

Town Commissioners' Working Meeting
Charlestown, Maryland
February 27, 2024
6:00 PM
Town Hall, 241 Market Street and on Zoom

Attendees: Renee Capano, Rob Rinehart, Richard Mahan, Jackie Akers, Kathy SanDoe, Bryan Lightner, Commissioner Wood were not in attendance due to illness.

Public in Attendance: Dennis Dobay

Zoom: Trey Giraldi, Robyn Rowe, Sam Settlemyre, Rob Psioda, Karl Fockler

President Capano called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Bryan Lightner was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business

Community Meetings Report – President Capano: The listening sessions have been very successful in Scott Gardens, Trinity Woods, and Cool Springs. There are two more to be scheduled to cover the rest of the neighborhoods in Town

Annexation discussion – President Capano: The board discussed the guidance reviewed from MML regarding annexation procedures, there are survey costs to consider, as well as, infrastructure costs and financing strategies to pay for infrastructure. Dewberry can help by developing a Preliminary Engineering Report.

New Business

Dredging Project – Bayland: Chris Rager is the project manager, and he shared the draft permit submitted to MDE. The dredging proposed for the boat ramp, town pier, and fire boat pier will amount to approximately 4,000 cubic yards. The dredge spoils will be loaded onto trucks at the boat ramp, most likely in the winter time, and transported to the Town's repaired dredge spoils facility, located at 482 Frederick Street. Town staff will create a project webpage where residents can find out more information as the project progresses.

Grass Mowing RFP – Bryan Lightner: Mr. Lightner shared the proposed contract language. Commissioner Rinehart suggested the Town use the same contractor, with some amendments for price changes over the life of a three-year contract. person will oversee code enforcement and Planning and Zoning. They could also investigate tax of Air B and B's. This hourly pay position requires understanding codes and permitting processes.

Town Owned Land Update – Commissioner Mahan: The Town's land has an estimated value of over \$3 million. Some discussion was had regarding proposed park improvements, including passive recreation trails, and the need for updated signage.

Skate Park Update – Commissioner Akers: Commissioner Akers mentioned the park needs continuing maintenance, and more thought needs to be given on ways to reduce noise and light pollution.

Firefighter Credit – President Capano: There was some discussion regarding the amounts the Town pays out to firefighters who earn the credits for service with the fire company.

Comments

President Capano mentioned the kick off meeting for the Comprehensive Plan will be Thursday, May 14th at 6pm at the Fire Hall. This is an important visioning exercise for participants to experience in-person.

Commissioner Akers motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mahan seconded. Approve 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy SanDoe, Town Clerk