

**TOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND**  
*March 26, 2019*

The Town Meeting was called to order by President, Joseph Letts at 7:00 pm. Commissioners present were Joseph Letts, Loucretia Wood, Karl Fockler, and Patricia Clements. Also present was Mr. Wib Pumpaly, Town Administrator and Ms. Antoshak, Office Manager. Commissioner Fields was excused.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mr. Ken Confalone

**Approval of the Minutes of March 12, 2019** Commissioner Fockler moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Approved 4-0.

**Accounts Payable Review** – Accounts payable in the amount of \$22,475.80 were presented for approval. Commissioner Clements asked about the increase in the Verizon bill for the i-pad. Is it being used? Yes, all the time. Mr. Grapes is using it to communicate with Mr. Pumpaly via text/email. Commissioner Fockler moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Woods. Approved 4-0.

**Long Point Revetment & Rain Garden** – Janine Antoshak was in attendance to give an overview of the revetment and rain garden at Long Point. She presented with a power point. She explained that the plantings of fragrant sumac could be kept at a lower level and are what is needed to keep the shoreline. She also explained that the shoreline there is infested with Canadian thistle which cannot be pulled but must be eradicated by chemicals which that close to the shoreline require a license. We have a bid for \$375.00 per treatment which the Green Team is supporting and will give the funds from their budget for the rest of this fiscal year. It would have to be budgeted for next year. The \$3,000 Keep Maryland Beautiful can be moved to Avalon if the Commissioners approve. A rain garden may not be used and then there would be less involvement of the staff for excavation. Commissioner Wood stated that we do want to use the Keep Maryland Beautiful Grant to Avalon. **Commissioner Wood moved that we move the Keep Maryland Beautiful project from Long Point to Avalon, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Approved 3-0-1 with one abstention (Commissioner Letts).** Commissioner Fockler stated that he feels that he has no problem with signing a contract through the end of this fiscal year for the upkeep of the hillside area of Long Point, and then revisit the renewal of the contract for the next fiscal year. **Commissioner Fockler moved to contract with Ecological Landscapes through June of 2019, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Approved 4-0**

**Ice House Update** Sonny Armour gave a history of the Ice House and fishing and duck hunting in the area. He explained about some of the artifacts that is in the Ice House. Jeannette Armour then gave an update on the goal. The new goal is to start the inventory and have electric installed. They plan to restore the Ice House. They plan to finance their project by selling postcards, chance off a replica at the Ice House, and will be sending out letters asking for donations. They plan to display a banner on the Ice House. She is looking for a volunteer to come up with some blueprints for some mini-golf course houses. Commissioner Fockler after looking at the letter thinks we need to sit down with Colonial Charlestown and work out an agreement between Colonial Charlestown and the Board on the fundraising aspect of the project.

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

### Old Business

**Lee's Marina Draft Proposal** Mr. Pumpaly stated that Commissioner Fockler met with town attorney, Dennis Clower, and he presented a letter that will be sent to Mr. Brittingham with the Board's permission. **Commissioner Wood moved to send the letter as written, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Approved 4-0.**

**Veterans Park Bathroom Repair Update** This coming Thursday morning an AECOM engineer, Mike Miller, will be on site to do a structural assessment of the interior walls.

**Used Equipment Sale** Some time ago the Commissioners approved the sale of a very old salt spreader and a zero turn mower. Mr. Pumpaly would like to place it on a municipal website to see what we might get for the items. There was consensus among the board to proceed.

**Avalon Utility Bldg. Inspection Results** Commissioner Clements stated that at the meeting a couple of weeks ago that the maintenance staff was asked to look below the door which has some issues. She named a number of programs that have been secured. She has also gotten millings donated from Allan Myers, with our maintenance staff preparing the ground by renting a dozer at \$300+ a day. Commissioner Clements thinks that we can find the money in the budget. Commissioner Letts stated that we need to be sure of the size of the millings. The excess dirt will be moved to lower areas on the site. Commissioner Clements also stated that we are reaching our goals with Avalon. She wants to make sure that people are aware of good things going on no matter what the doom and gloom inspection of the building shows. Commissioner Letts stated that the building is in bad shape and the foundation could fall in. Mr. Pumpaly presented a power point presentation detailing the deficiencies of the building at Avalon. The building is supported by pilings underneath and not a conventional foundation. There is also a large amount of decay of the pilings. The door frames are also rotted out on both doors. He also thinks the heating is inadequate, disputed by Commissioner Clements. He also thinks the AC is not adequate. He also stated that the none of the doors are ADA compliant. The access and access road to the building would need to be reworked. There is only one bathroom (actually two as we are using one as storage). There is no internet or phone service and no kitchen. The cost to bring the building to code in Mr. Pumpaly's unprofessional opinion would be over and above the building's worth.

### New Business

**Long Point Fishing Platform Repairs** The lower fishing platform has moved over the winter. It looks like it has slipped 2 to 3 inches and is basically unsafe. The platform was replaced about five years ago, and has held up well. It looks like someone has removed some of the bolts. Commissioner Wood stated that she has seen bolts sheared off by ice before. He has contacted five companies and is awaiting bids. At this time we have yellow tape keeping people out. It was designed for a boat docking area. It was never intended for a fishing pier. Commissioner Clements asked if we could remove it? It was initially designed to go up and down and then the town secured it. It was suggested to get prices on repairing and removing it.

**Kids to Parks Day 2019** Commissioner Fockler moved to proclaim Kids to Park Day of May 18<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Wood. **Approved 4-0.** It was also noted that we need to have the Avalon Park added to the website.

**Boys & Girls Club Proposed Beach Cleanup** The Boys and Girls Club would like to do a clean up of the beach in April. The board is in favor. Commissioner Clements suggests Foot Log and Long Point for children that young.

**Ryanna Clark – Class Project** - Mr. Pumpaly presented a poster made by a local student and he thinks that we should present her with a certificate.

Commissioner Clements asked for a no parking sign on Black Avenue at the request of the neighbors. There was consensus to place a sign there. We could move one from around the Athletic Complex.

Commissioner Clements asked about the status of the Code Enforcer. Mr. Pumpaly stated that the current president asked to put it off until the new Board and officers are set. The Board of Appeals is set and they all know that they need to take the training in the next six months. Commissioner Clements asked about the Charter Review Committee status? The Charter Review Committee formed at this time could never form a quorum so it became extinct. It was asked to see if we could re-establish the committee. It could be advertised in the Chatter and Wednesday Word. At the next meeting Mr. Pumpaly will try to have some people to be appointed to a new Charter Review Committee.

## PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

**Dan Rubert** At the last meeting you voted to have a plumber redo the bathroom at C Dock at a cost of \$200.00 more than the other. The explanation was that they were local. Commissioner Letts stated that the cheapest is not always the best, and gave the explanation of a blacktop job that we ended up being sued over.

**Rosalyn Bott** She was down at Avalon and thinks that the building should be wrapped in yellow tape and secured to keep people off of it. Commissioner Clements asked if we could have a meeting down there. Are the chemicals being used at Long Point going to be safe? Yes, the contractor has the proper certification to work with chemicals that close to the water.

**Sean Durgin** – The corner of Grace Road and Cool Springs there is still a sink hole. There is a work order out for that. The town will be paying for it. He was also asking about parking in Cool Springs. We will get back to him with what the minutes reflect as the parking situation was discussed previously.

**Ken Confalone** – You are slapping impervious surface down at Avalon with the millings which will have a direct impact on stormwater management. Do you have a time limit on the parks? Without posted hours the police cannot enforce people who are in the parks late into the evening. He thinks that could be a deterrent. The consensus was that we need to do that.

**Mary Clark Confalone** – At Avalon the trees and perennials that were planted last year survived the winter. The Avalon rain garden, there are lots of places that come to mind for the relocation of the rain garden from Long Point. They had some problems with the mowing staff mowing down some of the plantings. Eventually the natives will take over the weeds. Colonial Charlestown Taste of the Times Dinner sold out in one week! The Colonial Fair is coming September 21<sup>st</sup>. The clubhouse at Avalon does have some value to the property.

**Prosper Boudart** – He wants to defend Ron Dixon as the best plumber in the County and he thinks that he would have been a more prudent choice for the CDock plumbing job. He also thinks that we have two

eyesores as you are coming into town. He also feels that we need to yellow tape the building at Avalon as it is a lawsuit waiting to happen.

**Pauline Bryant** She wants to thank Janine for moving the garden to Avalon.

**Suzanne Fockler** – The Colonial Dinner has sold out! They are getting ready for the Colonial Fair on September 21<sup>st</sup>. They have secured George Washington as one of the reenactors. The first Wednesday of the month is the meeting of Colonial Charlestown and they meet at the Tory House at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business, Commissioner Wood moved to adjourn the regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Fockler at 8:48 PM. Approved 4-0

*Respectfully submitted by: Debbie Myers, Town Clerk I*

Approved 4-9-2019