

January 9, 2023, Town Council Meeting Summary (held by Zoom Video Conferencing)

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2022.
- Adopted a Vision Statement and Guiding Principles for the Pedestrian and Bicycling Access & Safety Working Group (PBASWG).
- Approved **Resolution No. R-01-2023** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council authorizing the donation of a surplus vehicle, 2008 Ford F-250 (1FTNF21558EE35864), to the Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades Foundation.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-02-2023** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington Revising the Town’s Policy with regards to installing or replacing fencing on private property that is adjoining or abutting Town Property, Parks, or a Pedestrian Easement as amended.

Town Council Meeting January 9, 2023, 7:00 pm, held by Zoom Video Conferencing

Mayor Furman; Council Members Bartram, Crimmins, Engle, Lichter; Town Manager Hoffman; Assistant to the Town Manager Marini; and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. A moment of silence was observed.

The Minutes from the December 12, 2022, Town Meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council

The Mayor and Council will convene Monday, January 30, 2023, 9:15 am, at Town Hall for a Work Session to discuss FY24 Budget Priorities with staff.

The Racial Justice Committee (RJC) will be hosting a Community Training event with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the Montgomery County Police Department on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 7:00 pm, at Town Hall. The workshop will provide community training on how to deter and report bias incidents and hate crimes to create a safe community for all.

The Mobility and Traffic Committee (MTC) will convene Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 7:00 pm via Zoom. *This meeting was subsequently postponed until two traffic studies could be completed by the Town’s Traffic Engineer.

Mayor Furman reminded the Council that the MML Chapter Meeting with Marc Elrich will be at the County Executive Office on January 19, 2023.

Pedestrian and Bicycling Access & Safety Working Group (PBASWG)

Council Member Engle presented the Vision Statement and Guiding Principles for the Pedestrian and Bicycling Access & Safety Working Group (PBASWG) for approval, which will be added to the website. See Council Actions.

Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Lichter noted that Katherine Wood with the Greenscape Committee has organized a Weed Warrior Event on Saturday, January 14, from 10 am to noon, to clear non-native invasive vines from the trees along Silver Creek and welcomes participation.

Sustainable Kensington, formerly known as the Green Team, will meet on Thursday, January 12, at 7:30 pm, at Town Hall in the Map Room.

From the Town Manager and Staff

Town Manager Hoffman noted that the shared fence between St. Paul Park and Spring Bilingual Montessori Academy was in need of repair and that he wanted to update the Town's current fence policy for shared property lines. Specifically, the Town currently calculates their share of the cost of the fence by allocating the equivalent of a three and one-half foot high, nine (9) gauge, galvanized chain link fence. Town Manager Hoffman recommended that the Council revise this standard to either a four (4) or six (6) foot high wooden stockade fence, as regulated, where the fence adjoins or abuts against Town property. See Resolution No. R-02-2023.

Public Appearances

Joe Campbell requested an update on the status of the Brookside Apartments.

Mayor Furman stated the Town has not received an update from Montgomery County.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations

Resolution No. R-01-2023 - A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington Authorizing the Donation of a surplus vehicle, 2008 Ford F-250 (1FTNF21558EE35864), to the Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades Foundation was presented. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-02-2023 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington Revising the Town's Policy with regards to installing or replacing fencing on private property that is adjoining or abutting Town Property, Parks, or a Pedestrian Easement was presented. See Council Actions.

Council Member Bartram suggested that the Resolution clarify that the cost sharing would apply only to a request for a wooden stockade fence or better, where the proposed fencing adjoins or abuts Town property, and that the Town will not allocate funds beyond one-half of the contract price where appropriate.

There were no public comments.

Council Actions

Council Member Engle moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2022, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Engle moved to adopt the PBASWG Vision Statement and Guiding Principles. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Crimmins moved to approve Resolution No. R-01-2023 authorizing the donation of a surplus vehicle, 2008 Ford F-250 (1FTNF21558EE35864), to the Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades Foundation. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bartram moved to approve Resolution No. R-02-2023 revising the Town's Policy with regards to installing or replacing fencing on private property that is adjoining or abutting Town Property, Parks, or a Pedestrian Easement, as amended, clarifying that the cost sharing policy applies only to a request for a wooden stockade fence or better quality, and that the cost sharing will not exceed one-half of the contract cost. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bartram moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. The motion passed unanimously.