

JUNE 26, 1956

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House June 26, 1956 and called to order at 7:45 by Robert E. Phillips.

The following Commissioners were present: Robert E. Phillips, Walter G. Murphy and Howard R. Lynch. Mr. John E. Wright, Legal Counselor for the Commissioners, was also present at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TOWN STREETS

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by W. G. Murphy that Cecil Street along Holloway Beach and the Station Road be graded and oiled. Motion passed unanimously.

A Lease Form was presented by Mr. John Wright for the Commissioners approval. Mr. Lynch made a motion to accept the attached Resolution covering the execution of Leases. Motion was seconded by W. G. Murphy and passed unanimously.

CEMETERY

It was decided to have the grass mowed around the cemetery prior to the 4th of July.

LEASED PROPERTY

Mr. Wright was asked to draw up Leases for John Owens and William N. Landis.

FINES RECEIVED FROM VIOLATIONS OF LOCAL ORDINANCES

Mr. Wright advised the Commissioners that all fines should be sent in to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

TOWN DUMP

It was decided to lock the dump next week after trench is dug, and to open it on Saturdays so that the property owners can dump their own trash.

DELINQUENT TAXES

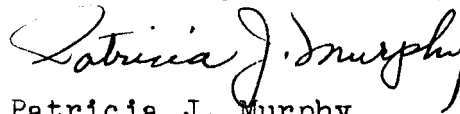
Mr. Wright will notify the Commissioners as to the procedure in the collecting of delinquent taxes on the Fred V. Brook property.

TREASURER'S BILLS

It was moved and seconded that all bills be paid. Motion passed.

There being no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary

A complaint was made that Mr. Isaac Heisler ordered people off the Town Property along his house. It was decided that one of the Commissioners will talk to Mr. Harry Heisler and Mrs. Mary Dennison, Mr. Isaac Heisler's son and daughter.

A Motion was made by Mr. W. G. Murphy that signs be erected on Town Property between Mr. Isaac Heisler's property and Mr. Cranford Henry's property to indicate that this is Town property for Public Use. Motion seconded by Howard Lynch. Motion passed.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report has been recieved from the Auditor. It was decided to bring this matter up at the next meeting, and to talk about having the report published.

Mr. Haldas requested that the Board meeting with him to discuss the proposed Pier and Bulkhead to be installed in front of his property.

#### TREASURER'S BILLS

Charles L. Sherman, Jr. Certified Public Accountant for Professional Services	\$ 150.00
Jerry A Wolen Topographic Plat of Lot #7	40.00
Patricia J. Murphy Expenses	3.30

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. W. G. Murphy that the above Bills be paid. Motion passed.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia J. Murphy*

Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary

JUNE 12, 1956

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House June 12, 1956 and called to order at 7:25 by Robert E. Phillips.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TOWN STREETS

Mr. Laurence Williams was present at the meeting and he explained to the Commissioners that he has perspective buyers for a couple of his lots along Louisa Lane. He requested that approximately 300' of Louisa Lane be opened from Bladen Street toward Cecil St. Mr. Williams said that when the Street is cleaned off, the trash and bushes can be dumped on his property.

It was decided to see Mr. Twyford about scraping the Street beyond the Station, get a price for scraping and oiling Street in front of Holloway Beach, and to ask him if he can take the job of opening and scraping Louisa Lane.

TOWN DUMP

It was decided to tell Mr. Vernon Reynolds that if he can't have the job done out at the Dump, and the tree stumps removed from along Calvert St. by June 23rd, the deal is off.

CEMETERY

Mrs. McMullen called to the Commissioners attention that there are lots in the Cemetery which are not being paid for yearly. There is no one in those lots, and no one to put in them. Mrs. McMullen wondered if these lots could be re-sold or donated to needy families. This matter will be discussed again at a later date.

Mrs. McMullen also said that the Financial Books on the Cemetery Fund are available to the Commissioners anytime they would like to go over them.

A motion was made by Mr. MacGuinness that action be taken to get the Cemetery reports to be incorporated in the report given to the Auditor on June 30, 1956. Mr.

W. G. Murphy seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

There was a discussion about making the Financial Report public this year by sending a copy to each tax payer.

A motion was made by Mr. MacGuinness, and seconded by Mr. W. G. Murphy that Mr. Charles Sherman be rehired to do the Auditing Job this year. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN STREETS

There was a discussion about the part of Town Streets that would not utilized right away, and that these parts of Streets might be leased to the property owners. The figures that were discussed were as follows:

- .003 of a cent per Square foot in the developed part of Town.
- .002 of a cent per Square foot in the undeveloped part of Town.
- .50 cents per front foot along all Waterfront.

The minimum charge for any Lease being \$10.00.

These figures were discussed only for the Property Owners that don't want to move back to the 50 foot line, and as an alternative would rather pay a yearly fee for Leasing a portion of a street.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

A motion was made by Mr. MacGuinness and seconded by Mr. W. G. Murphy that \$5.00 be appropriated to defray traveling expenses for each of the following Commissioners to attend the 8th Annual Conference of the Maryland Municipal League; Mr. Phillips, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. W. G. Murphy. Motion passed unanimously.

HARBOR MASTER

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch that Insurance be taken to cover the Harbor Master's boat and a Liability Policy to cover the Harbor Master, Walter G. Murphy, Motion seconded by Mr. MacGuinness, and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. MacGuinness that the following bills be paid:

Walter Williams	Mowing around Cemetery and along Streets	\$6.25
Laurence Williams	" " " "	28.00
Pioneer Fence Company	Fence at Dump	250.00
Wingates Hardware Store	Pistol Bullets for Town Police Officer	4.40

Motion passed unanimously.

It was decided to set Meeting time for 7:30 rather than 7:00.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary

MAY 22, 1956

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House May 22, 1956 and called to order at 7:35 by Robert E. Phillips.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TOWN STREETS

Mr. Phillips asked Mr. Frank Howell to remove the dirt he has piled out on the Street.

It was decided to have Laurence Williams mow around the Cemetery and along the Streets all over Town.

It was decided to see Thomas Bowles about speeders and parking along Streets, blocking them, so Fire Equipment can't get through.

Some time ago the fence along the Fair Green at the corner of Bladen and Market was damaged by a car. The owner of the car has insurance to cover the damage, so Mr. Bowles asked the Commissioners to give the Insurance Company an estimated figure to cover damage. The Commissioners decided on \$20.00.

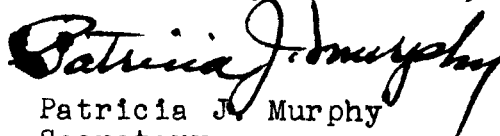
TREASURER'S BILLS

Robert E. Phillips Phone Calls \$1.21

A motion was made by Mr. Howard Lynch and seconded by Mr. Walter G. Murphy that this bill be paid. Motion passed.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary

MAY 8, 1956

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House May 8, 1956 and called to order at 7:35 by Robert E. Phillips.

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

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

TOWN STREETS

It was decided to get a load of gravel to fill the holes on Calvert St. from Market to Conestoga.

It was decided to talk to Webb about doing the scraping on the gravel Streets in Town.

Mr. Earl Cummings was present at the meeting and told the Commissioners that Mr. Robert Patton is trying to keep him off of Ogle Street which is Mr. Cummings right-of-way to his property.

TREASURER'S BILLS

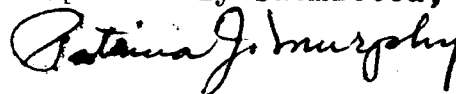
A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. MacGuinness that the following bills be paid.

Vernon Reynolds Gravel & Grading	\$ 47.50
Patricia J. Murphy Postage, Phone calls, etc.	2.53

Motion passes unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary



MAY 1, 1956

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House May 1, 1956 and called to order at 7:54 by Robert E. Phillips.

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

Sealed Bids for patching all streets and resurfacing Frederick Street, and Calvert Street from Market to Conestoga were received from the United Paving Company and E. E. Twyford & Son. These bids were opened and read.

A motion was made by Mr. MacGuinness that the Contract be awarded to E. E. Twyford & Son for patching and paving Calvert from Market to Conestoga with 2" asphalt, patching and paving Frederick with 2" asphalt, and patching remaining streets, total price \$4,215.00. This contract issued with the proviso that this work must be completed by July 1, 1956. Motion seconded by Walter G. Murphy, and passed unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia J. Murphy*

Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary

APRIL 24, 1956

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House April 24, 1956 and called to order at 7:20 by Robert E. Phillips.

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

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

SIGNS

Mr. Lynch made a motion to buy 24 8 foot sign standards from Buffalo Steel Corporation. Mr. MacGuinness seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. W. W. Bratton would like to talk to the Commissioners at the May 8th meeting before giving a definite answer as to whether he will serve as Legal Counselor for the Commissioners on all other matter other than the Haldas Case.

TOWN STREETS

There was a complaint made by one of Town's residents that the Street along Holloway Beach needed scraped. It was decided by the Commissioners to get the rate per hour from Webb for his grader. It was also decided to look at the ditch along Market from the Dennison's property to the corner of Market and Water Streets.

TOWN PROPERTY

Mr. Francis Graham made a request that he have first change to buy the property which he is now leasing if at anytime the Commissioners decide to sell it.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. MacGuinness that the following bills be paid:

Safety First Co.	Dead End, No parking, Speed Limit and Stop Signs.	\$95.70
John W. Lewis	Work done on drain pipe on Frederick St.	5.00
Alvan G. MacGuinness	Phone calls to Md. Municipal League	5.76
Robert E. Phillips	Phone Call to John Wright.	.72

Motion passed unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia J. Murphy*  
Secretary

APRIL 10, 1956

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House April 10, 1956 and called to order at 7:16 by Robert E. Phillips.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TOWN DUMP

Two applications were submitted for the Franchise to collect garbage and trash in Town. These applications were from Andrew Skinner and Robert Patton. A motion was made by Howard Lynch and seconded by Walter G. Murphy that Robert Patton's agreement to collect garbage, etc. in Town be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

It was decided that the Dump must first be put in shape, and a fence and gate be erected. Mr. Phillips is going to contact Mr. Vernon Reynolds about getting the Dump cleaned up, and new trench dug.

LEGAL COUNSEL

A letter was received from Mr. J. Albert Roney, in reply to our letter requesting that Mr. Roney continue as our Legal Counsel in all matter other than the Haldas Case. Mr. Roney stated that he would no longer be Counsel for the Commissioners of Charlestown.

A letter was received from Mr. John Wright, Legal Counsel in the Haldas Case. Mr. Wright stated that he has talked with Judge Kintner, in attempt to get the Case into Court as soon as possible.

It was decided to contact Mr. W. W. Bratton to see if he will be Legal Counselor for the Commissioners in minor matters. If Mr. Bratton won't take it, it was decided to contact Walter Buck.

ADDING MACHINES

There was a discussion about new and used Adding Machines. This matter will be taken up again at a latter date.

TOWN STREETS

Mr. Phillips is going to get prices from two Contractors for the patching and resurfacing of Streets.

A complaint was made by Mr. Horace Wiggins that the pipe along Frederick between Wiggins property and Umberger property is not carrying the water away. The pipe seems to be in the wrong position to catch the flow of rain water. Mr. Walter G. Murphy is going to try to have this matter corrected.

BURNING REGULATIONS

A request was made by Mr. Nelson H. McCall that the Commissioners draw up an Ordinance to cover burning regulations within the Town Limits. After some discussion, the Board decided that they are opposed to such a regulation..

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. MacGuinness and seconded by Howard Lynch that the following bills be paid:

The Print Shop	500 Harbor regulations	\$14.00
Safety First Co.	Police & Harbor Master	
	Badges	13.00

Motion passed unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary

MARCH 27, 1956

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House March 27, 1956 and called to order at 7:22 by Robert E. Phillips.

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

TOWN STREETS

Mr. Vernon Reynolds has been contacted to fix the Station Road.

Next Monday night the Commissioners will go over the streets to see what work has to be done.

CHARLESTOWN SCHOOL

The Secretary reported that the Consideration in the Deed from the Commissioners of Charlestown to the Board of Education was an agreement to build a new school.

LEGAL CASE

A motion was made by Mr. MacGuinness that the services of J. Albert Roney and G. Reynolds Ash, Legal Counsel for the Commissioners of Charlestown in the Haldas Vs. The Commissioners of Charlestown Case, be terminated Tuesday March 27, 1956 and that Mr. Roney be notified of this fact at once. The Motion was seconded by Walter G. Murphy and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. MacGuinness that Mr. John B. Wright, Legal Counsel for Maryland Municipal League, be appointed as sole Legal Counsel for the Commissioners of Charlestown in the Case Haldas Vs. The Commissioners of Charlestown relating to new Street Lines in accordance with Chapter 706, Acts. of General Assembly of 1953. The motion was seconded by Walter G. Murphy and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. MacGuinness, and seconded by Mr. Walter G. Murphy that the following bills be paid:

The Print Shop 4 Insertions of Resolution	\$30.00
The Print Shop 2 Insertions of Ordinance #4	9.90
Patricia J. Murphy Stamps & Phone Call	1.63

Motion passed unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia J. Murphy*  
Patricia J. Murphy, Secretary

RESOLUTION No. 1.  
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WHEREAS, the present Charter of the Town of Charlestown provides that the Commissioners of said Town may sell or lease public lands belonging to the Town only with the consent of the majority of the qualified voters of said Town, which can only be determined by a special referendum, and

WHEREAS, such a procedure is awkward, burdensome, expensive and completely outmoded, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of said Town, being duly elected and trusted public officials, should have delegated to them broader powers with respect to dealing with public property in said Town than that which they now have under the present Charter, in order that such matters may be more expeditiously handled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Commissioners of Charlestown, under and by virtue of the power and authority conferred upon them by Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland, and particularly under Section 3 thereof, and by Article 23B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, do hereby amend Section 36 of Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, the same being a part of its Charter, to read as follows: "All the public property belonging to the Town shall be vested in said Commissioners and said Co  
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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing amendment of the Charter of said Town shall become effective on May 3<sup>RD</sup> 1956, provided due notice thereof has been duly given by the posting of said resolution at the Town building, or in some other public place within the Town of Charlestown, and by publication of this resolution in one of the local newspapers printed and published in Cecil County for four consecutive weeks before the 13<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 1956.

APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1956.

WITNESS:

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

BY: Robert E. Phillips  
President

Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary

MARCH 13, 1956

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House March 13, 1956 and called to order at 7:15 by Robert E. Phillips.

The following Commissioners were present: Robert E. Phillips, Walter G. Murphy, Alvan G. MacGuinness, Howard R. Lynch and Ralph H. Murphy. Mr. J. Albert Roney, Legal Representative, was also present at the meeting.

Mr. Sexton requested that he be able to buy a small parcel of land from the Town to give him a small yard. It was pointed out to Mr. Sexton that, since Mr. Trimble is going to buy enough land from the Town to give a clear title to the property before selling the property to Mr. Sexton, there will probably be no necessity for Mr. Sexton to buy an additional parcel because the Commissioners will sell enough to Mr. Trimble so there will be a modest yard along side of the house. (There are further details on the property that Mr. Trimble requested to buy in the minutes of February 14th).

DEAD END AND STOP SIGNS

Mr. Walter G. Murphy reported that the signs have been ordered.

HARBOR MASTER ORDINANCE

The Harbor Master Ordinance has been published. It was decided to have the Regulations printed, and to order badges which are alike in size and design for the Harbor Master and the Town Police Officer.

CHARLESTOWN SCHOOL

Mr. MacGuinness requested that the Secretary find out what the Consideration was in the Deed from the Commissioners of Charlestown to the Board of Education.

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION

Mr. Roney presented the Ordinance to cover Stop Signs. A motion was made by Mr. Walter G. Murphy that this Ordinance be adopted. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch and passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to adopt a Resolution for the Amendment of Section 36, article 8 of the Code of Local Laws of Maryland (Charlestown Charter). Mr. Walter G. Murphy seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Roney said the following things must be done in



order to make this Resolution a Law: It must be posted in a Public Place in the Town, It must be published in one Newspaper for 4 weeks within a forty day period, and on the 50th day the Resolution becomes effective, and the State Department at Annapolis must be notified.

#### TOWN DUMP

It was decided to contact the following people by letter about a Franchise to collect garbage in Town, and to give them until April 10, to have their applications submitted: Mr. Robert Patton, Mr. Howard Ward, and Mr. Andrew Skinner. In case there are any other individuals interested, this letter will also be posted in the Post Office.

#### TOWN STREETS

It was decided to contact Mr. Vernon Reynolds about scraping the Station Road.

#### TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Howard Lynch and seconded by Mr. MacGuinness that the following bills be paid:

Elkton Supply	Material for Foot Log	\$41.75
The Cecil Whig	3 weeks publication of Harbor Master Regulation.	<u>32.40</u>

Motion was passed unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia J. Murphy*  
Patricia J. Murphy

ORDINANCE NO. 4

SECTION 1: BE IT ENACTED by the Commissioners of Charlestown by authority of Section 44 of Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "Cecil County" sub-title "Charlestown", that the following Section shall constitute an Ordinance dealing with the operation of motor vehicles upon the Streets of said Town, and be known as Ordinance No. 4 and which shall read as follows:

(1) It shall be unlawful for any one operating a motor vehicle within the corporate limits of the Town of Charlestown not to come to a full stop at all intersections at which stop signs have been erected by the Commissioners of Charlestown.

SECTION 2: Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five (\$5.00) Dollars, nor more than Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars, or be confined in the County Jail for not more than fifteen (15) days, or both.

SECTION 3: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect on April 13th, 1956.

APPROVED this 13th day of March, 1956.

TEST:

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

BY: Robert E. Phillips  
President

Secretary  
Secretary

FEBRUARY 28, 1956

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House February 28, 1956 and was called to order at 7:25 by Robert E. Phillips.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

DEAD END SIGNS

Mr. Willard Blackson requested that a Dead End Sign be installed on Baltimore just off of Cecil, and he also requested permission to burn off the Town Property along the River in front of the property that he is renting.

It was decided to buy 4 Dead End signs to be installed at the following locations: Corners of Baltimore and Cecil, Conestoga and Calvert, Calvert & Black, Route 7 and Station Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Walter G. Murphy that the following ~~No-Parking~~ Signs be installed and enforced by the Ordinance that is already into effect: 2 Sets of No-Parking between Signs to be installed at the Foot of Calvert and at the Foot of Conestoga, 2 No Parking This Side to be installed at the Foot of Market and at the Foot of Louisa Lane. Motion passed unanimously.

STOP SIGNS

It was decided to purchase at least 7 Stop Signs, or a few more if a better price can be obtained, and to discuss an Ordinance covering Stop Signs with Mr. Roney.

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Phillips talked with Mr. Roney, and Mr. Roney said that he will be glad to attend one meeting a month.

HARBOR MASTER ORDINANCE

Mr. Walter G. Murphy presented the Ordinance covering Harbor Regulations, and made a motion that this Ordinance be adopted. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Ordinance was, dated effective March 28, 1956, signed by the President, signed by the Secretary, and Town Seal affixed.

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. MacGuinness to appoint Walter G. Murphy as Harbor Master. Motion passed with Walter G. Murphy abstaining.

PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Foot Log Bridge has been fixed up according to the PTA's request. Bill for this job was rendered by Hurchel Richardson for \$22.50 and this amount is to be contributed to the Charlestown Methodist Church in the names of Hurchel and Beldon Richardson, as directed by Mr. Hurchel Richardson.

TOWN DUMP

It was decided to discuss the Franchise for the Town Dump with Mr. Roney, to find out what is the best procedure so that everyone interested can have a fair chance to apply for the Franchise.

TOWN PROPERTY

Mr. C. W. Thorn, Jr. requested privilege to install a seepage pit on Town Property. This will be further discussed at a later date.

TOWN STREETS

Mr. Dennison requested that they ditch in front of his property running to the corner of Market and Water Streets be opened to let the water run through. This ditch is a hazard to the vehicles running down Market Street so it was decided to look and see if the ditch can't be moved back.

COMMITTING BAILIFF

Mr. Phillips talked with County Commissioner, Thomas N. Kaye about the appointment of a Committing Bailiff. Mr. Kaye said that it would take from 4 to 6 weeks to get this appointment through because of the channels it must go through.

TOWN STREETS

Mr. Charles Jackson has erected a fence on the Town Street. Mr. Roney has been contacted about this matter, and gave the opinion that nothing can be done because of the Injunction that is still into effect against the Town.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made and passed that the following Bills be paid.

Hurchel Richardson Work on Foot Log Bridge \$22.50  
(to be contributed to Charlestown Methodist Church)  
Patricia J. Murphy Expenses (Stamps, etc.) 1.50

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia J. Murphy*

Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 3

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SECTION 1: BE IT ENACTED by the Commissioners of Charlestown by authority of Section 44 of Article 8 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 regulations of the Harbor of Charlestown, in Cecil County, State of Maryland, and being known as Ordinance No. 3, and which regulations shall be as follows:

(1) a. The speed limit in any part of the Harbor is 6 miles per hour--3 miles per hour when passing approaching boats or vessels, or water craft of any kind moored or tied up at wharves.

b. Except in cases of great emergency, no boat or vessel shall anchor in the fairway, or within 150 feet of any wharf or pier, and in cases of great emergency every boat or vessel must keep a light burning on board thereof, from dark until daylight; said light to be suspended conspicuously midship, fifteen feet above the deck of the boat or vessel, and said boat or vessel must be shifted to a new berth or anchorage immediately after the emergency ceases.

c. No person or persons, their agents, servants or employees, in charge of or having custody of, any boat or vessel entering or while within the Harbor shall discharge or permit to be discharged from any boat or vessel any seepage or refuse of fuel oil, or other oil products, dirt or rubbish into the waters of the Harbor.

d. Every boat or vessel must always have on board a ship-keeper or person capable of taking care of her, or some arrangements must have been made for her care under all conditions.

e. No temporary or permanent moorings shall be placed in any of the waters of the Harbor without first getting permission from the Harbor Master.

f. No raft, dilapidated hulks or any boat or vessel shall be beached, cast loose or adrift within the Harbor without first getting permission in writing from the Harbor Master.

g. Should any hulk, raft or boat of any kind become sunken, from any cause, in the Harbor, the same shall be immediately removed by the person owning same or having custody thereof; and in case efforts are not immediately made for the removal thereof, the Harbor Master may exercise his discretion of using other means of abating the nuisance, even to the confiscation or condemnation of such obstructions.

h. All difference between the Masters of vessels or boats moored adjacent to each other within the Harbor, with respect to the location and space occupied by their respective vessels or boats, or the interfering with each other at their moorings, shall be referred to, adjusted and settled by the Harbor Master upon proper presentation thereof.

i. All complaints regarding the reckless handling of any boat or vessel, or other Harbor violations, shall be reported to the Harbor Master in writing on form HH-1, these forms may be secured upon request from the Harbor Master.

j. The Harbor shall include all the water within that area determined by projecting the North and South boundary lines of said Town of Charlestown from the shore to the channel in the North East River.

(2) Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, and upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars, or thirty (30) days

in the County Jail, or both fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect on March 27, 1956.

APPROVED this 27th day of ~~January~~<sup>February</sup>, 1956.

TEST:

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES TOWN

BY: Robert E. Phillips  
President

Patricia Murphy  
Secretary



FEBRUARY 14, 1956

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House February 14, 1956 and came to order at 7:10..

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

STOP SIGNS

Mr. Phillips contacted Mr. Ward of the State Roads Commission about Stop Signs, and Mr. Ward said that the Town can erect Stop Signs 50 feet from the center of the State Road at any of the intersections. There was a discussion about an Ordinance, which would have to be put into effect to enforce these Signs.

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

There was discussion about having the Legal Representative attend at least one meeting a month, and increasing his retainer accordingly.

TOWN STREETS

Mr. Phillips talked with Mr. Vernon Reynolds about removing tree stumps on Calvert Street. Mr. Reynolds will give the Commissioners an estimate the first time he is in town.

HARBOR MASTER ORDINANCE

The Harbor Master Ordinance is to be rewritten eliminating any reference to the Corps. of Engineers, in accordance with the letter from the Corps. of Engineers dated February 8, 1956.

PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Parent Teachers Association requested that four things be done by the Commissioners to give the children a safer walk to and from school. First, that the lines indicating school crossings on the State Highway be repainted; Second, that a railing be put on the other side of the Foot Log Bridge and wire from both railings down to the platform of the Bridge; third, that lines be painted across Market Street between School and Church to give the children another crossing; fourth, a Safety Zone be designated in some way along Market Street from the School to Barnes Store.

Mr. Lynch will contact Mr. Hurchel Richardson about doing work on the Foot Log Bridge, and painting lines on Market Street between the School and Church. Mr. Phillips talked with Mr. Ward of the State Roads Commission about the lines on the State Highway. Mr. Ward said the State

would take care of repainting them. It was decided to find out what the hazzard is when the children are walking from the School to Barnes Store along Market Street.

GRAVEL STREET BEYOND STATION

The gravel street beyond the Station was unpassable, and Mr. Phillips contacted the other Commissioners a few days ago about this matter, at which time it was decided to put some gravel on the Street. This job has been done.

REQUEST FOR LONG TERM LEASE

In checking the lots in the Black Subdivision in order to get the correct description on the parcel of land which Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Hart wish to Lease, it was found that the house owned by Mr. George Trimble extends over on Town Property. Mr. Trimble wishes to purchase enough footage from the Town to give him a clear Title to the parcel of land on which his house is located.

There was a discussion about this Sale of property involving another Referendum vote, and the only alternative being, that the Commissioners first, adopt the Model Charter from the New Home Rule Bill.

TOWN DUMP

There was a discussion that possible a Franchise on the dump might cut down upkeep of the dump.

TREASURER'S BILLS

It was agreed to pay the following Bills:

The Print Shop	for 25 Posters	\$ 8.25
The Print Shop	for 200 Official Ballots	7.75

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia J. Murphy*  
Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary

January 24, 1956

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House January 24, 1956 and called to order at 7:08 by Robert E. Phillips, President.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

STOP SIGNS

It was decided to contact the State Roads Commission again to see if Stop Signs can be installed at vital points, and, if not, to find out if the Town can install them.

TOWN POLICE OFFICER

The Town Police Officer, Thomas Bowles, was present at the meeting and submitted his reports.

TOWN STREETS

Mrs. Howard Sapp requested that three stumps on Calvert Street be removed. An estimate for this job will be obtained from Vernon Reynolds.

TREASURER'S BILLS

There was a discussion about printing, and other favors done for the Town by Elmer E. Read, Jr. A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Walter G. Murphy that Mr. Read be given a check for \$10.00. Motion passed.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia J. Murphy*  
Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary

January 10, 1956

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House January 10, 1956 and called to order at 7:04 by Robert E. Phillips, President.

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

REQUEST FOR LONG TERM LEASE

There was a Referendum Vote at the Election on the property that Mr. Charles Hart and Mr. Glenn Hopkins wished to Lease. Results of the Referendum Vote was 53 YES and 34 NO. Now the question is brought up for the Commissioners to decide. A motion was made by Mr. Lynch that the ground be leased according to the Referendum provided that the Commissioners are in accordance after looking at the property. Motion seconded by Walter G. Murphy, and passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

President, Robert E. Phillips, appointed Walter G. Murphy as Treasurer, and Patricia J. Murphy as Secretary for this year.

RACE TRACT FUND

In order to receive our share of the tax on horse racing in the State the following letter must be sent to C. W. Mackie, Treasurer of Cecil County.

Mr. C. W. Mackie, Treasurer  
of Cecil County  
Court House, Elkton, Md.

Dear Mr. Mackie:

In compliance with Section 5(4) of Chapter 502, of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1947, 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 collections 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 so distributed to them under this provision of the law.

(Letter Continued)

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

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Secretary

(Dated December 28, 1955)

COMMITTING MAGISTRATE

Sometime ago it was decided to write a letter to the County Commissioners asking them if they can obtain a Committing Magistrate Appointment for Ross Patchell. This will be taken care of right away.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance as of December 31, 1955.

General Fund	-	\$4,947.38
Special Fund	-	\$2,188.93

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia J. Murphy*  
Patricia J. Murphy,  
Secretary

**BOARD OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN  
CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND**

January 9, 1956

OATH OF OFFICE

COMMISSIONERS ELECTED JANUARY 9, 1956

On this day, the 9<sup>th</sup> of January, 1956, before me the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, residing in Charlestown, personally appeared

Robert E. Phillips  
Signed

Walter B. Murphy  
Signed

John J. ...  
Signed

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1956.

Edgar M. Muller  
Notary Public

OFFICIAL BALLOT

# TOWN ELECTION

OF

## COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

### MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1956

FOR THE ELECTION OF THREE COMMISSIONERS

VOTE FOR THREE

WALTER G. "BUDDY" MURPHY	74
ROBERT E. PHILLIPS	86
ALVAN G. MacGUINNESS	72

Designate Candidates of your choice by "X"

#### REFERENDUM NO. 1

In compliance with the law relative to the sale and transfer of Town Property, and particularly for the purpose of assuring to James H. Ward and Helen P. Ward, his wife, a good and marketable fee simple title to that lot or parcel of land at the southwest corner of the intersection of Conestoga and Cecil Streets, which they have purchased from the town, it is necessary that such sale be approved by a majority of those voting at this election. For approval, vote "Yes" to the following question; those opposed, vote "No."

Do you approve of the sale of the above mentioned lot of land by the Town of Charlestown to James H. Ward and Helen P. Ward, his wife?

YES	81
NO	12

#### REFERENDUM NO. 2

In compliance with the law relative to the leasing of Town Property, it is necessary that approval of the voters be obtained. For approval vote "Yes" to the following question: those opposed, vote "No."

Do you approve of a lease to Charles Hart and Glenn Hopkins, jointly, a parcel of land located at the foot of Black Ave., of 25 feet width, and depth of approximately 189 feet, abutting Lot No. 51, for their use in constructing approved facilities for the disposal of kitchen sewage, only.

YES	53
NO	34

December 27, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House December 27, 1955 and called to order at 7:25 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Cecil C. Cooper and Walter G. Murphy.

REQUEST FOR LONG TERM LEASE

Mr. Glenn Hopkins and Mr. Hart requested a lease for a piece of Town property 25x189 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> feet, this being a part of the unnumbered Lot in back of the School property. They stated that they wished to use the property for sink drainage for four families. Action will be taken at a later date.

ELECTION

It was decided to hire the following persons to work at election: Mrs. Elizabeth McMullen, Mrs. Rebecca Phillips, Mrs. Patricia Murphy, Mrs. Mary Bennison, and Mr. Albert Cooper.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Walter G. Murphy that the Bills be paid. Motion passed unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia J. Murphy*  
Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary



**TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN**  
**CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND**

December 13, 1955

OATH OF OFFICE

COMMISSIONER APPOINTED DECEMBER 13, 1955

On this day, the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, 1955, before me the subscriber, A Notary Public of the State of Maryland, residing in Charlestown, personally appeared

*Ralph H. Murphy*

the newly appointed Charlestown Commissioner, to take the Oath of office that he 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1955.

*Edgar M. Muller*  
Notary Public

December 13, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House December 13, 1955 and called to order at 7:15 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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

SHORT TERM LEASE

The property that Mr. Landis and Mr. Owens requested to Lease from the Town was checked with the plat and found that it can be identified, and the Commissioners notified both parties that the Board had taken favorable action on their requests.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM OF JOHN P. STELLE, DECEASED.

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Walter G. Murphy that Mr. Ralph Murphy be appointed to fill the unexpired term of John P. Stelle, deceased. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was recessed for 10 minutes during which the newly appointed Commissioner was administered the Oath of Office.

The meeting was re-called with Mr. Ralph Murphy in attendance.

STREET LIGHTS

A motion was made by Walter G. Murphy and seconded by Howard Lynch that two street lights be installed; one at the corner of Louisa Lane and Calvert Streets and one on Market Street between Bladen and Calvert. Motion passed unanimously.

BLACK AVE.

There was a discussion about grading and graveling Black Ave. A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Walter G. Murphy that with Mrs. Caulk assuming full responsibility, the Street will be graded and graveled at a price not to exceed \$100.00. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S BILLS


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

Earl Twyford	Patching Streets	\$ 225.00
Vernon Reynolds	Dump	69.50
Vernon Reynolds	Grading, Gravel and Graveling Streets	447.50

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Ralph Murphy that the Fire Company be given a donation of \$50.00 for the use of Hall as a meeting room for the year 1955. Motion passed unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia J. Murphy,  
Secretary

November 22, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House November 22, 1955, and called to order at 7:00 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, Howard R. Lynch, Cecil C. Cooper, and Walter G. Murphy.

SHORT TERM LEASE

It was decided to look at the Town property that Mr. Landis wants to lease, and the property that Mr. Owens wants to Lease in relation to the plat to make sure both parcels can be identified by the plat.

It was also decided to let Mr. Landis have the parcel of land he requested at the yearly rental of \$24.00.

PURCHASE OF TYPEWRITER

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Lynch that the typewriter which the Town has been using for the last few years be purchased from Mrs. John P. Stelle for \$30.00. Motion passes unanimously.

LEGAL CASE

The agreement proposed by Mr. Haldas' Lawyer, as described in the minutes of November 3, 1955, was discussed with Mr. J. Albert Roney, Jr., our Legal Representative. The Board decided not to accept the agreement.

TREASURER'S BILLS

It was regularly moved and seconded to pay the following bill: Motion passed unanimously.

The Print Shop      Posters for Registration      \$ 22.25

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia J. Murphy*  
Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary

**DISCUSSION WITH J. ALBERT RONEY, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE**

**Subject: Property Deeded to J. Howard Ward by the Town of Charlestown.**

Mr. MacGuinness said, (Quote) You (referring to Mr. Roney) told us that the Town Commissioners had not complied with the Charter of Charlestown when transferring property to J. Howard Ward, and you said Mr. Evans had agreed with your decision in this matter. If we put this on the ballot, as you have suggested, and the people vote against it, what position does that put us in, and what relief can we give Mr. Ward? (Unquote)

Mr. Roney said, (Quote) I still think that you should put it on the ballot, and if it is voted down, Mr. Ward will have to go to Court, and get a quick claim deed. The selling of property has always been done wrong, because the Town never knew who the qualified voters were. I don't think you can give him any relief, if voters turn it down. If the voters approve it, you must give him a quick claim deed. (Unquote)

Mr. Cooper asked if the Home Rule Bill has anything to say on this matter.

Mr. Roney said, (Quote) The Home Rule Bill says you have to amend the Charter accordingly. Amending the Charter is a way to carry out many things, but in order to amend, action must be taken by the Board. One way is by public Referendum, or can be by petition, or the Board by resolution. This means passing a resolution, and then publishing it.

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**SUBJECT: LEGAL CASE -** An agreement proposed by Mr. Haldas' Lawyer as follows: The Town Commissioners will agree to move the fences back just far enough to give sufficient room for improving the Street, at the expense of the Town. In return Mr. Haldas, and all persons involved in this Case against the Town will agree that the Town owns the Property, that the new Survey and the Act is Constitutional, and whenever the fences have to be moved the second time the property owners must pay to have them moved.

Mr. MacGuinness said, (Quote) If they are willing to say that the Act and the Survey are Constitutional because we agree to this proposition, they are Constitutional anyway. There is no willingness on our part to pay to have the fences moved. Charlestown has been in a very muddled State for a long time; and any acceptance to less than the 50 feet, would be against what the people want, and would only add to the muddled situation.

Now this case has been in the fire for two years. In July Mr. Rollins put off the Case because it was too hot. Some time ago I restated at your office as forcefully as possible that we wanted action. Before long Rollins will be going to Florida, and there will be more postponement. Then we suggested that you might get help, which you did. Last May the Case was thrown back to the Judge from the Court of Appeals, and here it is six months later. We want to know what you have done, because it seems to us that it hasn't progressed any faster with two Lawyers than with one. (Unquote)

Mr. Roney said, (Quote) The meeting with Rollins (Holdas' Lawyer) was the culmination of having Evans and the Case could have been brought to Court and decided. In our opinion (Mr. Roney and Mr. Evans) this was a good proposition, and we suggested settlement. Presenting the Case to the Court this way, it will be decided favorably. If the Court were to decide this matter (without the agreement) The Court would decide that the Town must compensate the property owners.

Mr. MacGuinness asked, Even though we are giving them land?

Mr. Roney replied, Yes, but you have an alternative, If the Court finds Act is not Constitutional, you are back where you started, and the whole procedure is out of the question. It will have to go to the Court of Appeals again. (Unquote)

Mr. Cooper asked if the Case wouldn't be settle much faster by knocking down the fences, since previous cases have been decided in the Town's favor, and surely the Court wouldn't change its stand.

Mr. Roney said, (Quote) If you want to knock down fences, you are doing it against my advise. These previous cases were entirely different. (Unquote)

Mr. MacGuinness said, (Quote) Mr. Holdas is conceding that this is Constitutional, it is not better to have the Court decide. (Unquote)

Mr. Roney said, (Quote) Yes, it is better, but you are taking your chances. (Unquote)

Mr. MacGuinness asked what the point was in leaving the fences part way out.

Mr. Roney replied, (Quote) Street as stated in Survey is Town property and this is definite. Leaving fences out is immaterial. If the Board is against the agreement, I will call Rollins, and sell him the whole thing is off. (Unquote)

Mr. MacGuinness asked if a Lawyer must not really have his heart in the Case to prosecute it.

Mr. Roney said, (Quote) It may appear that I have gone over on the other side of the fence, but what I have done has been done with the best interests of the Town. If it were otherwise, I would be out of it. I can't tell you, or can't promise you any certain date that this will go to Court. I don't know what delay they might have in mind, and I'm not going to guarantee anything. I have given you my advise, and you

are going against my advice, but I will present the case as clearly and forcefully as possible. (Unquote)

Mr. MacGuinness said, (Quote) We never thought you went over to the other side, or we never made that statement. Since we are going against your recommendation, and in this case where you differ with your Attorney, does the Attorney step out of the case voluntarily? (Unquote)

Mr. Roney said, (Quote) Yes - - - There are a lot of hurdles to get over, and you may be thrown back where you were - - - then there is bound to be another trip to the Court of Appeals - - - This will cause a lot of criticism toward me and Mr. Ash. (Unquote)

Mr. MacGuinness asked Mr. Roney what, in his opinion was our chances.

Mr. Roney said, (Quote) We have a 50-50 chance. I'm primarily concerned by the unconstitutionality of the Act. (Unquote)

ORDINANCE NO. 2

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SECTION 1: BE IT ENACTED by the Commissioners of Charlestown by authority of Section 44 of Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "Cecil County" sub-title "Charlestown", that the following Section shall constitute an Ordinance dealing with registration of voters in the Town of Charlestown, and be known as Ordinance No. 2 and which shall read as follows:

(1) There shall be an annual registration four (4) weeks prior to the annual general election held in the Town of Charlestown of qualified persons not registered to vote. If necessary, for the performance of registration and for the convenience of the citizens of the Town, the Commissioners of said Town may designate additional days as registration days. Registration shall be permanent and no person shall be entitled to vote in a Town election unless he is registered. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to the Commissioners of Charlestown to keep the registration list up to date by striking from the list any one known to have died or to have moved out of the Town. The Commissioners of said Town are hereby authorized and directed to establish and enforce any provisions necessary to establish and maintain a system of permanent registration, and to provide for a registration when necessary.

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take effect on October 13, 1955.

APPROVED this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 1955.

TEST:

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

BY:

Alton H. Turner  
President

Robert D. [unclear]  
Secretary



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APPROVED this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 1955.

TEST:

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLESTOWN

BY:

Almon H. Thomas  
President

Secretary  
Secretary

September 13, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House September 13, 1955 and called to order at 7:15 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

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

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, John P. Stelle, Cecil C. Cooper, Howard R. Lynch and Walter G. Murphy.

STREET LIGHTS

Mr. Thomas Myers requested that a street light be installed at the Corner of Frederick and Conestoga. It was agreed to have this light installed.

TOWN ORDINANCES

An Ordinance pertaining to the Registration of Voters was presented. A Motion was made by Mr. Cooper, and seconded by Mr. Lynch that the Ordinance be adopted, effective October 13, 1955. The motion was passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Lynch, and seconded by Mr. Murphy that the first Registration Day will be November 7, 1955 - 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

An Ordinance pertaining to the operation of Motor vehicles on the Town Streets was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Murphy that Ordinance be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Mr. Charles Crothers was present at the meeting and explained the type of liability insurance policy that the Town Commissioners could get to protect the Town. The Commissioners asked Mr. Crothers to give them the premium per year on the policy coverage that is needed for Charlestown. This information will be received from Mr. Crothers at a later date.

TOWN STREETS

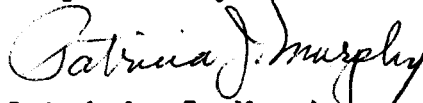
Mr. Wilmer Murphy and Mr. Francis Graham requested that a larger pipe be put under Calvert Street between Francis Graham property and Howard Taylor's Property. Mr. Stelle made a motion that a pipe be installed under the Street the same size as the pipe Mr. Murphy and Mr. Graham are using on their properties which meets the pipe under the Street. Motion seconded by Mr. Lynch. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Clarence Williams requested that a concrete form be installed over end of pipe which is located on Cecil Street along Williams property. It was decided to have Mr. Lynch see if Mr. Williams would do the job himself and bill the Town.

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Murphy to have Mr. Twyford come down and go over the Streets with the Commissioners in order to have all the patching done that is needed. Motion passed unanimously.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary

August 23, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House August 23, 1955 and called to order at 7:20 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, John P. Stelle, Cecil C. Cooper, Howard R. Lynch and Walter G. Murphy.

TOWN ORDINANCES

It was decided that the Ordinance pertaining to voters should include the following:

Only Bonified Residents can vote.

In order to be a bonified Resident you must have lived in Charlestown for 6 months, and must be 21 years of age.

Registration Days will be the Second Tuesday of May, and the Second Tuesday of November.

There will also be two Registration days the later part of this year to register all voters.

APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM LEASE

The Commissioners looked at the property that Mr. Owens would like to Lease. It was decided to check to make sure that the Town owns this property. A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Murphy that if the Town does own this property, it will be Leased to Mr. Owens for \$12.00 per year. The motion was passed with four voting for the motion and one voting against the motion, because he was opposed to the \$12.00 price.

TOWN STREETS

It was decided to clean up the debris along Water Street left there from the hurricane, and to have Mr. Williams trim back trees along Louisa Lane.

It was also decided to have Fred Frock dig ditch deeper along Street from Mose Eklund's line to the intersection of Frederick and Calvert Streets.

TOWN PROPERTY

Mr. Howard Lynch requested the use of the Town Pier for a Duck Blind. It was decided that he could use it for the same fee that was charged last year.

TOWN DUMP

It was decided to get Curly Reynolds to push the trash in the trench.

TOWN STREETS

Mr. Stelle asked permission to cut down trees in front of his house. A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Lynch that Mr. Stelle have the trees cut down and send the Bill to the Town. Motion passed with Mr. Stelle abstaining.

It was decided to check on an Insurance Policy to cover the Town in case of damage caused by high winds, Hurricanes, etc.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia J. Murphy*

Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary

August 9, 1955

**Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House August 9, 1955 and called to order at 7:10 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, John P. Stelle, Howard R. Lynch and Walter G. Murphy.

TOWN ORDINANCES

There was a discussion about having an Ordinance drawn up in order that the Town could have a Harbor Master.

APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM PRIVILEGE

It was decided to look at the property which John Owens requested the use of on a Short Term Privilege.

TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Murphy that all Bills be paid. Motion carried.

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary

July 26, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House July 26, 1955 and called to order at 7:10 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, John P. Stelle, Cecil C. Cooper and Walter G. Murphy.

APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM PRIVILEGE

Mr. Hesse Howell and Mr. John Owens requested that they be given a Short Term Privilege for a piece of Town Property adjoining their properties. This request is for a piece of Property approximately 200'x300'.

TOWN ORDINANCES

Mr. J. Albert Roney, Legal Representative for the Town, was present at the meeting. He explained what the procedure is in order to put an Ordinance into affect. A proposed Ordinance is presented at a meeting by one of the members of the Board. If the Ordinance is acceptable, a motion is made and passed to adopt such an Ordinance. This Ordinance must also be published in the County papers for at least two weeks.

COMMITTING MAGISTRATE

Mr. Roney explained that a Committing Magistrate can collect collateral, and in order for a person to be appointed as a Committing Magistrate, the Commissioners must get a recommendation from County Commissioner, Thomas Kaye; and the person wishing to become a Committing Magistrate must be appointed by the Senator.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Mr. Roney said that a By-Law or Resolution may be passed by the Board to set up Registration of Voters.

STOP SIGNS

Mr. MacGuinness talked to Mr. Ward of the State Roads Commission about putting up Stop Signs on several Streets in Town entering on the State Road. Mr. Ward said that the Stop Signs cannot be put up unless there are 2,000 cars a day on the State Road.

## TOWN STREETS

A suggestion was made that Mr. Cranford Henry and Mr. Walter E. Murphy be asked to remove that boats and poles at the foot of Market St., in order to give a wider opening to the River.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Stelle that a notice be sent to Mr. Smith that his privilege to use the ground at the foot of Calvert St., on which a garage is located, has not been renewed for this year. This notice will give him six months notice to vacate said property. Motion passed unanimously.

## TREASURER'S BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Murphy that the following Bills be paid.

The Cecil Whig	Notice to change meeting nights.	\$ 1.50
The Print Shop	100 Bill Heads	2.50
	300 Notices stating change of meeting nights.	4.75
	Envelopes	12.25
Mr. Vernon Reynolds		252.50

No other business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia J. Murphy*  
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Secretary



July 12, 1955

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners was held in the Fire House July 12, 1955 and called to order at 7:10 by Alvan G. MacGuinness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following Commissioners were present: Alvan G. MacGuinness, John P. Stelle, Howard R. Lynch, and Walter G. Murphy.

TOWN STREETS

A letter is to be written to Mr. J. J. Ward of the State Roads Commission acknowledging the installation of the hard service apron adjacent to the parking facility on Bladen St. between Market & Frederick.

DUMPING ON TOWN PROPERTY

It was decided that if Mr. Lawrence Williams doesn't want the job of cleaning up at the foot of Conestoga St., that someone else be hired to do the job.

TOWN DUMP

Mr. Vernon Reynolds completed digging trench deeper, and signs will be installed showing people where to dump.

POSTING OF SIGNS

Mr. MacGuinness has been unable to contact Mr. Ward, and he has been unable to find a Company which sells Dead End Signs.

GROUND RENT BILLS

It was decided to go over last year's Bills for Ground Rent, and go through the old Minute Books to determine what has been leased, for what period of time, etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance as of June 30, 1955.

Special Fund	\$2,917.28
General Fund	<u>2,538.42</u>
TOTAL	\$5,455.70

TOWN STREETS

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr.

Murphy that the drainage pipe on Frederick Street be extended to the River. Motion Passes unanimously. After the pipe is installed, Mr. Cooper said he would pump sand and gravel along the River at the foot of Frederick Street making a hard bottom where vehicles can get to the River.

TREASURER'S BILLS

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

No other business coming before the Board, a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia J. Murphy  
Secretary