

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 25, 2010

LOCATION

Commissioners Meeting was held in the meeting room of the Community Services Building on May 25, 2010. President Dunbar called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Commissioners present were Peter Dunbar, Timothy Kearns and James Klair. Town Attorney David Thompson and a representative from the Star Democrat were in attendance. There were approximately twelve (12) people in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 11, 2010 were approved as distributed.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Scott Delude, Public Works Superintendent, gave the Maintenance Report that consisted of the following:

1. One of the Public Works trucks was involved in an accident with the town's backhoe. The truck is being repaired at a cost of \$1200. This claim was turned in to the town's insurance company.
2. The final new water meter was installed last week at the Oxford Fire Department by the Public Works Department. A new line and piping had to be installed as the old line had become brittle and unusable.
3. A new chlorine/ortho phosphorus meter was purchased for the wastewater testing facility. The meter cost \$2800. The old meter dated back to 1993 and quit working. This machine is used to give results for state reporting requirements.
4. The #2 well has quit working and is in need of replacement. We are evaluating what caused the failure to the old pump installed in 1984. A new pump has been ordered at the cost with labor of over \$20,000. Well #3 is working and is more than capable of supplying the town with water.
5. The Public Works Department has replaced a valve at the corner of Richardson Street and Bonfield Avenue that has been leaking for awhile but just surfaced. The repair cost was \$1200. Paving of the street where it was cut to fix the leak will be taking place in June.

Well #2

The Commissioners voiced concern over well #2 not working should there be an emergency need for water. Scott assured the Commissioners that there is enough stored water to cover the town.

Ferry Dock

President Dunbar announced that the town has received a grant from Waterway Improvements in the amount of \$99,000. This is for construction on the ferry dock. President Dunbar mentioned that the tour boat's length will not allow it to tie up at the ferry dock. The boat is anchoring off shore and using a smaller boat to bring passengers ashore. The Commissioners asked Scott to look into extending the ferry dock an

additional ten feet. The tour boat pays to use the ferry dock and brings in approximately \$3000 per year.

Flower Pots

It was brought to the attention of the Commissioners that the large pots sitting next to park benches and placed at the Causeway Park are not being maintained and are not in scale with the benches. The suggestion was made to take the pots out of the parks. A short discussion ensued between the Commissioners and the decision was made to have the Public Works Department pick up the pots and store them at the Maintenance Building. The pots were paid for by the Vreeland Family in memory of Mrs. Aileen Vreeland. A tree will be placed in town in memory of Mrs. Vreeland in place of the pots.

Causeway Park

The Public Works Department has removed all of the dead shrubs adjacent to the parking lot. Oxford Landscaping is giving Scott ideas for planting and the cost of the trees/shrubs along with a figure if Oxford Landscaping puts the plants in. Commissioner Kearns suggested getting some recommendations for planting around the pumping station. The Commissioners advised Scott to let Parks & Recreation know what the plans are but not to hold up the work.

POLICE REPORT

Acting Chief Patrick Maxwell gave the Police Report that consisted of the following:

- Twelve Police Information
- One Identity Theft (under investigation)
- Three Suspicious Persons
- One DWI (arrested and released pending trial)
- Two Warrant Services (Arrested and released on bond)
- One assist the Fire Department
- One animal complaint (abated)
- Five noise complaints

Acting Chief Maxwell stated that there was a noise complaint from a short term rental residence. There were also too many cars at the house. The agent was notified and upon inspection she found that the number of people staying on the property exceeded the number allowed. She immediately vacated the tenant for violation of the agreement. The agent handled the situation promptly and professionally and there were no further problems. Acting Chief Maxwell stated that the ordinance the town passed did help with handling the situation.

Commissioner Klair commented that he was glad to see Sgt. Thomas back to work following his surgery.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Park

Nancy Wallace, Parks & Recreation, asked if the living shoreline project would interrupt the 4th of July celebration given by Parks & Recreation for the children. President Dunbar commented that he does not think work will begin before the 4th. If work is going on it will disturb just the side of the park next to the church and the shoreline. The balance of the park will be opened, leaving room for the celebration. The living shoreline project has to go before the Board of Public Works for approval.

Maryland Department of Planning – Education Course

Commissioner Klair reminded Planning Commission and Board of Appeals members that the deadline for completing an education course required by Senate Bill 280 and House Bill 297 is fast approaching. The course must be completed by July 1, 2010 and can be taken online. The course can be accessed at <http://planning.maryland.gov/YourPart/EducationWelcome.shtml>. All members received a letter from Maryland Department of Planning with this information included.

Commissioner Klair requested an executive session following tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

ATTORNEY

Stormwater Ordinance

Attorney Thompson presented the Commissioners with a draft for the Stormwater Ordinance that was created from the model by the State. Attorney Thompson commented that this ordinance does not appropriately deal with the town's marina issues. If the town changes the ordinance it will take longer to pass the ordinance since there will be dialogue between the regulating agents. Attorney Thompson suggested that changes be made to the ordinance. President Dunbar stated that Planning Commission should be made aware of any changes and discussions held.

R. Spring Property

Attorney Thompson stated that the representative for developing Rodney Spring property adjacent to Bachelor Point Road contacted him. Attorney Thompson explained that they need to talk to the Oxford Planning Commission. The concept is to put in their own treatment plant that flows into Boone Creek. The density for homes is considerable less than proposed fifteen – twenty years ago.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Wallace questioned the location of the Civil War Trails Sign. Nancy stated that she feels it is offensive in this location. President Dunbar remarked that there is always a road sign to let everyone know where the marker is. Commissioner Kearns stated that he would look at the location of the sign.

John Abruzzese, West Pier Street, thanked Acting Chief Maxwell for his efficient response in regards to the noise and cars at the rental property on Pier Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners voted to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue, consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and to obtain legal advice. Those in attendance were Peter Dunbar, Commissioner, Timothy Kearns, Commissioner, James Klair, Commissioner, Scott Delude, Public Works Superintendent, Patrick Maxwell, Acting Chief of Police, David Thompson, Town Attorney and Lillian Lord, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting in Session

The regular Town Meeting reopened at 9:25 p.m.

BILLS PAYABLE

The Commissioners went to Bills Payable.

Commissioner Klair made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kearns seconded motion.

Aye – Peter Dunbar

Aye – Timothy Kearns

Aye – James G. Klair

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Lord
Town Clerk