

**TOWN COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**CHARLESTOWN, MARYLAND**  
**June 26, 2018**

The Town Meeting was called to order by President, Joe Letts at 7:00 pm. Commissioners present were Jeffery Fields, Joseph Letts and Loucretia Wood. Absent was Commissioner Clements.

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

**Approval of the Minutes of May 22, 2018** Commissioner Fockler moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Fields. Approved 4-0.

**Accounts Payable Review June 12, 2018**—Accounts payable in the amount of \$78,748.11 was presented. Commissioner Fockler moved to accept, seconded by Commissioner Fields . Approved 4-0.

**Accounts Payable Review June 26, 2018** – The accounts payable was presented. A question was raised about the amount of the bill for the Maintenance Shop. It seems high as it is close to the same amount as the Town Hall which is occupied more than the Maintenance Shop. Another question was raised on the payment to the Wellwood. This is a reimbursement for the ice eaters that the town runs during the winter. The staff was asked to do an analysis of the electric bills for the winter reimbursements and the Maintenance Shop. Commissioner Fields moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Fockler. Approved 4-0.

**Soil Compaction in Phase 3B – Cool Springs Development** Mr. Chris Rogers from AECOM was present to give an update on the soil compaction. The developer had agreed to go with best practices and the work was begun. On the second day of progress, soil was rejected. They had a meeting last week and good compaction material was found on site and the work is now progressing. The sanitary sewer is complete and they will probably be done in the next month or so.

**Cecil County Health Department – Overdose Prevention – Roberta Johnson** - Commissioner Fockler had invited Ms. Johnson to attend a meeting and give an overview of programs at Cecil County Health to prevent overdoses in the county. They have a program to dispose of unused drugs safely, NARCAN training and distribution. They also offer many inhouse programs and counseling services.

**Avalon Property Proposal** – Commissioner Letts has asked for proposals for the Avalon property. Commissioner Wood has met with a developer who will build a small condo/building and the town would make the money. She would like to invite them to a meeting to explain their process. A list was presented of possible uses for consideration. Commissioner Clements, although not at the meeting would like to see a survey put out for residents to voice their opinions.

**Reinstatement of Colonial Fair** – Commissioner Letts has been approached by some residents who would like to see the Colonial Fair have a comeback. He is in favor of having a fair and getting a committee formed. He has someone in mind to head the committee. Both Commissioner Fockler and Commissioner Fields are in favor. Commissioner Letts would suggest Mrs. Fockler as the committee chair. Commissioner Fockler has declined to speak for his wife on this subject.

**Wellwood Noise Complaint** – We have had a specific complaint against the Wellwood regarding noise. Commissioner Letts sent some information to the Town attorney. The attorney came back with information and

steps to take. He will pass on the information to the complainant. Commissioner Fields asked if we could look into the cost of hiring someone? Commissioner Fockler asked if the complainant had contacted Mr. Metz when the noise is too loud.

### **Town Administrators Report**

**Cedar Creek Run Proposal** – A proposal for 3295.00. This is the company that has been found to repair the playground equipment at Fairgreen Park. Commissioner Wood moved to approve the expenditure of \$3295.00 for the repair with the scratching out Attachment A, seconded by Karl Fockler. Approved 4-0.

**Zoning Violation Market Street** – This is about the “boat issue”. As long as they are not using it, they are not in violation.

**Post Office Entry Ramp** - Several bids were submitted for review. J K J Concrete Inc. \$16,500.00; Crockett and Sons \$17,500.00. Cement Contractors LLC of Newport DE \$14,856.00. Commissioner Fields moved to accept the bid from Crockett and Sons, seconded by Commissioner Fockler. Approved 3-0 with one abstention.

Thank you notes were passed around from Jeannette Armour for the town’s participation of a recent tour, from the Perryville Yearbook and the Salute to Cecil County Veterans (3<sup>rd</sup> of July fireworks)

### **Period of Public Comment**

**Mary Clark Confalone** - She would like to see Lot B named as Avalon and drop the Lot B name altogether. The committee has talked about promoting and what kinds of activities can be held there. She is preparing a press release. The committee is going to come up with guidelines for the facility. A grand opening will be planned in the future. The completion date is probably within the next two weeks. There is some problem with the handicapped ramp and connecting it to the front patio. Commissioner Wood questioned what will happen on the July 3<sup>rd</sup> if the stage is not done? The committee will be on site to protect the stage in that case. Janine passed a quote from Swan Creek for the connecting walk from the handicapped to the front patio.

On another note altogether she had several friends who had looked at the upper Avalon property when it was up for sale and because of so many easements crossing the property it was not financially feasible to build on the property.

She had the opportunity to work with Riverfest and with the number of volunteers exhaustion set in causing the demise of the event. The same thing happened with the Colonial Faire. It takes a tremendous amount of energy and money to put on such events.

She also made mention that she had been a family event where iphones were used to measure decibel levels. It was brought up that this would not hold up in court.

**Dan Rubert** – Coming out of the Wellwood parking lot because of the tight corner onto Market Street some of the trucks pulling trailers are going into his neighbors yard. Could the bank be cut back to make a wider turn making it easier? Is it feasible or possible to put in a pier at Lot B to facilitate people who park there to access their boats? Not at this time, it would require dredging and permits from DNR.

**Shirley Doss** - She is wondering if the town could repair the potholes on Colonial Drive in front of her house. She also asked about maintaining the hedge by her house which she feels is on town property. They have been taking care of it but can no longer do it. Can the town take it over if they belong to the town? Commissioner

Letts will have Mr. Grapes look into it. They have 2 vacant houses near them. The houses are in very bad shape and there are feral cats all over the place. It is a nuisance and attracting rodents.

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Wood at 8:42 PM, seconded by Commissioner Fields. Approved 4-0.

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

Approved 7-24-2018