

A special meeting of the newly elected board of Town Commissioners was held this date. All members of the board were present. Names of same, are as follows;

Leon E. Beal (76)	Walter Patchell (75)
Edgar A. McMullen (76)	L. Metz (75)
Peter M. Williams (76)	

A copy of the Official Ballet and the total votes cast is attached for future reference.

The following business was transacted by the Board;

1. Heis McCall was granted permission to contact the Town's attorney to obtain a easement which will be required, in the efforts to make the town Wharf a National Historical landmark.
2. A. The Board voted and was unanimous, in the decison to terminate the contract of John B. Wright, present town attorney, effective Feb. 1st 1974.
B. The board voted and was unanimous, in the decison to hire the Law firm of Baker & Lockard.
C. A letter and a phone call, by the president, will arrange a date for a final meeting with Mr. Wright.
D. The Board authorized Peter Williams (by his request) to contact Walter Baker and arrange details as to fee, availability, etc.
E. Mr Baker and Mr Wright will handle details as pertains to work performed by Mr. Wright on the nine(9) year old water and sewage project.
This move was long over due and was made in the best intrest's of the town's people. The basic though being, we neededa local attorney with local native knowledge and intrest.
3. The brush along the right side of the station road has been cleared and the bill was paid. The board had received many complaints about the brush since the Heisler bridge road has been closed due to the construction of a new bridge.

4. ZONNING ~~BOARD~~ COMMISSION:

The Board approved the following personnel changes on the Zonning Comm. John Lewis will be a member as a private citizen. L. Beal will ~~REMAIN A MEMBER~~ remain a member but will represent the Town Comm. E. McMullen will be replaced by J.C. Henry.

5. ZONNING COMMISSION BOARD OF APPEALS

In keeping with proper procedure, it is required by State Law 66B when establishing zoning a boars of appeals must be appointed by the Town Comm. The following people were appointed and approved by the Board of Town Comm; Mr Earl Gonce, nominated by P. Williams, for a period of One (1) year. Mrs R. Phillips, Nominated by L. Beal, for a period of Two (2) years. Mr Ross Patchell, Nominated by W. Patchell, for a period of Three(3) years. It is noted as each of the above persons term expires, the appointee will be named for a period of Four (4) years.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION;

A 30 min general disoussion, led by Peter Williams and L. Beal and joined in by the other Comm. was held on the goals and aims of the Board of Town Comm. In view of the work to be accomplished, the board approved a motion by Peter Williams to held Two(2) meeting's

a month until further notice. These meetings will be held on the first and second Tuesdays of each month. The first meeting will be a working session, the second will be as usual, the regular monthly meeting.

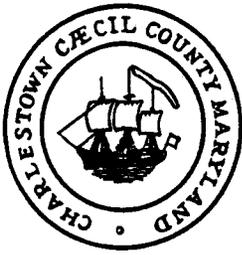
RESPONSIBILITIES

It was the wishes of the president that all Commissioners retain their present responsibilities. Peter Williams will remain Police Comm. Also since Mr Patchell declined to accept the total responsibility for the maint. of the Town Hall and P. Williams wanted to modernize the inside, P. Williams was appointed to oversee the Maint. and Operations of the interior Town Hall.

TOWN CLERK

1. Agreed to attend the extra meeting per month and would accept COMP. Time of an equal amount in lieu of cash payment.
2. Did not have the previous monthly meeting min. typed. (Feb 8th)
3. Could not produce the legal contract between the Town Board and the Town Attorney.


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SPECIAL MEETING JOURNAL ----- Jan. 28, 1974

SUBJECT: Termination of Town Attorney, John Wright.

All Commissioners and the Town Clerk were present for the Special meeting.

Mr Wright was given notice of the Commissioners decision to terminate his contract as Town Attorney, effective Feb. 1st 1974.

All Commissioners expressed and presented their views to Mr. Wright. A liberal recap of the Commissioners views as to the need for a new Attorney, could be expressed thusly; The Town and its affairs could no longer be handled by a person located so far away from the town proper. Also it was felt, a local Attorney with native knowledge and intrest could be of more help to the town as such. To be quite frank, both the Town and Mr. Wright have outgrown each other.

Mr Wright understood and was most agreeable.

All fee's to settle and complete Mr Wrights employment have been paid, EXCEPT, the water and sewage project. Per our contract with Mr Wright, he was to have received 3% of the total project cost. In that the project and its monies have as yet, not been started or received no money is due to Mr. Wright until received by the Town Commissioners.

It is noted that Mr. Wright has approx. Nine (9) years work on said water and Sewage project. Mr Wright (old atty.) and Mr. Baker (new atty.) will work out details as to how the 3% fee will be split between them. The fee when paid, regardless of who the Attorney is, will be paid as follows; 1/3 30days after construction bids have been received, 1/3 six (6) months thereafter, 1/3 after completion and water and/or sewage is in use.

FIRE COMPANY: Chief Bett asked ~~unauthorized~~ permission to establishe a bulkhead at the end of Bladen and Conestogia streets. This would insure a good water source for a major fire in the center of town. A load of crusher run would also be needed. Commissioners will consider the request.

SPECIAL MEETING

Board of Town Commissioners

28 September 1973 - 9:00 P.M.

A special meeting was held in the Town Hall at 9:00 P.M. on September 28, 1973.

Those in attendance were Commissioners L. Metz, W. Patchell, J. Lewis, P. Williams and Police Chief, R. Evans.

President, W. Murphy was absent.

The subject of the meeting was to discuss the arbitrary action of withholding the weekly pay check of Chief Evans and other police officer related problems.

All present gave their views and opinions. After much discussion, the following decisions were made unanimously by the Commissioners in attendance:

1. Chief Evans is to receive his pay check for the week of the 28th at approximately 9:30 A.M., Saturday, September 29, 1973.

2. Chief Evans is to work for a 30 day probation period, at the end of which he will sign or reject his employment contract and/or resign 14 October 1973.

3. Chief Evans will report daily to the Town Clerk and Commissioner P. Williams to effect all possible communication and/or duty assignments.

4. Chief Evans will work 6 days a week with Monday off. Also, the duty tour will be basically during the hours of darkness except during the summer months and weekends. In which case good judgement will prevail.

5. It was motioned and approved to hold the October regular monthly meeting a week early to insure a quorum of Commissioners and to act on pressing business at hand. The meeting will commence at 7:30 P.M., 2 October 1973 instead of 9 October 1973.

Commissioner L. Metz is to notify President, W. Murphy of the change in meeting times.

There being no other business the Board adjourned at approximately 10:10 P.M..

Peter M. Williams,
Commissioner & Acting Secretary

James C. Dugent had two bills for the Maryland Legislature drawn up and submitted to Delegate Edgar Startt in the name of the Colonial Charlestown Commission. No member of the Colonial Charlestown Commission or any resident of Charlestown was consulted, or even had the opportunity to read these resolutions before they were submitted. Delegate Startt along with Delegate Mackie thought the bills came from the Colonial Charlestown Commission, had them printed up into proper form and placed on the floor of the House of Delegates. Both delegates are very much interested in helping Charlestown with the project and Startt knew that Dugent was with us in this program, so their assumption that we wrote the resolutions was a natural one.

I first heard of the bills on Thursday night (February 28) from Dugent, and upon reading them I realized that they contained many historically inaccurate statements as well as at least two statements that I felt were counter to the policies of the Colonial Charlestown Commission.

I placed a call to Startt, finally getting through to him at about 12 that night, and asked him to have the bills held up until we could take a good look at them. He called me about noon the next day and told me he had the bills stopped.

A special meeting of the Colonial Charlestown Commission was held that night. The bills were rewritten and those parts we felt damaging to Charlestown were left out. A reprimand was ordered for Dugent with a warning that he is not to use the title of "Project Director" or make any commitments for Charlestown without first clearing with the Commission.

Delegate Startt hopes to be able to get the reworked bills through Legislature before it closes on March 5th.

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Feb. 5, 1974

Special Meeting Journal

All Commissioner's were present for the meeting held this date.

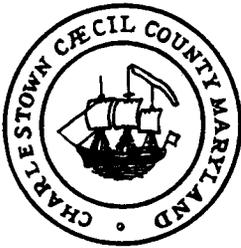
Town Attorney

Mr Walter Baker was present and briefed the Commissioners on his fee, attendance, etc. It was ~~decided~~ decided Mr. Baker or Mr. Herman would attend the special work session of the Commissioners each month, until futher notice. Problems given to the attorney to resolve, were as follows;

1. Determine if the old Nottingham road was a town street. It's my opinion that from the entrance to the fork, is the old Nottingham road and is therefore a county road. also, from the fork to Sasser's is a private lane (10 acres). I feel the town should not perform any maint on said road until property owners sign over their portion of the road to the town in first class condition.
2. ~~Determine~~ Determine if the Town Charter had to be amended to authorize the town to instal a sewage system.
3. Write a easement to allow the old Town Wharf to be submitted as a national Land mark.
4. Check The plats and assure the town that the Phila. Elect Co. is aware that the town, by an act of the Maryland General Assm. in 1742 does own two (2) acres of Seneca Point.

OLD NOTTINGHAM ROAD

Based on the above (1) problem, Comm. L. Metz agreed to cancell any survey work he had so ordered



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Building Permits

All permits must be given to the Zoning Comm. for review of the actual site construction. The Zoning Comm. will submit the permit with a approval or disapproval to the Town Comm. for final approval.

Fire Company

The Fire Company was given permission to establish a Bulkhead at the end of Bladen and conestoga street. Also at the East end of the Clay Pit. These site are needed to insure the Fire Co. has a good water source in the event of a major fire. The Town will furnish a reasonable amount of crusher run at each site.

Lagoon Site

I reviewed the 1968 minutes and found that the Town does own and has paid \$3800.00 for the 11.87 acres of land. The Town purchased this site for a lagoon for the proposed town sewage system.

The Meeting was adjourned after a time limit of a little ^{OVER} of two hours had expired.


Peter M. Williams

MEETING JOURNAL

March 12, 1974
Sheriffs

1. Police Affairs The Town Board authorized a letter to be sent to the ~~XXXXXX~~ office to have Comm. P. Williams sworn in and given power of arrest. This action was taken to protect Comm. Williams and the town in the event he was required to make an arrest or to back-up the town police officer.

Comm. Beal to contact Sonny Diamonntie in reference to accepting the harbour Masters Job.

Comm. Williams to contact H. Logan in reference to being the town Police Officer. If Not Sucessful, Pete to have Clekk advertise for new Town Police Officer.
2. Building Maint.

Robert Phillips agreed to paint the town hall. Comm. Williams will work out the colors, etc with Mr Phillips.

Comm. Williams to See The Postmaster about moving the Air Cond. in the Post Office Lobby. Its Appearance is not in keeping with the Colonial look desired on the town hall. This must be moved before the Fair in May.
3. Meetings The Quarterly meeting of the M.M.L. will be held at the Wellwood Club in April. All Comm. Should attend if possible.
4. Town Clerk President McMullán Requested we buy Medical Insurance coverage for Mrs Walter G. Murphy ~~xxxx~~ since the divorce will leave her without Hospital coverage. The board approved the request at a cost of 13.58 per month.
5. INTERIM ZONNING The Board passed Interim zoning Ordinance # 28 unaniously.
6. Ordinance Manual Comm. Williams requested the clekk have 25 copies of the up-dated Town Ordinance book printed. The Board granted the request and copies will be given to all persons holding a position in the town government.
7. Ordinance # 22 The Town Clerk was to advise the Town attorney that this Ord (22) authorized the town to install Water and Sewage in the Inc. Town. Also question if this also had to be a charter admendment.
8. ZONNING COMM Comm. Walter Patchell submitted Mrs Hull's Name to replace the vacancy created by her husband. The Board defered action until a regestered letter was sent to Mr Hull, explainning his absence is creating a hardship and a vacancy on the Zonning Comm. Also requested his (Mr Hull's) resignation in writing.
Comm. Beal disqualified himself from the disscusion as Mr Hull's conduct at a zoning meeting had created the incident which resulted in an argument between the two and the resultant absence of Mr Hull.
9. Town Land Leases M Comm. L. Metz wants all leases reviewed For possible rent increases. Comm. Williams requested action be defered until next working session of the Comm. Comm. as a whole agreed to this request. M Comm. Metz stated he would be on the road a lot and would not be able to attend ~~xxxx~~ the meeting when the leases ~~xxxx~~ were being reviewed. While Comm. Metz's efforts to obtain water and Sewage are commendible, in no way is he going to drop this political "~~XXXX~~ "BOMB SHELL" in the laps of the rest of the town board. When the leases are reviewed and if they are increased, it will be done in a fair and acceptable manner, WITH Comm Metz present.

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10. Richard Evans ~~XXXX~~ Clerk to send letter asking him to meet with the Comm. on the complaint that his son and wife are living in a trailer on his property.
11. Water and Sewage All Comm. reminded again of the Public Hearing on 3-21-74 at the Court House. This concerns the towns point of discharge into the Northeast River.
12. Bills All Bills were authorized to be paid.
13. Charlestown Fair Comm. Metz requested the Colonial Comm. issue formal invitations to:
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
 The Governor ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Mandel Comm. Williams said he
 Lt. Gov. Blair would advise N.H. McEall
 Comptroller Goldstien
 Atty General Bursch
14. Town Building Maintenance
 Comm. Williams explained his plans for the painting of the town building. Also the basic ideas for changing the inside of the building. Some discussion held but all Comm. agreed to the ideas, plans and changes as presented. ~~by~~
15. Mr Ayers
 Representing Horne Real Estate suggested that while he was out of line business wise, when he sold the Buck Jackson Homestead, we pass a ordinance saying the trailer could not be resold with the property and would have to be removed from the site. The Board is having the Attorney giving us a ruling on this matter.
 It is my personal opinion the board can not take this action, in that it is arbitrary and discriminatory. While I would like to see the Trailer removed, Ordinance # 10 is to vague and the trailer was located on this property in 1960 when the above Ord. was passed.



Peter M. Williams

1. Attendance- All Commissioners and the town Clerk were present except, W. Patchell.
2. The Clerk advised the Comm of the following Important Meeting which pertained to the Town:
March 18, 1974 Room 101 Court House, Elkton, Maryland. The $\frac{1}{2}$ meeting of the County Comm. with all Cecil Inc. Towns.
March 21 room 101 1:30P.M. Court House, Elkton, Md. The Public hearing will be held on Charlestown's Sewage discharge point into the Northeast river.
3. Town Attorney To check with U. of Maryland Tech advisory service and obtain information in drafting a Junk Car Ord. for the Town.
Will check and advise the town as to the location of town property at Sennica point and the right of way to same. He now feels that the town may have lost this property Via ADVERSE POSSESSION . A futher check , should resolve this problem.
A decession by the atty. gen. advises the town board does not have
* comply with the financial disclousure act.
* Attorney will draw up Interim Zonning Ordinance to be passed at the next meeting. This will result in the town freezing most construction until the complete anf final Zonning Ord. is passed.
5. 66B Copies of Ord. 66B still not available at County Office.
6. Maryland Race Comm Funds
To Obtain and receive a share of the States racing Fund the Town must sign an agreement saying ,in effect. The Town will match the amount received from the State. This year for example. the town received \$587.00, ~~thru~~ and will in turn match this 587.00 from the Towns General Fund acct. The Total amount of 1174.00 will be deposited in the Special Acct and be used on specific things, such as roads, maint, etc.
7. Mrs Murphy asked for and received Thursday and Friday off. She will make up the time by working extra time for the town at no cost.
8. Nelson H. McCall asked on behafe of the Historical Comm. for a contribution of \$75.00 to have several of the towns youth organizations clean-up the trash in the town before the Histroical Fair in May. The request was granted and check issued to N. H. Mc Call.
9. The Two Maryland House Resolutions, commending Charlestown and its Historical Background ~~were~~ were introduced by Starky today at 4 P.M.. These are the re-written bills. This information given by Comm Metz.
10. New Heislrs Bridge Comm Williams reported that his efforts to have a resolution passed by the County Comm, Retainning the historical name of HEISLERS BRIDGE, was successful. Also a Plaque will be installed and paid for by The County Comm (Mary Maloney) displaying the name and background of the old and new Bridge.
11. The easement requested by N. McCall for the Wharf will not be required. Request cancelled.


Peter M. Williams

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1. Zoneing - The Z. Comm. has completed its first draft of town Zoneing. When typed it will be submitted to the Attorney for review and correction.
2. Law 66B - Comm. Williams instructed the clerk to obtain copies of Ord. 66B as pertains to Zoneing. No copies now available at County Court House.
3. Zoneing - A long and lenthly discussion was held by the Commissioners.
4. Police - Comm. Williams recommended the new town officer be hired by April 1st
5. Budget - The town has been long overdue in its need for a formalized budget. The Clerk is to make a detailed listing of the Towns Income and Expense items. When this information is available, the Board will prepare a budget as such.

6. The following bills were authorized to be paid:

Elect.	28.08
Oil	94.17
Street Lights	147.92
Stationary	12.00
Snow Plow	<u>126.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 398.17

7. Snow Removal

Comm Metz will call Kitten Harry to plow snow when needed.

8. Sewage

Public hearing will be held on Sewage discharge point by the end of March. Permit should be issued soon after this meeting. (Water Resource Admnn.)

9. Water Drainage

The water drainage pipe to the river on Fredrick Street is stopped-up. Comm. Metz is to get cost price for repairing same and submit to the Town Board for approval. The cost will include grading, etc.

10. Old Nottingham Road

This road was abanded in 1940 by the County Comm. In 1940 the Town Comm wanted the town's people to submit a petation to the County to reopen the road. No action ever taken. It is the Position of Comm Williams that this is Not a town street and the legality of spending town tax money on a County and private road could result in legal action against the Town. The Town Attorney is to advise the Comm. on this matter.

11. Preachers Corner Ditch.

This ditch and road condition was created by the State Roads Comm. It is readily admitted it is a very dangerous situation and many complaints have been received by the Board from the Towns people. Comm. Metz to contact S.R.C. Eng Ed Derringer on this matter. The intire Town Board is to get with all S.R.C. Eng's and completely review the overall condition and situation of Baltimore Street, as early as possible in the spring.

12. Attendance

All Town Commissioners and the Town Clerk were present.


Peter M. Williams