Town Council Summary from the September 9, 2013 Town Meeting:

- Approved Town Meeting Minutes from July 22, 2013.
- Discussed options for further clarification of the Design Guidelines for the Sector Plan.
- Discussed with representatives from SHA the required standards and approvals needed to replace the fence along the Connecticut Avenue Bridge.
- Approved extending the existing contract with Maier Warner for Public Relations through October, 2013.

September 9, 2013
Town Meeting 7:03 p.m.
Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen, and Sexton, 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 was observed for Sidney Russell, who recently passed away.

The minutes from July 22, 2013 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions

From the Mayor and Town Council –   The Mayor and Council thanked Town Staff, Kara Sherrill, Lisa Connor, and all the volunteers for the successful Labor Day weekend; the Mayor thanked Montgomery Art Association for rotating the paintings in the Council Room; he reported the second part of the Mayor and Council retreat was held August 5th and thanked Jill McCrory of Leadership Outfitters for her donated services; he thanked Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, former Council Member John Thompson, Barrie Carr, and Shirley Watson for arranging the Movie Night; he along with Town Manager Daily met with Lieutenant Ormsby from Montgomery County Police to discuss traffic enforcement in Town; announced the Town hired Jim Snow, a retired police officer, as Code Enforcement Officer, he is currently enforcing parking restrictions in the Town; he reminded Residents a parking decal is needed for streets in Town with permit parking restrictions; he attended the Maryland Association of Counties Conference in Ocean City; he spoke to Kensington Park Retirement Community to discuss Government events and redevelopment in Town; the Council will be holding a special meeting with the Development Review Board, the Revitalization Committee and the Design Guidelines Committee to evaluate current services with Maier Warner and new tasks to focus on for redevelopment, a date has not been set yet; the 20th Annual Kensington 8K Race is on September 21st; on September 28th the Town will participate in "Day to Serve" and clean up Silver Creek; and the Town will host a business meeting between business and property owners in Town on Monday September 30th at 7 p.m.

Council Member Bartram suggested a community effort to prune overgrowth to ensure sidewalks are passable in Town and reminded Residents of Pepco's home energy audits and their associated subsidies for repairs.

Council Member McMullen stated the Traffic Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 18th at 7 p.m. and reminded Residents to participate in the 20th Annual 8K Race.

Council Member Furman stated locating the Festival back on Howard Avenue was successful

and questioned whether input was received from the businesses on Howard Avenue.

Elisenda Sola-Sole stated she received positive feedback from businesses on the Festival's location and the only suggestions were to provide seating and allow the parade to continue a little further past Howard and Fawcett before dismantling.

Council Member Sexton reported the Train Show was successful and thanked the organization for proceeds being donated to Noyes Library Foundation.

From the Town Manager and Staff - Town Manager Daily stated he will be issuing a permit for St. Paul's Church to have their 2nd Annual Pumpkin Patch.

Public Appearances – Jack Gaffey stated the train show was a success and thanked all the volunteers and organizers. Adnan Abbas informed Residents of bumper stickers, totes and t-shirts he has designed for different communities including Kensington, his website is at www.myheartshere.com.

Council Member Furman discussed the Design Guidelines Task Force subcommittee's recommendation to use a professional to write the supplement to the Design Guidelines. The Council discussed the purpose of the supplement, which would be to clarify the Design Guidelines not adding another layer of requirements, but providing further guidance and resources to developers. The current funding available of $5,000 was discussed. Council Member Bartram suggested because of limited funding, a portion of the supplement could be phased to determine outcomes.

Anne Marie Turner and Helen Wilkes, members of the Design Guideline Task Force subcommittee spoke about clarification of the Design Guidelines and the need for a professional to write the Guidelines. The subcommittee will meet again in October to determine which areas of the Design Guidelines need clarification and report back to the Council on areas in need of further focus and clarification.

Jack Gaffey supported the Town supplementing the Design Guidelines and noted the importance of providing photographs and requiring a green strip between curbs and sidewalks.

Kate Mazzara and Maurice Agostino from SHA were present to discuss bridge improvements along Connecticut Avenue. They explained the required SHA standards, the permit process, and that approval would also be needed from CSX. The Town will check with CSX on approvals needed and continue to seek funding to replace the chain link fence with an ornamental fence.

The existing contract with Maier Warner was discussed and extended through October until a new contract is reviewed. See Council Actions.

Council Actions:
Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2013 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously 3 to 0. Council Member Bartram was not present at the time of the motion.

Council Member Furman moved to approve extending the current contract with Maier Warner for Public Relations through the end of October, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

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