

# Town of Upper Marlboro

## REGULAR TOWN MEETING

October 9, 2012

Approved Minutes

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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 & Financial Reports

President Sonnett asked for consent to the Agenda. Approval was given by both Commissioners. The Town Meeting minutes from September 11, 2012 and the Work Session minutes from September 25, 2012 were summarized by Commissioner Hourclé. Commissioner Storey motioned to approve both sets of minutes, Commissioner Hourclé seconded. All minutes from September's Town Meeting and Work Session were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Storey reviewed highlights of the Treasurer's Report for September 2012, noting that income revenue figures would be under the 25% benchmark for this time of year until projected tax revenue comes in. He also highlighted several line items that were high at present, noting that those individual items were one-time expenses. In closing, Commissioner Storey said the final report for the FY2012 Audit would be completed soon, and, that the next CD would be up for renewal at Prince George's Federal on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Commissioner Storey seconded. The Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2012 was unanimously approved.

### Reports

Staff: Mr. Williams had no report at this time.

Commissioner Hourclé: Reported that he attended the Department of Parks & Recreation Formula 2040 Plan on September 19<sup>th</sup> and that the event was poorly attended.

Commissioner Storey: Had no report at this time.

President Sonnett: President Sonnett reported that a Proclamation from the Governor's Office for Marie Parrish's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday had been received and delivered. He then publicly thanked the Clerk for putting together the text and art for the new *Citizen's Guide*, and said extra copies were available at Town Hall. President Sonnett then gave updates on the following: The demolition bid date for the Old Marlboro Elementary School (OMES) has been pushed back to December 31<sup>st</sup>, and the County's FY2013 budget includes \$3.5 million in funding for the Family Justice Center (FJC). The proposed location of the of the FJC is listed as "yet to be determined"; In a recent meeting with Park & Planning Historic Division personnel, the Town requested a feasibility study to be conducted on the OMES building in order to explore possible options for adaptive re-use. An inspection into the disrepair of the Magruder House at 14708 Main Street was also requested; Park & Planning has offered to perform maintenance and upkeep of Dr. William and Sarah Beanes' gravesite, but is still awaiting a signed MOU from the County; The Route 725 sidewalk project has been fully submitted to the State Highway Administration (SHA). The SHA is working to fully fund the project with no cost to the Town; and, because of illness the Marlborough Towne repaving project has been delayed until the springtime.

## **Business**

Historical Committee (appointments): Pursuant to Town Ordinance 2012-02, Commissioner Hourclé made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee for a 2-year term starting November 1, 2012: Brian Callicott, Patrick Clagett, Kate Germano (Chair), Barry Morton, Joseph Plenzler, Anne Sasscer and Patricia Skews. Commissioner Storey seconded the motion. With no objection and no one opposed, the appointments were unanimously approved.

Special Event Application (Frederick Douglass HS Homecoming Parade): The Commissioners reviewed a Special Event Application from Frederick Douglass High School for a Homecoming Parade on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Hourclé motioned to approve the application, Commissioner Storey seconded the motion. With no one in opposition, the application was unanimously approved.

CB-82-2012: Parking in Residential Areas (discussion): A recent County Zoning Bill was reviewed and discussed that allows for boats and boat trailers to be parked on residential properties. After discussion, it was unanimously decided to oppose the proposed County Zoning Bill No. CB-82-2012.

Town Entrance Signs: President Sonnett noted that all the Town entrance signs are deteriorating, particularly the one on Water Street which is now warped from the recent floods. Commissioner Hourclé suggested that there may be grant funds available through a State Highway program. President Sonnett said the Town would look into the program, and added that ideas for a new design would be considered and shared for review. It was noted that the "Chartered 1706" date on the current signs was incorrect and should be changed to read "Founded 1706" instead.

General/Administration issues: Possible dates for the 2012 Town Holiday Party were reviewed. After discussion it was agreed to hold the event on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

## **Public Comment**

The Board of Town Commissioners were publicly acknowledged and thanked by a resident of 30 years, for working with the State to have sidewalks and crosswalks installed along Old Marlboro Pike (Route 725). The grateful acknowledgement was also extended to those residents whose property is involved in the plan and who have agreed to the sidewalk installation in front of their homes.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Storey made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hourclé seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams  
Town Clerk

