

# Town of Upper Marlboro

## REGULAR TOWN MEETING

July 10, 2018

Approved Minutes

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Tonga Turner, President of the Board of Town Commissioners;  
Wanda Leonard, Commissioner; Linda Pennoyer, Commissioner/Treasurer

Staff present: M. David Williams, Town Clerk/Administrator; UMPD Chief Washington; SCW Chair Evelyn Stephens; TUMHC Member Brian Callicott; and, EC Member Sarah Franklin

Also present: Jeffrey Beavers/MVFD and various citizens and interested parties.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of Meeting Minutes & Financial Reports

President Turner asked for consent to the Agenda. Approval was granted by all Commissioners present. The Town Meeting minutes from June 19, 2018, the Work Session minutes from June 26, 2018 and the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2018 were acknowledged by the Board as reviewed. Commissioner Leonard motioned to approve both sets of minutes and the Treasurer's Report, Commissioner Pennoyer seconded. All minutes from June's Town Meeting and Work Session, plus, the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2018 were unanimously approved.

### Reports

Staff/Committees: Events Committee member Sarah Franklin delivered updates on several upcoming events, such as, the June 14<sup>th</sup> Movie Night, the August 4<sup>th</sup> Fit & Fun Event, and the National Night Out on the first Tuesday in August. President Turner recommended the EC work with the Chief in planning the NNO, and highlighted a new quarterly event called "Coffee with the Chief" to begin on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Display Booth opportunities for Town Committees at the Cruzin' Main Street Car Show in August, and other downtown events now in the planning for the Fall, were also discussed.

SCW Chair Stephens reported that the SCW will be holding an additional Work Session to complete the renewal application for the Town's Sustainable Communities designation due next February. She said the SCW is currently working with the EC to hold a "Getting to Know You" Wine & Cheese event in August for Town property and business owners.

TUMHC Member Brian Callicott announced the TUMHC will be returning to Darnall's Chance House Museum on June 14<sup>th</sup> to display and help with their annual Ice Cream Social event. Noting they will have a shortage for volunteers for the NNO due to vacation schedules, the President suggested that the TUMHC utilize the volunteer base from the EC and coordinate with the Chief to help maintain a booth there. Mr. Callicott added that the TUMHC has purchased additional tables and A-Frame signs, will be displaying vintage car photographs at the Cruizin' Main Street Car Show, and, will be working with the Freestate Happy Wanderers on their touring event planned for October 6<sup>th</sup>. The President suggested that with the current growth of Town Committees, a recurring meeting of the Committee Chairs should be established to help better coordinate the volunteer teams. She also noted a recent conversation with Aaron Marcavitch of the Anacostia Heritage Trail Areas (ATHA), and Town Clerk Williams shared a brief history of ATHA's proposals to expand the Heritage Area to include southern Prince George's County. The President urged the TUMHC to join an upcoming meeting on the subject now being scheduled with ATHA/Maryland Milestones.

Jeffrey Beavers of the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) delivered an update on their challenges with operations and less than desirable working relationship with the County, particularly about current changes to the Educational Standards that were recently changed. He also reported that Town resident and past-President Jay Tucker has been selected as one of the 10 nominees (out of 205) for Maryland State Firemen Convention's Annual Award. President Turner suggested that the MVFD consider addressing their issues and concerns with the Town and representatives at the State level.

Commissioner Pennoyer: Reported on the "Forks in the Road" project just outside the west boundary of Town, and other area projects such as the abandoned Golf Course at the Villages of Marlborough (VoM) that can or will impact the Town. It was noted that a VoM/HOA meeting concerning this development will be held at Town Hall on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

President Turner: Delivered updates on the following topics: 1.) State grant plans for a new playground to offer family-friendly activity stations; 2.) New website design being upgraded/honed to better represent the Town's identity; 3.) The Public Works Facility Upgrades Project is about 80% complete; 4.) A letter request has been made to acquire the Old Stone Building from the County's list of surplus properties for preservation and possible future restoration; 5.) The Old Marlboro Elementary School (OMES) now owned by the Court and will become a school for 150 students, grades 8-12. Commissioner Leonard to maintain a partnership and hold a seat on the Court Committee for the 5-year project.

Commissioner Leonard: Delivered more details about the Court's OMES project, noting a groundbreaking has been forecasted for July 2019. She added the new school facility to help youth stay out of the Judicial System, will be named in honor of James H. Taylor--the first African-American Circuit Court Judge for the County. The President noted that there will be Town Hall Meetings on the project and would like the TUMHC to have input to represent the Town's interests/concerns in historic preservation.

## **Business**

Ordinance 2018-04: Retail Hours of Operation: President Turner moved the agenda line items concerning ordinances to the top of the Business section of the agenda, and acknowledged Ordinance 2018-04 and Ordinance 2018-05 previous introductions at the last Board meeting on June 26, 2018. She reviewed highlights of the ordinance and the factors that necessitate legislation. She noted that the draft ordinances will continue to be available to citizens for public feedback/comment until July 23, 2018.

Ordinance 2018-05: To Amend Ordinance 2016-03: The President reviewed current plans to install parking meters along Judge's Drive, and discussed future prospects for other Town-owned roads, such as Governor Oden Bowie Drive. Further discussion detailed enhancing current revenue sources, and regulation of parking in residential areas as well.

Special Event Application—Freestate Happy Wanderers: The Board reviewed a Special Event Application for the Freestate Happy Wanderers Tour Event in October. President Turner motioned to approve the application, Commissioner Pennoyer seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Special Event Application—Cruizin' Main Street: The Board reviewed a Special Event Application for the annual car show submitted by the MVFD and Ledo Pizza. Commissioner Pennoyer motioned to approve the application, Commissioner Leonard seconded. With all in favor, the motion was passed unanimously.

General/Administration issues: There were no issues brought before the Board at this time.

## **Public Comment**

Mr. Callicott reported that he discovered 16 palettes belonging to the WSSC that created a log-jam of sorts in the Western Branch within Town Limits.

A resident of Old Marlboro Pike expressed his concerns about a safety issue that plagues most building entrances and exits with double-doors. He elaborated on how one door of a typical entranceway becomes intentionally blocked or locked by management for various reasons. President Turner asked if he would prepare his report as an article for the next Town newsletter, to which he was agreeable.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Leonard made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Pennoyer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams  
Town Clerk/Administrator

