended the 120<sup>th</sup> birthday fundraiser of Noyes Library, thanked volunteers; and attended the leadership breakfast hosted by County Council Member Roger Berliner, an outreach effort for municipalities of District 1.

Council Member Sexton thanked the Residents that supported their neighbor's driveway request.

Council Member Furman attended the Noyes Library event, the Business Mixer, and the Work Session, and stated all were well attended and great events.

Council Member McMullen held a Traffic Committee meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>, discussion was on changing the Town Code to allow the Town Manager to impose traffic regulations on a temporary or emergency basis without Council approval; he questioned if enforcement was needed for left wheel parking; and suggested the Town co-sponsor the day before Thanksgiving dance in conjunction with a food drive. See Council Actions. Town Manager Daily explained only warnings are being issued at this time for left wheel parking and marks can be painted near intersections and fire hydrants to remind Residents of where not to park. See Council Actions.

The next Town Meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> (subsequently changed to November 18<sup>th</sup>).

Council Member Bartram attended the Traffic Committee meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>, attended the County briefing on the Warner Circle renovation project on September 25<sup>th</sup>, suggested reviewing outdated signs in Town, and will assist with the project to revise the Town Code.

The Town will check to see if the green paint sprayed on Connecticut and Metropolitan Avenue sidewalks can be removed and the responsible organization billed.

Resolution R-13-2013 to extend the contract with Unity Disposal for one year was discussed. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Resolution R-14-2013 to transfer funds from Public Works to Public Safety in the fiscal year 2013 budget in the amount of \$32,063 was discussed. There was no public comment. Town Manager Daily explained the Resolution was to transfer funds for the part time Code Enforcement position from the Public Works category to the Public Safety category and also to allocate a portion of the Assistant Town Manager's salary to Public Safety for code enforcement beginning January 1, 2014. See Council Actions.

Resolution R-15-2013 to extend the existing contract with Maier Warner was discussed. Jack Gaffey stated additional marketing for Town events is needed; and Sharon Scott requested the Safety Month be publicized. See Council Actions.

The Council also discussed whether additional services with Maier Warner for an economic development campaign should be approved. The Council concurred from the work session they held that because of the ownership pattern of property which includes trusts, the Town is not ready to contract with Maier Warner for an official campaign and most of the action items can be done by Staff. The Mayor noted there are three significant projects in the works and if needed Maier Warner could be used at an hourly rate for specific projects as opportunities present themselves.

Jack Gaffey commented on the need for a better mix of businesses; and Sabina Emerson stated surrounding neighborhoods do not know about third Thursday and other Town events and suggested more business meet and greets to encourage businesses to participate in their own success.

Tom Thompson, a Resident in strategic communications, stated the amount of money available to the public relations company is low and the importance of using them for what they do best.

Resolution R-17-2013 opposing the amendments to the public benefits points and categories of the CRT Zone. The Mayor stated the Planning Board recommended changes to Division 6.6 "Optional Method Public Benefits" of the CRT Zone, which would significantly reduce the number of points permissible for certain public benefits. The Council discussed the changes being a hindrance to the community to encourage development through the defined public benefit points and categories. The Council stated they had already discussed and supported the public benefits system for the CRT Zone and did not see the basis for reducing the points; the Town's smaller lot sizes along with lower height and density restrictions fit the originally supported model. There were no public comments. See Council Actions.

Resolution R-16-2013 was discussed to amend the policy regulating the use of the Armory. The Resolution amends the 2012 Resolution to allow the Town Manager to waive permit fees for meetings of social, community and civic clubs and meetings sponsored by state, county and elected officials for a public purpose. There was no public comment. See Council Actions. Council Member McMullen suggested the Town Manager inform the Council if something previously reserved for the Council was done.

**Council Actions:**

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2013 Town

Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2013 Town Business and Retail Property Owners Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2013 Work Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to approve the driveway widening request at 3503 Kensington Court as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to co-sponsor the concert/dance and fundraising event to be held in the drill hall on the night before Thanksgiving. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution R-13-2013 to authorize the Town Manager to extend the contract with Unity Disposal and Recycling, LLC, for one year on the same terms and conditions to provide refuse, recycling, yard waste and bulk pick up service. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution R-14-2013 authorizing the Town Manager to transfer funds within the Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget from Public Works Expense to Public Safety expense in the amount of \$32,053 to properly allocate Public Safety. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to approve Resolution R-15-2013 extending a contract with Maier Warner to serve as marketing and public relations representative for the Town. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution R-17-2013 opposing the amendments to the Public Benefits Points and Categories of the CRT Zone in the County Zoning Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve Resolution R-16-2013 to amend the policy regulating the use of the Kensington Armory. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.