May 13, 2026, Town Council Meeting Summary
(held by Zoom Video Conferencing)

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2026.
- Adopted **Ordinance No. O-01-2026** - An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington to Appropriate and Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 (FY27) Budget and to Levy a Tax on Certain Real and Personal Property under the provisions of §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as Amended.
- Approved **Resolution No. R-08-2026** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington Authorizing a Contribution in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) from the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY26) Budget to the Noyes Children's Library Foundation for the Restoration and Renovation project at Noyes Children's Library.

Town Council Meeting May 13, 2026, 7:00 pm, held by Zoom Video Conferencing
Mayor Furman; Council Members Crimmins, Engle, Lichter, and Sparker; Town Attorney Ferguson; Town Manager Hoffman; Assistant Town Manager Marini; and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. A moment of silence was observed.

The Town Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2026, were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

<u>From the Mayor and Town Council</u>

Closed Session
A Closed Session will be held in person on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 8:00 am, pursuant to State Government Article §3-305(b)(7), "Closed Session", to consult with the Town Attorney with regards to the proposed acquisition of 15,167 square feet from Parcel A of the Kensington Crossing Homeowners Association.

June 1, 2026, Town Election
Town Manager Hoffman stated two candidates filed for Town Council, Nate Engle and Ann Lichter for re-election, and one candidate for Mayor, Tracey Furman for re-election; and since the election is uncontested, a formal election is not required according to the Town Charter. The Board of Supervisors of Elections will certify the election at the June Town Meeting. There will be an ice cream social at St. Paul Park on June 1 at 6 pm.

Montgomery County Police – Community Update
Community Service Officer Demond Johnson, Sergeant David Hall, and Sergeant Chris Jerman with the Montgomery County Police (MCP), Bethesda District, provided an update on policing within the community and answered questions on MCP activity and programs, including the use of drones and enforcement of E-bikes, scooters, and car rallies. The presentation can be found at https://archive.org/details/2026-05-13-Town-Council-Meeting.

St. Paul Park Alcohol Waiver – Juneteenth Celebration
The Council provided a waiver to allow alcohol at St. Paul Park for the Town's Juneteenth Celebration. See Council Actions.

Mayor and Council Reports
Council Member Engle reported Sustainable Kensington will be submitting the application for Bronze recertification; a green purchasing policy has been discussed and will be brought to the Council at a future meeting; and suggested a ban on plastic water bottles for Town staff and Town Hall events.

Council Member Lichter shared results of the recent food waste program survey, approximately 79 responses were received; challenges indicated were the size of the food waste bins, the additional collection day, and bag size; community outreach will continue; and recognized Eagle Scout Andrew Henderson for leading his Troop to install insect hotels at both Clum Kennedy and Ernest Memorial Park.

Council Member Crimmins reported that the County Council was reviewing municipal tax duplication as a possible budget cut, in which the Town receives funds from the County for certain services provided; and Marathon Deli opened at the Crossroads of Kensington.

Council Member Sparker reported that he, along with the Mayor, met with the Parking Task Force to discuss the parking study. Walker Consultants will be conducting occupancy counts on certain days in prioritized areas in Town along with a walking inventory; and the MTC/PBAS will be meeting with Walker Consultants to provide input on pedestrian safety.

From the Town Manager and Staff
Town Manager Hoffman reported Town office renovations should be complete in mid-June, the hardwood floors are being refurbished, and with the change orders the project is approximately $7,600 over budget; the lighting, flag poles, and pavers at Ernest Memorial Park will be installed within the next few weeks; the hydrologic and hydraulic analysis for the Kensington Parkway Bridge has been completed and confirmed that a new bridge structure will be needed as the existing culvert does not meet the 10-year flood plain requirements; storm drain improvements along Farragut Avenue should begin in 2027; noted that the Town staff are working with WRA Engineering in regards to the railroad crossing elimination grant, and the report should be completed by December; the Safe Streets for All grant application has not been successful in the past, as the Town has received conflicting advice on how to position its application, and it was suggested to pursue this funding in one more attempt this coming funding cycle as well as via other potential funding avenues; and noted that there are no updates from MDOT regarding improvements to the intersections and pedestrian safety on Summit Avenue, but that the Town Manager would reengage them in this discussion.

Public Appearances
Joe Campbell requested updates on street sweeping and the new crosswalk on Kensington Parkway, and suggested term limits for elected officials to encourage contested elections.

Town Manager Hoffman stated street sweeping would be completed in the next few weeks; the crosswalk markings on Kensington Parkway will be completed following the paving of St. Paul Street, McComas Avenue, and Madison Street so they can also be marked at the same time.

Council Member Lichter suggested hosting a coffee meeting to provide information to those interested in being on the Council.

John Gerson stated Residents are pleased with the leadership and that may be why there have not been contested elections.

The next meeting will be set for Thursday, June 4, 2026, by Zoom Video Conferencing.

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations

Ordinance No. O-01-2026 – Ordinance No. O-01-2026 to Appropriate and Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 (FY27) Budget and to Levy a Tax on Certain Real and Personal Property under the provisions of §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as Amended was presented for adoption. See Council Actions.

Town Manager Hoffman stated the Public Record was held open until May 8 at 4 pm, in which one additional comment was received by email; the Ordinance has been amended to add $115,110 to revenue and expenses, which includes the $100,000 grant from the District 18 Delegation that will be allocated to Town Hall within the CIP for partial brick repointing; and a $15,110 increase in personal property business tax revenues due to an assessment correction which will be allocated to Vehicles and Equipment within the CIP.

Resolution No. R-08-2026 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington Authorizing a Contribution in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) from the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY26) Budget to the Noyes Children's Library Foundation for the Restoration and Renovation project at Noyes Children's Library was presented. See Council Actions.

In the FY2027 Budget an additional $10,000 has been allocated, which will bring the total contributions to Noyes Children's Library since 2016 to $150,000.

Council Actions

Council Member Crimmins moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Lichter moved to approve a waiver to allow alcohol at St. Paul Park for the Town's Juneteenth Festival on Saturday, June 13, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Crimmins moved to adopt Ordinance No. O-01-2026 to Appropriate and Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 (FY27) Budget and to Levy a Tax on Certain Real and Personal Property under the provisions of §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as Amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Engle moved to approve Resolution No. R-08-2026 Authorizing a Contribution in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) from the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY26) Budget to the Noyes Children's Library Foundation for the Restoration and Renovation project at Noyes Children's Library. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sparker moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. The motion passed unanimously.