

# Town of Upper Marlboro

## REGULAR TOWN MEETING

August 9, 2011

Approved Minutes

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Stephen F. Sonnett, President of the Board of Town Commissioners  
James Storey, Commissioner/ Treasurer  
Joseph A. Hourclé, Commissioner

Staff present: M. David Williams, Town Clerk

Also present: Various citizens and interested parties.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

President Sonnett asked for consent to the Agenda. Approval was given by both Commissioners. The Town Meeting minutes from July 5, 2011 and the Work Session minutes from July 26, 2011 were summarized by Commissioner Hourclé. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve both sets of minutes, Commissioner Storey seconded. All minutes from July's Town Meeting and Work Session were unanimously approved.

### Review/Approval of the Financial Report

Commissioner Storey reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report dated July 31, 2011. He noted that several items will be adjusted back to the previous fiscal year when the audit is finalized. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, President Sonnett seconded. All were in favor. The Treasurer's Report dated July 31, 2011 was unanimously approved.

### Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Hourclé: Reported that he attended another District 9 Community Forum held by Council Member Mel Franklin on July 26th. Representatives from the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) received questions and complaints concerning the current yard waste facility on Route 301, and, the proposed trash-transfer station to be opened at the same site.

Commissioner Storey: Had no report to deliver at this time.

President Sonnett: President Sonnett read the Police Report for July, 2011.

- 120 Town Citations were written in the month of July, 2011; State citations totaled 18.
- *Within town limits*: 2 Larceny; 1 Theft from Auto; 3 Breaking & Entering (1 residential, 2 commercial); 1 Warrant Service; 1 Vehicle Impound.
- *Outside town limits*: 3 Stolen Vehicle; 5 Larceny; 4 Burglary; 2 Robbery.

President Sonnett reported that he attended the Marlborough Towne Home Owners Association meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss concerns about the wetlands restoration project and recent break-ins. He added that he would also be meeting with State and County officials on August 10<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall to address traffic sign clean-up and consolidation.

On the zoning issue, President Sonnett reiterated that the District Council is still on remand and could possibly vote on the issue again in the fall. Lastly, he announced that the Historic Preservation Commission did approve the nomination and it will now be forwarded to the County Executive's Office.

### Business

Sustainable Communities: This new program, under the Department of Housing and Community (DHCD), will now be the umbrella under which all of the State's neighborhood revitalization incentives will be operated. Unlike before, all municipalities are now eligible to participate in the initiative(s). A work group representing a cross-section of business owners, municipal officials and resident citizens would need to be formed. The Commissioners unanimously agreed that the Town should make the effort to get on board with the new program, in order to remain eligible for future grant opportunities.

EmPower Energy Grant: Since estimates for attic insulation were higher than originally projected, the Town asked the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) if the already approved grant could be used toward a new air-handler unit. Since approval has been verbally granted, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to begin preparing a request-for-proposal (RFP) for the project.

Facilities Agreement (Park & Planning): The agreement with the M-NCPPC would allow the Town's Police Department to utilize their pistol firing range in Brandywine at no charge, but would require the Town to raise its insurance coverage to \$2M (an additional \$261/year). President Sonnett asked permission to enter into the agreement, and all 3 Commissioners were in favor. Commissioner Storey made a motion to increase the current insurance policy coverage to \$2M, Commissioner Hourclé seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Event Application (Cruzin' Main Street): The application package for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruzin' Main Street special event for August 28<sup>th</sup> was reviewed. Commissioner Storey made a motion to approve the application, Commissioner Hourclé seconded the motion. The application was unanimously approved. President Sonnett made a motion to waive enforcement of the following Town Ordinances during the event: Ordinance 90-04 section 1-2 paragraphs (a, b, e, h) and section 1-3; and, provide exemption for Ordinance 04-01 under section 1-4. Commissioner Storey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Comcast Franchise Agreement: The Town recently received an invitation from other municipalities to go in on a "joint agreement". The Commissioners agreed to further investigate this, and other alternatives, before the current franchise agreement expires in 2013.

Transfer Station: President Sonnett referenced an August 4<sup>th</sup> *Gazette.net* article concerning the proposed new Waste Transfer Station on Route 301. After discussion, it was agreed that a resolution supporting reevaluation of the placement of the facility will be drafted for presentation at the next Town Meeting.

Town General Elections: It was announced that December 12<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to file candidate petitions in order for candidates name(s) to appear on the ballot. It was also noted that 3 individuals will need to be confirmed as the Board of Supervisors of Elections by the end of October.

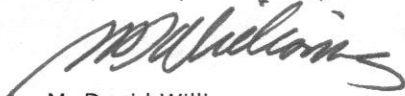
### **Public Comment**

Sustainable Communities funding, the proposed new Waste Transfer Station, and, the mandatory conversion to High Pressure Sodium lamps for street lights were the topics of discussion.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Storey made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hourclé seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams  
Town Clerk

