

**TOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND**  
*April 23, 2019*

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

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Commissioner Fockler

**Approval of the Minutes of April 9, 2019** Commissioner Letts moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Clements. **Approved 5-0.**

**Accounts Payable Review** – Accounts payable in the amount of \$112,903.68 were presented for approval. Commissioner Wood asked about the bill for LECCO for the repair of the fire hydrant. This is a bill that will be reimbursed to us. Another question was raised on the Business Card bill. This was answered satisfactorily. **Commissioner Clements moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Fields. Approved 5-0.**

**Avalon Park Review & Update – Commissioner Clements** Commissioner encouraged those in attendance to participate in River Sweep this Saturday. She has sign up sheets and waivers available for volunteers. A big thank you to Janine Antoshak and Debbie Myers on the success of the Green Fest. On May 19<sup>th</sup> we have the opportunity for a second Music in the Park at a cost of \$150.00. **Commissioner Clements made a motion to host Plan B on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:30 PM at a cost of \$150.00, seconded by Commissioner Letts. Approved 5-0.** Also mentioned was that Dave Gordon would look at the Avalon building tomorrow and give us a report.

**Bulk Pickup Schedule** Commissioner Fields brought up that one day a month is not enough for bulk pickup and suggested the possibility of going to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday on a trial basis. **Commissioner Fields moved to pick up bulk on a trial basis on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday beginning in May, June and July, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Approved 5-0.**

**Barnes Ice House Review – Jeannette Armour** She requests that electric be installed at a cost of less than \$2000.00 by Bobby Blankenship, a licensed professional electrician, the cost of which is being donated. She would also like to have the fundraiser letter to be approved. She would also like to have the cleaning buckets removed. Mr. Carey will remove them within a week. She would like to have a key. This would let her meet with contractors. She also asked that the port a potty be moved as it is smack in the middle of the outside wall which will create a problem getting the doors open at some point. Commissioner Clements raised concerns about the town not knowing what is there before giving a key. Commissioner Wood stated that we could film everything before giving a key to Ms. Armour. Commissioner Wood stated that the port a potty needs to move beside the bathroom. Commissioner Fields questioned if some repairs needed to be made before the installation of the electrical work. Commissioner Fockler asked if we have anything in writing before the actual work begins? She had a sample of the fundraiser letter for the board approval. Commissioner Fockler stated that the letter should come from Colonial Charlestown. He thinks that we still need to get in touch with Colonial Charlestown and are we going to lease the building to them and would that be a long-term lease or a short term lease? Commissioner Fockler will draft something up for both parties and counsel. Commissioner

Fields asked if we will be charging a fee for the public to see the museum and what about parking?  
Commissioner Fockler sees a donation box set up.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **Old Business**

**Veterans Park Bathroom Repair Update** Mr. Pumpaly has gone to seven companies to see if he can get plans and has gone to an additional four companies who can do plans and do the buildout. He regretfully stated that it is taking longer than he thought to get the project going.

### **New Business**

**630 Water Street Rental Property Lease Renewal** Mr. Pumpaly presented the lease for 630 Water Street. We currently have tenants there who appear to like living there. The current lease expired in 2016. The current rent is \$2,500.00. Commissioner Clements requested that we do an inspection and enter into a new year lease. Commissioner Fockler recommends that we put in a clause to renew for an additional year. Commissioner Clements and Commissioner Fields suggested that Ms. Antoshak be appointed to do the inspection. Mr. Pumpaly will contact the tenants.

**Trent Arledge Methodist Church Project** The Methodist church had been approached to do an Eagle Scout project of a garden on the west side of the exterior of the church. Some of the property for the proposed garden would have been on town property. Since the first contact, the project has been moved to Hart's Church.

**Apparel for MML Convention** Each Commissioner can have two shirts at a cost to the town, anything more than that would be at the cost of the Commissioner.

**Soccer Goals for Athletic Complex** Commissioner Wood is able to purchase a set of soccer goals at a cost of \$200.00. **Commissioner Fields moved to purchase the goals, seconded by Commissioner Letts. Approved 5-0.**

## **PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Debbie Sexton** – She is fully in favor of bulk pick up two times a month. She has an issue between her house and the neighbor next to her. There is a really long deep area of stagnant water. She is asking if the ditch along Frederick Street could be reopened to prevent backflushing. Mr. Pumpaly suggested that Mr. Grapes could reopen this area. This ditch was originally made to drain water to the creek.

**Pauline Bryant** – Can we put in the Chatter for people to turn their mowers around and keep the grass out of the street? Can we replace the can at Dead End (Sandy Beach) for the summer people to place their garbage in?.

**Rosie Bott** – Is Gordon charging anything? No. Does it take two men to drive to the dump? Commissioner Fields stated that for yard waste it sometimes takes two guys to empty leave bags. They could fill both trucks with the sticks and then go at the same time. For bulk it really does take two guys to get it dumped for safety reasons. We need a PA system here, put it in the budget. Commissioner Wood stated that if

everyone would hold their comments then you could hear what was being said. The snowball device picks up all of the comments made and some of them can be offensive.

**Joe Carey** How can the Cecil Inn (629 Bladen Street) pass to have occupants? It seems like here we go again. We will contact the Sheriff's office again. Is it a fire hazard? There are people living in the house.

**Mary Clark Confalone** It has been neat the last couple of weeks to see the fishermen and now family groups at Avalon. It is also great for the renewed interest in the Tory House, Colonial Charlestown and the coming fair this fall. She urges everyone to volunteer!

**Commissioner Wood** gave thanks to the Colonial Charlestown players who did the performance at the MML dinner.

**Commissioner Fockler** also thanked Mary Clark Confalone and Suzanne Fockler for the Colonial Charlestown Taste of the Times Dinner which sold out in a single week. He also encourages everyone to get out and volunteer for the fair!

**There being no further business, Commissioner Fockler moved to adjourn the regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Letts at 8:17 PM. Approved 5-0.**

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

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Loucretia Wood, President