REGULAR MEETING

September 10, 1957

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House September 10, 1957 and called to order at 7:55 by Robert E. Phillips.

The following Commissioners were present: Robert E. Phillips, W. G. Murphy, Alvan G. MacGuinness, Ralph H. Murphy, and Howard R. Lynch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

BUILDING PERMIT

Donald and Shirley Murphy submitted an application for building permit for erection of a new home on Bladen St. This permit was approved.

CHARLESTOWN SCHOOL

A letter will be written to E. B. Fockler, Building Supervisor of the County School Board, requesting that the Town Commissioners of Charlestown be able to obtain the old school for Municipal purposes at the time a new school is erected.

TOWN DUMP

The dump hasn't been cleaned up as of this date, but a man has been hired to do the job.

HARBOR REGULATIONS

On August 24th Dr. A. Lavagnino was given 10 days to make application to install mooring pilings on the North Side of his pier to be used as a slip. Since he is now in violation of the Harbor Regulation as his application was never submitted, he requested that he and his attorney, Mr. William Kemp, be able to meet with the Commissioners at this meeting.

Dr. and Mrs. Lavagnino, Mr. William Kemp, and Mr. John B. Wright, the Town Attorney attended this meeting at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Kemp, in speaking for the Doctor and Mrs. Lagagnino had two questions in mind. First, the building which Mr. W. G. Murphy was constructing on the ground now leased to him by the Town. It was discussed and found that the ground was property of the Town and is legally on Lease to W. G. & F. L. Murphy. It was then suggested by Mr. Kemp that a Lease be drawn for the Doctor and Mrs. Lagagnino to dover the ground where their garage and part of their barn is located. Mr. John B. Wright was to draw the Lease after all dimensions could be forwarded to him.
Second question was pertaining to mooring pilings referred to above. After Mr. W. G. Murphy, Harbor Master, quoted to the Doctor the Corps of Engineers Regulations on placing structures into the Navigable waters, and at the same time told Dr. Lavagnino that he was in violation of the local Harbor Regulations, Dr. Lavagnino and Mrs. Lavagnino made application for erection of mooring pilings on the North Side of their existing Pier. This application was accepted and approved by the Harbor Master.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING
August 27, 1957

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House August 27, 1957 and called to order by Robert E. Phillips at 7:55 P.M.

The following Commissioners were present: Robert E. Phillips, W. G. Murphy, H. Lynch and Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TOWN DUMP

It was decided to have Edmund Howery clean Town Dump and cover up the trash sometime before September 7th.

BUILDING PERMITS

Mr. Hicks Nash applied for building permit to build a garage on his property. Mr. Walter G. Murphy applied for building permit to build Storage Shed on Leased ground of Town, East Side of Water Street. Both permits were approved.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made that all Bills be paid.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING
August 13, 1957

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House August 13, 1957 and called to order by Robert E. Phillips at 8:20 P. M.

The following Commissioners were present: Robert E. Phillips, Walter G. Murphy and Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

WATER STREET

It was decided to drop matter until September or October on moving Rose bushes at the Wellwood Club.

TOWN SPRING:

This matter tabled until a later date, as job was estimated to cost approximately $100.00.

CULVERT AT LOUISA LANE:

Send letter as planned in minutes of June 25, 1957 to the Charlestown Fire Co.

LETTER ON PENNA R. R. TRAIN

Photostatic copy to be made and posted in Post Office. Mr. Phillips has the original copy.

REPLY TO LETTER FROM MRS. ALFRED CHAMBERS:

Mrs. Chambers' Letter requested an estimate on the cost of improving 100' (approx.) of Street in front of Holloway Beach where the paved Road ends. A letter will be written to Mrs. Chambers giving her the estimate based on previous work done in the Town.

BUILDING PERMIT:

Mr. Nills application to fence in property has been approved by the Commissioners.

TREASURER'S BILLS:

It was decided to pay United Paving Company for work on Water Street $4,129.52 leaving a Balance of $1,000.00. Motion was made to pay all other Bills.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary
REGULAR MEETING

June 24, 1958

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House on June 24, 1958 and called to order by President, Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, James H. Ward, Walter G. Murphy, Ralph Murphy, and Howard R. Lynch.

CHARLESTOWN CEMETERY

Some time ago Mr. George W. Constable, a Lawyer representing the Fidelity-Baltimore National Bank, requested our Rules and Regulations in the erection of a mausoleum which Elena Marshall's Will provides for. Mr. MacGuinness wrote Mr. Constable a letter explaining that no such Rule, Regulation or action of the Board can be found in the records. Mr. Constable replied that he would like the Board to take some action so he would have a definite Yes or No on this matter. Attached is a General Rule and Regulation which Mr. Lynch made a motion to adopt, seconded by W. G. Murphy, and passed.

REFERENDUM ELECTION

The results of the Election on the 18th day of June, 1958 pertaining to the proposed Resolution No. 2 of the Town Commissioners of Charlestown originally enacted on March 1, 1958 was as follows:

For Resolution #2 & the Tax Increase - 40 Notes
Against Resolution #2 & the Tax Increase - 60 Notes
5 Marked over Ballots

Therefore, the Amendment contained in the aforementioned resolution is null & void and of no effect whatever.

REQUEST THAT COMMISSIONERS WRITE A LETTER TO STATE ROADS COMM.

The Post-Mistress requested that the Commissioners write a letter to the State Roads Commission asking them to install of Trip Light at the intersection of Route 7 & Route 40 for a Safety precaution for children coming to school on buses. The Commissioners feel that this request should come from some organization such as the P. T. A.

TOWN PIER

Mr. Clifford Copper requested permission to tie up at the Town Pier, and wants to know what the charge will be. This request was granted, but no charge will be made.
BUILDING PERMIT

It appears that Mr. Jackson on Lonestoga Street might be constructing something out in the Street right of way, and it was decided to check to see if he had a Building Permit.

Mr. Alvan G. MacGuinness resigned as Town Commissioner. His resignation is attached.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
The present natural contour and elevation of land shall be maintained throughout the entire cemetery. No headstone, monument, mausoleum, or marker of any other type may hereafter be installed in such a manner as to require alteration to the present contour or elevation of the land adjacent to the headstone, monument, mausoleum or marker; and no present or hereafter installed headstone, monument, mausoleum, or marker of any other type may be covered or mounded over with earth in such a manner as would alter the present contour or elevation of the land.
June 24, 1958

Commissioners of Charleston
Charleston, S.C.

Gentlemen:

For several years I have had the impression a majority of the Town's people favored general improvement of Charleston and that they would be receptive to both the financial obligation and the resulting community benefit from a street improvement program. My sole reason for becoming available for the office of Commissioner was the belief the Town could progress and the people wanted it to do so.

Recent events seem to indicate it was entirely incorrect in harboring such an impression and
believe.
As I am unable to reconcile the intent of
the majority of the Perquimans with my
own firm convictions regarding a better Charleston,
I think it prudent to vacate my office.
I therefore resign as a Commissioner of Charleston,
effective June 25, 1954.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

E. L. MacKinnon
REGULAR MEETING

June 10, 1958

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House on June 10, 1958 and called to order by President, Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan B. MacGuinness, James H. Ward, Walter U. Murphy, and Howard R. Lynch.

TOWN STREETS

Mr. W. G. Murphy went over the Streets with Mr. Webb to explain the changes in the original bid, as specified in the minutes of the last meeting.

All streets will be completed with the same price on the bid, except there will be a rebate on Tasker Lane, since Mr. Webb gave a price which included some of a Lane which does not belong to the Town. Mr. Webb also agreed to a two part payment.

Mr. Henry Bryan wants to know if the Commissioners would object if he tarred and chipped along in front of his property line to the Polson Line or oiled the whole block, or if the town would do one or the other. Since the Town is in a financial position to do this, the Commissioners have no objection to Mr. Bryan doing only one of the other as mentioned above. Prices were obtained the two jobs as requested by Mr. Bryan: To Oil Water Street from Frederick to Caroline - $105.00. To Tar & Chip Water Street from Frederick to the Polson Line - $175.28.

AUDITOR

It was decided to get Sherman & Etting to audit the Books as we have done in the past years.

WELLWOOD MARINA

Mr. W. G. Murphy, Harbor Master, concurred with Mr. A. R. Giordana that Barges are to be sunk along the South Bulkhead & Bulkhead running parallel to Channel, and these are to be fenced off so no boat can get on barges. This will take the place of the tie pilings which have caused damage to boats during storms.

CHARLESTOWN FIRE COMPANY PARADE

The Town Commissioners have an invitation to ride in the Charlestown Fire Company Parade. The Commissioners accept the invitation.

A motion was made and passed that all Bills be paid.
There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary

Addendum:

It was decided to take over the maintenance of the Charlestown Beach Estate in compliance with the advice from attorney, John B. Wright. Letter is attached.
June 1, 1958

Mr. Alvan G. MacGuinness, President
Town Commissioners of Charlestown
Charlestown, Maryland

Dear Alvan:

Enclosed is my usual by-monthly billing for services as Town Attorney.

I will be standing by in case there are any additional questions or problems arising at or prior to the June 12th referendum vote regarding the increased tax rate home rule charter amendment.

Whenever sufficient street improvement funds are available, I continue to feel as I did when we last discussed this problem with Walter Murphy in Charlestown on Sunday, May 18th. Despite the inability of Walter Buck to find title to the Charlestown Beach Estate streets in the town commissioners or dedicated to public use, I suggest that you proceed with whatever street improvements are necessary in this whole subdivision. To the same extent that we would have difficulty in legally showing that these streets are dedicated to the public use, similarly any objecting residents would have difficulty in showing that they are not so dedicated.

I will look for you and as many of the Town Commissioners as can make the trip to Ocean City for the Maryland Municipal League Convention on June 16th and 17th. This year's convention should be very worthwhile.

With best personal regards,

Very truly yours,

John B. Wright
Town Attorney

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REGULAR MEETING
May 27, 1958

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House on May 27, 1958 and called to order by President, Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Howard H. Lynch, James H. Ward, and Walter G. Murphy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and one correction made.

TOWN STREETS & PROPOSED SIDEWALK

Letter was read from Mr. John J. Ward of the State Roads Commission about the double white line on Route 267 through Town.

After a discussion about sidewalks which the P.T.A. requested a Motion was made by Mr. Lynch as follows: Until the time that the Town can afford a permanent sidewalk, no temporary walk will be provided through the use of Railroad Ties which the Commissioners feel are detrimental to the Property Owners. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ward, and passed with Walter G. Murphy opposed.

It was decided to have 3 Judges & 2 Clerks to work at the election as follows: Mrs. Frederick, a Judge on the Books, Mrs. Patricia Murphy, a Judge on, the Books, Mrs. Rebecca Phillips, a Judge on the
Ballot Box, Mrs. Grace Smith, a Clerk on a Blotter, and Mrs. McMullen, a Clerk on a Blotter. The following were suggested in case some of the above mentioned cannot work: Mr. Robert Calvert, Mr. Albert Cooper, and Mrs. Alice Miller.

Mowing along the streets for Memorial Day has been completed.

A motion was made and passed that all bills be passed.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING
April 22, 1958

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House on April 22, 1958 and called to order by President, Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, W. G. Murphy, James Howard Ward, and Howard Lynch.

A delegation was present which had submitted a petition to the Commissioners on Saturday evening. It looks perfectly all right, but no legal opinion has been obtained from John Wright. A referendum election will be held 40 to 60 days from this date which will make it fall between June 2nd and June 22nd.

HOLLOWAY BEACH ESTATE STREETS

It is the legal opinion of both Mr. Walter Buck and Mr. John Wright that the continuation of Cecil Street is a Public Street since it is a right-a-way to the Commercial Area, but only public to the entrance of the Commercial Area, and the remainder of that Street and other Streets in the Holloway Beach Estates are privately owned. It was decided to send copies of the title search report and legal opinion to those in the Beach Area that are interested.

A motion was made by Howard Ward and seconded by Howard Lynch that this Ordinance be approved as written. Motion passed. The Ordinance will be published in the two county papers and posted.

RESOLUTION ON TAX INCREASE

The petition received by the Commissioners requesting a Referendum Election on Resolution to increase the Tax was signed by 64 registered voters.

The attached Resolution was adopted by the Commissioners for Referendum Vote.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Howard Lynch and seconded by Howard Ward that all Bills be paid. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House on April 8, 1958 and called to order by President, Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Howard Ward, W. G. Murphy, Howard Lynch and Ralph Murphy. Mr. John B. Wright, Town Attorney, was also present at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

REGISTRATION

Mr. Wright was asked for his opinion as to whether the Town Ordinance covering registration is legal, since only a Resolution can change the Charter. Mr. Wright said that, in his opinion, it is legal because it only adds to what is in the Charter, and the Commissioners have put the Ordinance into effect by using the powers which are given to them in the Charter.

A letter was received from Mr. Wright stating that the petition submitted to the Commissioners is not legally correct since the heading is not worded correctly.

A motion was made by Mr. W. G. Murphy that this so called petition be turned back to Mr. Lloyd Cooper telling him that, upon receiving Legal Advice that this petition is not in correct form, a new one must be submitted in Legal Form. Motion Seconded by Howard Ward and passed.

TOWN STREETS

Edgar McMullen, Jr. wants a culvert in front of his property. It was decided to tell Mr. McMullen that the Commissioners do not install pipe for individual driveways, and the only reason it was put in along Mrs. Henry's property was because it is on a Town Street.

Mrs. Henry would like to have an extension of 6 to 8 feet on the pipe installed along her property. It was decided to wait and see if some tar and chip put on the place that washes out will correct the matter.

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

A motion was made by Mr. W. G. Murphy and seconded by Ralph Murphy that Howard Ward be appointed Town Police Officer. Motion passed.

The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Nathan Hope, County Sheriff, requesting the proper credentials be given to Mr. Ward.
I James H. Ward would like to make application for Police Officer for the Town of Charlestown, MD. The yearly wage of $585.00. All police equipment, bond and insurance to be furnished by the Town of Charlestown, MD, except for the car and the car up keep. For a part time Police Officer the monthly wage to be as following, Jan, Feb, March, April, Oct, Nov and Dec, at $30.00. May, June, July, Aug and Sept., at $75.00.

James H. Ward
Charlestown, MD.
REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 1958

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House on May 13, 1958 and called to order by President, Alvan G. MacGuinness at 7:50 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, James H. Ward and Walter G. Murphy.

SAFETY ZONES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Mrs. Charles Wright and Mrs. Betty McMullen, members of the Parent Teachers Association of the Charlestown Elementary School were present to discuss what progress is being made on Safety Zones for children going to and from School. Mr. Schrockley was contacted on this date as to whether he would object to cross ties in front of his Store on Walden Street, and he was agreeable with putting cross ties along for a sidewalk with the exception that he would not be held liable for any accident which might occur. A letter is to be written to Mr. John Wright about his opinion on this matter. Mr. MacGuinness told the P. T. A. that, as far as he knew, cross ties could be laid from Tasker Lane to Baltimore, and Baltimore to G Stonestoga.

RESOLUTION #2

The Secretary was instructed to post Resolution #2 in the Post Office again before May 15th.

PARKING TICKETS

Tickets will be made for parking. Heading to be taken from Ordinance.

NO PARKING AREAS

The Commissioners have designated Louisa Lane from Water Street to waters edge as No Parking Area. Also No Parking between signs on Town property between ground leased to Cranford Henry and Harry M. Heisler.

ROUTE 267

A letter will be written to Mr. John J. Ward of the State Roads Commission requesting that a double white line for Route 267 be installed in the entire Incorporated Limits of Charlestown.

A motion was made and passed that all Bills be paid.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary
SECTION 1: BE IT ENACTED by the Commissioners of Charlestown by authority of Sections 44 and 45 of Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "Cecil County" sub-title "Charlestown", that the following Section shall constitute an Ordinance for the authority for of collateral acceptance/in lieu of personal attendance at a magistrate's hearing concerning violations of Ordinance No. 1 enacted on September 13, 1955, and amendments thereto, and being known as Ordinance No. 7 stating as follows:

In all cases of parking violations, the person responsible may pay and forfeit a collateral amount of Five Dollars to the committing bailiff or the town clerk within five days after the date of the offense in lieu of personal attendance at the magistrate's hearing concerning this violation. These collateral amounts will be promptly paid over by the bailiff or clerk to the Treasurer of the municipal corporation.

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

ATTEST:  

Approved: April 22, 1958

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

By

Alvan G. MacGuinness, President

Patricia Murphy, Secretary
Mr. Ward was given permission to purchase a summer uniform, holster and hand cuffs.

Garage at foot of Calvert St. and Parking tickets were discussed with Mr. Wright, and these items will be brought up again at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House on March 25, 1958 and called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President, Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Howard Ward, W. U. Murphy, Howard Lynch, and Ralph Murphy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A small group was present of John Ownes, Lloyd Cooper, Marshall Moore, C. E. William, and Charles M. Jackson. A discussion was then opened on Town Taxes by the group. A paper was submitted by Lloyd Cooper objecting to proposed Town Tax, and requesting a Public Hearing at a future date. Discussion ended around 9:30 P.M.

Commissioners then discussed what was being done on the Holloway Beach Estate Survey. Mr. Buck was contacted by phone and to date progress is slow. Mr. John Wright, Town Attorney, called Mr. MacGuinness for information on Holloway Beach and said he will contact Mr. Buck to try and get faster action.

Mrs. Dolly Henry requested a corrugated culvert on entrance to their property on Market St. The Commissioners agreed to purchase pipe the size which the State recommends and it will be installed by the State Roads Commission.

It was moved and seconded that all Bills be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING

March 11, 1958

A regular meeting of the Commissioners of Charlestown was held Tuesday, March 11, 1958 and called to order by President MacGuinness at 7:30. The Following Commissioners were present: W. G. Murphy, Ralph Murphy, J. Howard Ward, Howare Lynch and A. G. MacGuinness. A group of eight persons, namely Marshall Moore, Lloyd Cooper, Arthur Smith, Peter Williams, Emil King, Charles Roosa, C. E. Williams, and Charles Jackson were also present.

The meeting opened with a portion of the attending group by reference to a sheaf of papers held by Mr. C. E. Williams, indicated they intended to present these papers to the Commission. Charles M. Jackson, however, requested the papers be turned over to him. Mr. Williams complied with the request.

A lengthy discussion was entered into by all present except L. Cooper with the proposed tax increase to 4½ per $100 of assessment as the principal subject. Again, as at the Public Meeting of February 21, 1958, no specific items in the 1958/1959 budget of $11,300 was criticized by the delegation. The expressed opposition to any tax increase was varied and on most items the reason for objections did not appear to be shared by anyone other than the individual who expressed the objection.

Criticism of the Commission was recurrent throughout the discussion.

As there appeared to be no spokesman for the group, the Commissioners assumed they were not a delegation organized for any specific purpose.

The Commission advised those present from the Holloway Beach area that Legal counsel had been retained to search certain land records and plats relating to the Charlestown Beach Estates for the purpose of ascertaining the legal status of certain of the Charlestown Beach Estate Streets believed by some to be private property rather than public thoroughfares.

The group retire at about 9:30 P.M.

CHARLESTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

President MacGuinness advised the deed prepared by the Cecil County Board of Education for the conveyance of that part of Conestoga and Ogle Streets within the boundaries of the twenty acres under negotiation for the site of the Charlestown Elementary School, had been received by the Town Attorney and found to be in order. The Secretary was instructed to post notice of the Commission's intention to convey such road beds for a period of twenty days as prescribed by the Charter. Execution of the deed of
Conveyance will be on March 31, 1958.

HOME RULE RESOLUTION #2

Ralph Murphy introduced Home Rule Resolution #2 empowering the Commissioners of Charlestown to levy ad valorem taxes of not more than Forty-Five Cents on each One Hundred Dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property in the Town and named for its adoption. Howard Ward seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion for adoption was as follows:

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No other business coming before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
Resolution of the Town Commissioners of Charlestown, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article 11 E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23 A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Corporations-Municipal", to amend Section 41 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Cecil County, said section being a part of the Charter of the Town of Charlestown, so as to authorize and empower the Commissioners of Charlestown, if and as necessary, to levy ad valorem taxes of not more than Forty Five Cents on each One Hundred Dollars of assessed valuation of the real and personal property in said Town, as said corporate boundary limits are now or may hereafter be fixed.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Commissioners of Charlestown that Section 41 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Cecil County, said section being a part of the Charter of the Town of Charlestown, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

41. The President and Commissioners are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to levy during the month of July, and cause to be collected, annually, taxes not more than ((Twenty)) Forty Five Cents on each $100.00 of the assessed valuation of the real and personal property in said Town, based on the State and County assessments for all purposes, and any taxes so levied shall be a lien on any and all property of the person, company or corporation against whom they may be levied, and the taxes for each year are payable on the 1st day of September next succeeding the levy thereof, and shall be in arrears and subject to interest at the rate of Six Per Cent from and after the 1st day of October next succeeding the levy thereof.

SECTION 2. And be it further resolved that the date of adoption of this Resolution is March 11, 1958 and the amendment of the Charter of the Town of Charlestown hereby enacted shall become effective on
April 30, 1958, unless a proper petition for a referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by law, provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be continuously posted at the Town Building until April 21, 1958 and provided further that a copy of the title of this Resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Cecil County once in each of the weeks of March 16th, 23rd and 30th and April 6th, 1958.

SECTION 3. And be it further resolved that the President of Town Commissioners is hereby specifically enjoined to carry out the provisions of Section 2 hereof and, as evidence of said compliance, the President shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of this meeting appropriate certificates of publication of the newspaper or newspapers in which the title of this Resolution shall have been published and shall declare the Charter amendment hereby enacted to be effective by affixing his signature hereto in the space provided on the effective date thereof.

SECTION 4. And be it further resolved that as soon as the Charter amendment hereby enacted shall become effective, either as herein provided or following a referendum, President shall send separately by registered mail return receipt requested, to the Secretary of State of Maryland and to the Department of Legislative Reference of Maryland a clear certified copy of the text of this Resolution, showing the number of Commissioners voting for and against it and a report on the votes cast for or against the amendment hereby enacted at any referendum thereon and the date of such referendum.

The Charter Amendment enacted by the foregoing Resolution became effective this day of , 1958.

ATTEST:
Alvan G. HacGuinness
President of Town Commissioners

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING
February 25, 1958

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House on February 25, 1958 and called to order at 7:25 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, James H. Ward, Walter W. Murphy, Howard R. Lynch, and Ralph H. Murphy. Mr. John Wright, Town Attorney was also present at the meeting.

PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting was held in the Fire House last Friday evening, February 21st, at which time a tentative Budget was set up for the Year 1958-59.

This meeting was held for the purpose of discussing a Tax Increase of 25¢ per $100 on Real and Personal Property. There was no objection to the purposed budget, but a feeling that all the people in Town would not benefit from the tax increase. The tax payers objecting were those in the Charlestown Beach Estates Area where the Streets are not owned by the Town.

CHARLESTOWN BEACH ESTATES

After a discussion with Mr. Wright about the Streets in this Area, a motion was made by Mr. Howard Lynch that a Lawyer be hired to search the Title of these Streets. Motion seconded by W. W. Murphy, and passed.

Mr. Wright told the Commissioners that the Maryland Municipal League Conference will be held in Ocean City on June 16th & 17th.

CHARLESTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A letter was read from the Post Mistress, Mrs. Jeannette H. McCall, stating that the Post Office Department would want to know the rental for this building. A reply will be made to Mrs. McCall telling her that we cannot submit a rental figure until the property is turned over to the Town.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 1958

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House on February 11, 1958 and Called to order by Alvan G. MacGuinness at 7:35 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, James H. Ward, Walter G. Murphy, Howard R. Lynch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

STREET IMPROVEMENT

It was decided to get Vernon Reynolds to put gravel on Road beyond Station to fill up some of the big holes. Also to get Mr. Reynolds to fix the other streets in Town that need Gravel.

ATTACHED RESOLUTION

Mr. Lynch made a motion to accept the Resolution as written, and the Resolution was adopted by the Commissioners.

TOWN TAXES

It was decided that at the Town Meeting on February 21, 1958 that the Commissioners will tell the Town Residents that the Tax Rate will be raised for Street Improvement.

It was decided to find out what tax rate Port Deposit and Perryville have on Real Estate and Personal Property.

TREASURER'S BILLS

Motion was made and passed that all Bills be paid.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary
Whereas: The Cecil County School Board and the County Commissioners have tentatively selected Charlestown as the site for a new Elementary School and certain negotiations are presently underway for the procurement of approximately 20 Acres of land in the Conestoga-Olge Street Section as the specific site for the school and

Whereas: The Charlestown Commissioners consider it to the Town's best interest to encourage the construction of a school within the corporate limits of the Town and to make the desired site, insofar as possible, suitable for the project: certain of the laid out street would have to be abandoned.

Be it resolved therefore: The Commissioners of Charlestown, upon notification by the Cecil County School Board that the desired acreage had been procured for the construction of the Charlestown Elementary School, take the necessary steps to abandon all laid out streets within the boundaries of the acreage procured.

Adopted the 11th day of February, 1958.

The Commissioners of Charlestown

By: Alvan S. MacGuinness, President

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING
January 28, 1958

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by Mr. MacGuinness.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, James H. Ward, W. G. Murphy, Ralph H. Murphy, and Howard R. Lynch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. W. G. Murphy read the new assessment for 1958, which is $86,645 giving the Town a Total Real Estate and Personal Property Tax of $1,929.29.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Mr. Ward reported progress on list, but bad weather has slowed the job down.

SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

W. G. Murphy reported that a larger box will be available at the North East Bank in the near future.

STREET IMPROVEMENT

The street on the other side of the Station has had three loads of gravel put on it.

Mrs. Edna Patton requested gravel on Ogle Street. It was decided to place gravel on Ogle Street, Cecil St., Holloway Place, and on Water St. at Bryans and to cut ditch if necessary. The Commissioners will check the streets on Saturday, February 1st and make decision on any other repairs and contact Mr. Vernon Reynolds to do the job.

PRESENT CHARLESTOWN SCHOOL BUILDING

A letter was read from the Charlestown Homemakers Club requesting use of one room of the School, if it is obtained by the Town upon the completion of the new school, Mr. MacGuinness will make reply.

NEW CHARLESTOWN SCHOOL

Mr. Rannels of the County School Board called Mr. MacGuinness to ask if we would prepare the Deeds for abandonment of Streets involving the school. Mr. MacGuinness called Town Attorney, and his advise was that the School Board prepare all deeds, and Mr. Rannels thought they will need all 20 Acres. In this case, they may need
to come to Market Street. The Commissioners are going to ask, if possible, not to abandon Market Street.

BUILDING PERMIT

Application submitted by Mr. William N. Fleetwood to build a new 6400en House was approved.

TOWN TAXES

Mr. John Wright was contacted and he said that under the new Home Rule, the Commissioners are in power to raise taxes, but could be placed at a referendum vote by demand of the general public. Any proposed amendment must be posted 40 days prior to the adoption, and must be published in a local newspaper after adoption for at least 4 weeks. It was decided to call a public meeting on February 21st at 7:30 P.M. at the Fire Hall to discuss Town Taxes.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING
January 14, 1958

The following Town Commissioners, which were elected January 13, 1958, were sworn into Office by Mr. Edgar McMullen: Mr. Alvan G. MacGuinness, Mr. James H. Ward and Mr. Walter G. Murphy.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Mr. Alvan MacGuinness.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Alvan G. MacGuinness, Mr. James H. Ward, Mr. Walter G. Murphy, and Mr. Howard R. Lynch.

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch that that W. G. Murphy by appointed Town Treasurer. Motion seconded by Mr. Ward and passed. Patricia Murphy was also appointed for another year as Secretary to the Commissioners.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by W. G. Murphy that Howard Ward be given $10.00 expense money in the connection with the duties of checking Motor Vehicle Registrations in Charlestown, since Mr. Ward said he would prepare the list. Motion passed.

SAFE KEEPING OF TOWN RECORDS

It was decided to get a large deposit box at the North East Bank, as soon as one is available, in order to store some of the Towns valuable papers. Only a small box is being rented by the Town at the present time.

TAX ON HORSE RACING

Attached is a copy of a letter which will be sent to the County Treasurer requesting our share of the tax on Horse Racing in the State.

Treasurer's Report

After all bills for the year 1957 were paid the balance is as follows:

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There was a discussion about raising the Tax Rate for 1958. Discussion will be continued when the other Commission is present. It was decided to check the new assessment for Charlestown.

CHARLESTOWN SCHOOL

Mr. Dennison was present at the meeting to tell the Commissioners that there is a possibility that the Town will be requested by the School Board to abandon Ogle or Conestoga Streets or both Streets. If this needs to be done, the School Board would like the Town Attorney to do the work, and the School Board will pay the Bill.

There being not further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
Mr. J. W. Mackie, Treasurer
of Cecil County
Court House, Elkton, Maryland

Dear Mr. Mackie:

In compliance with Section 5(2) of Chapter 802, of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1957, providing for the participation in the revenue received from the tax on horse racing in the State by the incorporated towns of the State, I hereby certify that the present population of the Town of Charlestown is five hundred and forty five (545). I further certify that the President and Commissioners of the Town of Charlestown will use the funds distributed to them under this provision of the law for construction or maintenance of streets, or sewerage facilities or water systems, or garbage collection and disposal within the Town; and that the President and Commissioners of the Town of Charlestown will raise by taxation, and apply for the same purpose as is the distributed funds, an amount equal to said funds so distributed to them under this provision of the law.

Should the County Commissioners so desire, the President and Commissioners of Charlestown agree to permit an inspection of the records of the Town of Charlestown, by an auditor of Cecil County, in order to establish compliance with the above legislative enactment.

Very truly yours,

TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

[Signature]

1956 Town of Charlestown tax rate $ .20

1957 Town of Charlestown tax rate $ .20

(Coated January 6, 1959)
OFFICIAL BALLOT

TOWN ELECTION

OF

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

MONDAY, JAN. 13, 1958

FOR THE ELECTION OF THREE COMMISSIONERS

VOTE FOR THREE

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Designate Candidates of your choice by "X"

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JANUARY 14, 1958

OATH OF OFFICE

COMMISSIONERS ELECTED JANUARY 13, 1958

On this day, the 14th of January, 1958, before me the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, residing in Charlestown, personally appeared

\[\text{Signature}\]

\[\text{James Ward}\]

\[\text{Walter G. Murphy}\]

The newly elected Charlestown Commissioners, to take the oath of office that each would diligently and faithfully, to the best of his judgment and ability, discharge the duties of his office without favor, partiality or prejudice.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 14th day of January, 1958.

\[\text{Edgar W. McConnell}\]

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Notary Public
SPECIAL MEETING

December 16, 1957

Since the next regular meeting night falls on Christmas Eve, and the Commissioners had some business to clear up, this Special meeting was called. The special meeting was called to order in the Fire House at 7:35 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present: Robert E. Phillips, Alvan MacGuinness, Howard H. Lynch, Ralph H. Murphy, and W. G. Murphy. Mr. John Wright, Town Attorney, and Mrs. Elizabeth McMullen, Treasurer of the Charlestown Cemetery were also present.

CHARLESTOWN CEMETERY

Mr. Wright presented a resolution which the Commissioners asked him to draw up. A motion was made by Mr. MacGuinness that the be accepted. Motion seconded by Mr. Lynch and passed. Resolution is attached to these minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. MacGuinness that the Charlestown Cemetery Fund be withdrawn from the North East Bank, and deposited in the working Fund at the North East Bank, pending the Commissioners decision as to where it shall be deposited at the highest interest rate. Motion seconded by Mr. Ralph Murphy, and passed.

A motion was made by Mr. MacGuinness, and seconded by Mr. Lynch that the Lots in the sale in the old part of the Cemetery by sold at $25.00 - purchase price $10.00 - perpetual care $15.00. Motion passed.

STREET IMPROVEMENT

A request was made that 3 loads of gravel be put on the Street beyond the Station. No decision was made, because there is a question as to whether this is a Town Street and where the right-a-way is located.

TREASURER’S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. MacGuinness and seconded by Mr. Ralph Murphy that the Charlestown Fire Company be given a donation of $50.00 for the use of the Fire House as a meeting place. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Ralph Murphy that all bills be paid. Motion passed.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Murphy
Secretary
RESOLUTION

December 16, 1957

Be it resolved by the Town Commissioners of Charlestown that Mrs. Elizabeth McMullen, present Treasurer of the Charlestown Cemetery, is hereby directed and authorized to withdraw $900.00 now deposited in the First National Bank of North East and to use said fund as may be directed by this body.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

ATTEST:

By

Robert E. Phillips, President

[Signature]
Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING

December 10, 1957

The regular meeting of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House on December 10, 1957 and called to order by Robert E. Phillips.

The following Commissioners were present: Robert E. Phillips, W. G. Murphy, Alvan G. MacGuinness, and Howard R. Lynch.

The minutes of the November 12th meeting were read and approved.

INSURANCE

It was decided to check with the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company to see if the Town Police Officer was covered with insurance during the years that the Town paid premiums to Mr. Ives.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits submitted by Mr. Alvan MacGuinness, and H. Marvel and D. Norris were approved.

CHARLESTOWN CEMETERY

It was decided to check with Mr. Wright to see if the Perpetual Care Fund in the North East Bank can be moved to another Bank in order to get more interest.

It was decided to sell all remaining lots in the Cemetery at $25.00 per grave and $25.00 for perpetual care, and no lots will be sold without perpetual care. In the new part of the Cemetery the minimum sold will be two grave lots. Single lots can be purchased in other parts of the cemetery. In the new part flush markers will be required. Existing isles in the old part of the cemetery where lots have been sold off will be sold in individual grave lots, size 4'x10'. All lots in the new section will be 4'x10'.

TOWN PLATS

Mr. Herbert Cooper, Mr. Fairlamb and Mr. Jerry Nolan would like to purchase Town plats (new survey). It was decided to sell them at $5.00 a set.

LOUISA LANE

Mr. Thorn is suffering water damage in his lumber shed, and would like to have adequate pipe and ditch to handle the water coming down Louisa Lane. He would also like to have the pipe which he had put in at his own expense under the
Street, lowered at least a foot and he will pay for it.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. MacGuinness that all Bills be paid. Motion seconded and passed.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING
November 26, 1957

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was not held on November 26, 1957 because only two Commissioners were present.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING
November 12, 1957

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House November 12, 1957 and called to order at 7:40 by Robert E. Phillips.

The following Commissioners were present: Robert E. Phillips, W. G. Murphy, Alvan G. MacGuinness, and Howard R. Lynch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TOWN PROPERTY

Mr. George Trimble was present at the meeting for the execution of a deed from the Town Commissioners to him for the purchase of 12 feet of ground (Part of the unnumbered Lot-See Note) Mr. Sexton, who later will purchase Mr. Trimble's property, did not appear at this meeting to purchase 10 feet from the Town, which he had previously made a request for. The purchase of 10 feet would give him a total of 50' frontage on Black Ave. Mr. Trimble paid $120.00 by check.

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

Mr. Bowles was present at this meeting, and dismissed from duty as Town Police Officer and told the reason for his dismissal, as stated in the minutes of October 22nd. A letter will be written to Mr. Kaplan telling him we have discontinued with the services of a Town Officer during the winter months, and he can make the decision as to whether or not Mr. Bowles will retain his Deputy Sheriff card. Also request in this letter that Mr. Kaplan advise us of his decision.

TOWN PROPERTY LEASE

Dr. A. Levagnino returned his leased which was signed and a check enclosed for $10.00 for use of Municipal right of way at end of Market St.

PENNA R. R.

Letter was read in reply to request for warning buzzer at crossing stating that the Penna. R. R. Co. will investigate this matter.

MARBAGE COLLECTION IN TOWN

Letters will be written Eugene Beal, Andrew Skinner and Harley Atkins asking them not to overload their trucks with trash as property owners along Route 7 have complained to County Commissioners. A carbon copy of this letter will be sent to the County Commissioners. A letter will also be written to Mrs. Calvin Walback, who complained of trash.

NOTE: Unnumbered Lot located between Bladen St. & Black Subdivision.
blowing off in front of her property, telling her of the Commissioners action in this matter.

Their being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING

October 22, 1957

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House October 22, 1957 and called to order at 7:45 by Robert E. Phillips.

The following Commissioners were present: Robert E. Phillips, Alvan G. MacGuinness, and W. G. Murphy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

CHARLESTOWN SCHOOL

Commissioner W. G. Murphy reported that Post Mistress of Charlestown asked if the Town Commissioners obtained the old school, could a portion of the building be leased to the U. S. Government for a Post Office. This matter was tabled by the Commissioners until disposition has been made of the school.

TOWN PROPERTY

Mr. Trimble has completed all surveying of property concerning he and Mr. Sexton, and requested that we sell him 12 additional feet, and Mr. Sexton would like to purchase 10 feet, making a total footage of 50' on Black Ave. It was decided to sell the property at $10.00 per front foot.

BUILDING PERMITS

Mr. Ross Jackson made application on Building Permit to build a garage. This will be checked by Mr. MacGuinness. Mrs. Elizabeth Owens made application for an addition to garage. This was approved.

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

On the subject of providing a Law Enforcement Officer for the Town on a 12 months basis, costing the Town approximately $520.00 per year, the Commissioners felt that we are not financially able to spend approximately 25 per cent of the total Town Taxes for a part time police officer. It was further pointed out that it might be better to provide a Town Officer during the Summer months, as our records indicate that relatively few arrests or violations occur during the period October through May of the following year. Motion was made to discontinue with the Service of the Town Officer effective November 16th. Motion seconded and passed.

The Town Officer will be requested to appear before the Commissioners on November 12th, for notification of our action, and request for return of all property relating to his office.
A motion was made that all Bills be paid.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING
October 8, 1957

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House October 8, 1957 and called to order at 8 P.M. by Robert B. Phillips.

The following Commissioners were present: Robert M. Phillips, Alvan G. MacGuinness, W. G. Murphy, and Howard Lynch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TOWN SIDEWALKS

It was decided to proceed with the use of crossties to form a sidewalk along Cecil St. from Market St. to Conestoga St. A letter will be written to Mr. John J. Ward of the State Roads Commission telling him that a temporary sidewalk is going to be placed from Market St. to Baltimore St. 1/2 from the present hard surface on the East Side of Cecil St., and if the State Roads Commission has any objections to this, please notify us at once. Also ask again for a reply on our March 27th letter about the curbing along Bladen St.

TOWN DITCHES

It was decided to open ditch thoroughly along Frederick St. to clear up water problem along this street, and to get Mr. Paul Grouch to do the job, if possible. Motion Made to this affect, seconded, and carried.

LOUISA LANE

Mr. Lawrence Williams requested that a couple of loads of gravel be placed at the entrance to his property. Motion made to do job. Motion seconded and carried.

CHARLESTOWN SCHOOL

A reply to our letter was received from the School Board, stating that consideration would be given to the Commissioners of Charlestown at the time the old school is disposed of.

P.R.R. CROSSING

Mr. Lynch requested that the Commissioners write a letter to the Penna. Railroad asking that warning bells be installed at crossing as a safety precaution.

TOWN LEASES

Mr. John Wright prepared Mr. Lavagnino's Lease and
and the new Lease for W. G. & F. L. Murphy. Motion was made to forward Dr. Lavagnino's Lease to Mr. Kemp for execution, and the Lease for W. G. & F. L. Murphy be executed. Motion seconded, and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made and passed that all Bills be paid.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Patricia J. Murphy
Secretary
REGULAR MEETING

September 24, 1957

The regular meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House September 24, 1957 and called to order at 7:45 by President, Robert R. Phillips.

The following Commissioners were present: R. Phillips, A. MacGuinness, W. J. Murphy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TOWN SIDEWALKS

Mrs. Grace Smith, Mrs. Marge Patchell, Mrs. Betty McMullen, Mrs. Ruth Patchell all were present to discuss what was being done on Sidewalks for the Children going to and from School. There was a discussion about the subject and a letter was read that the Commissioners' Attorney wrote to the State Roads Commission in regards to the relocation of Bladen St. The P. I. A. Members then asked if Sidewalks could be provided from Barnes Store to Tasker Lane. The Commissioners said that prices would be obtained for placing crossties along the entire distance and graveled and if the prices are no too excessive, the job be will done.

BUILDING PERMITS

Mr. Marshall Moore applied for an addition to his present home for bath and bedroom and Mr. Howard Smith applied for improvement to his home. Both permits were approved.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made and passed that all Bills be paid.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Murphy
Secretary